

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 16, 2023

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 A.M. CHORAL EUCHARIST

*OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.
WE WILL WELCOME ALL TO LIVE GOD'S MISSION, TEACH CHRIST'S LOVE AND
TRANSFORM OUR COMMUNITY BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.*

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.	Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
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For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 8:00AM

Celebrant and Preacher
The Reverend Michael Singer

Altar Server/Lector
Spencer Weig

Greeter/Usher
Linda Collette

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Voluntary *Priere a Notre Dame (Suite Gothique)* Leon Boellmann

Introit *Jubilate Deo* Michael Praetorius

Processional Hymn 48 *O day of radiant gladness* E flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation and Response

Celebrant: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

The Collect for Purity *(said together)*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Gloria *Glory be to God* Mass of St. Thomas

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.

f Glo-ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,

Heav'n - ly King, Al migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we...

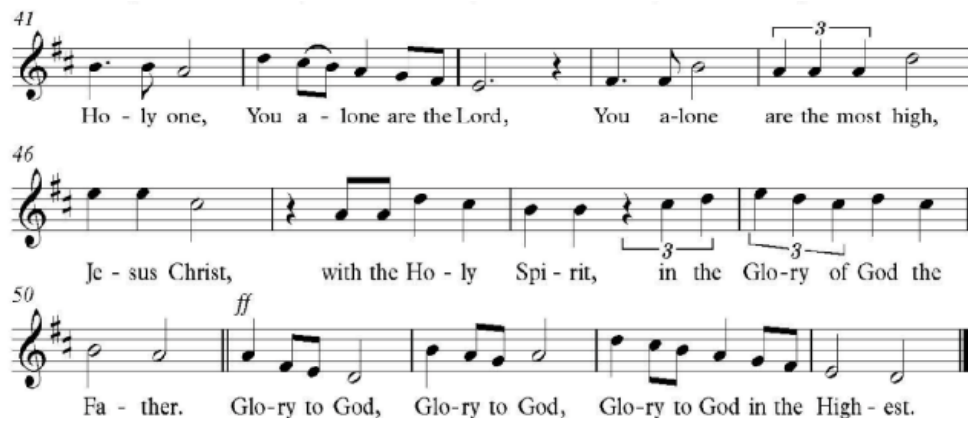
f praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the

mf High-est. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa-ther. Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take *3* a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

3 You are seat-ed at the righthand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

f Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est. *f* For you a-lone are the



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Genesis 25:19-34

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:105-112

Lucerna pedibus meis

Edward John Hopkins

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet
 and a light upon my path.
 106 I have sworn and am determined
 to keep your righteous judgments.
 107 I am deeply troubled;
 preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.
 108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips,
 and teach me your judgments.
 109 My life is always in my hand,
 yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me,
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever;
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes
for ever and to the end.

The Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

Reader: A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 445

Praise to the Holiest in the height

Gerontius

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Michael Singer

The Apostles Creed *(sung together)*

Hyfrydol (657)

We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being
all created things began.
We believe in Christ the Savior,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen,
Heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
One in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Savior, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Lord of the harvest, make us fruitful in good works. Help us to share in your salvation, and enjoy bringing in your harvest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Intercessor: We pray for all evangelists, preachers and pastors. We pray for those who teach in our Sunday school and Bible groups. We remember all who go out to seek and save the lost. We are sorry for times when we stray away from you, when we are tempted to lose hope.
God, you are our salvation.

People: *You are the hope of us all.*

Intercessor: In the church that looks for you, among the people who proclaim you, with all who seek to serve you, among all who dedicate their lives to you, with all who proclaim you, now with us as we worship you, with the church, and the church throughout the world, remembering Rob, our Bishop; Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and the clergy of St. Paul's. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. John's in Wilmington and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Canada.
God, you are our salvation.

People: *You are the hope of us all.*

Intercessor: We pray for all who have unrewarding work to do, for all whose cries fall on stony ground, for all who labor but that fulfillment is frustrated, for all who are choked by the cares and the riches of the world. We remember all who have lost hope of growing or achieving anything.
God, you are our salvation.

People: *You are the hope of us all.*

Intercessor: Help us to bring forth the fruits of your Spirit in our homes. May our homes be places where love, joy and peace abound. May we nurture the young in the ways of truth and goodness. We pray for the homeless, for those who look in hope to have a home of their own.
God, you are our salvation.

People: *You are the hope of us all.*

Intercessor: Lord, have mercy on all who have lost hope or vision. Protect all who are at peace in themselves or at peace with those around them. We pray for all who are sick or in adversity, for all who are tempted to give up, for all who are suffering from a breakdown, or unable to cope on their own. We pray for friends and loved ones in sickness, especially *(the intercessor reads the names of those in our parish that need our prayer)*.

God, you are our salvation.

People: *You are the hope of us all.*

Intercessor: We give thanks that as you raised Christ from the dead you will give life to our mortal bodies *(the intercessor reads the names of any who have died this week)*. We pray for all who are renewed and refreshed in your eternal kingdom, and pray that one day we may share with them in that glory.

God, you are our salvation.

People: *You are the hope of us all.*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O God, for your word. In your mercy, listen to all who call to you in faith. Let your word find root in our lives. We pray this in the name of your child Jesus, who lives with you in the power of the Holy Spirit, forever.

People: *Amen.*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Henry Purcell
arr. Rachel Aarons

(Text can be found in the blue hymnal on page 518)

*Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.
If you would like to give electronically, please turn to page 12 for the QR code.*

Presentation Hymn

Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant continues with a Proper Preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The people stand or kneel

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Taste and See

Lift Every Voice and Sing II

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness
of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and
see the good - ness of the Lord. of the Lord.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God

St. Botolph

O Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us, and grant to us your peace.

Communion of the People

Communion of both kinds is offered at the Altar Rail and the Baptistry. If you do not wish to receive communion please cross your arms for a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available at every station.

Communion Anthem

The Summons

John Bell

The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns.

Communion Hymn 302

Father, we thank thee who hast planted

Rendez a Dieu

Please stand.

If Eucharistic Visitors are being sent forth today to take the Sacrament to people at home, the following prayer is said after Communion.

Prayer for Eucharistic Visitors

Priest: In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

People: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

The Post Communion Prayer *(said together)*

BCP 365

The people stand or kneel.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Processional Hymn 432

O praise ye the Lord!

Laudate Dominum

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Toccata (Suite Gothique)

Leon Boellmann

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30AM

Celebrant	Torchbearers
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee	Mary Jeffreys Nipper
Preacher	Hazel Lee
The Reverend Michael Singer	Gospel Book Bearer
Verger	Cheryl Wagoner
Leon Tillery	Ushers
Crucifers	Larry Mulhollen
Cabe Lee	Sherry Mulhollen
Zoë Frederiksen	Rob Nipper
Altar Server	Phillip Yates
Cabe Lee	David Fowle
Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters
Cheryl Wagoner	Barbara Bucci
Karen Phillips Smith	Valerie DeJarld
Zoë Frederiksen	Flower Guild
Lectors	Brian Sanders-Park
Barbara Bucci	Louise Joyner
Dewitt Dees	Altar Guild
Intercessor	Barbara Banks
Louise Joyner	Barbara Bucci
	Margaret Haughey

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

In Our Parish

Earl Craig	Tammy Pollock
Judy Farri	Dale Curran
Joe Farri	JoAnn Summey
Alice Calder	Barbara O'Rourke
Eileen Searle	Katherine Ramsey
Sib Vlahos	Greg Thomas
Tom Erway	Renée Patrick
Luvette Hickey	Lynda Miller

People Requesting Prayer

Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti	Mary Barto
Tammy Tilghman	Nathalie Rubin
Carroll Joines	Turner Rivenbark
Linda Harris	Teresa Biddle
Lynne Vanstory	Trevor Babcock
David Hayes	Lyndon Cope
Jim Holliday	The Doctors & Researchers
David Walser	Richard Poole
Anne Cope	Lee & Jane Livengood
Paul McDonald	Susan Cornwell
Susan Linscott	Ellen Wester
Chela Evans	Geoffrey LaSalle
Philip Watson	Jayne & Rob Tomlin
Jennifer Richardson	

The Departed

Helen Christy Wells
Nancy R. Roberts

About the Prayer List

Included in our prayers are the names of those for whom prayer has been requested by a parishioner or family member. Names are listed for one month. The reason for being listed is kept confidential. If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list please reach out to Fr. Caleb Lee or make a prayer request online at our website, www.spechurch.com.

Hospitalization or Pastoral Issues

Please notify us if you or a family member is hospitalized and/or in need of a pastoral call or visit. Please speak with Fr. Caleb or call the church office at 910-762-4578.

Sharing Holy Communion

If illness prevents you or a loved one from joining us for regularly scheduled services, Fr. Caleb or a Lay Eucharistic Minister can share Holy Communion either in your home or at a health care facility. Please speak to Fr. Caleb or contact the church office at 910-762-4578.

Vanco Online Giving



Organist and Director of Music Appointed

Beloved of St. Paul's,

Over the past several months I have been praying about and working toward securing the future of Music at St. Paul's. With the help of a great committee, five candidates were interviewed for the position of Organist and Director of Music. We brought three of these candidates to Wilmington for in-person visits which included time with me and the Wardens, an organ audition, and a rehearsal with the choir. Members of the committee included Bill Anlyan, Anne O'Dell, Lisa Hill, Renée Patrick, Elisabeth Sanders-Park, David Tousignant, and Phillip Weiss. The Reverend Dr. Bill Weisser served as a consultant to me throughout this process.



It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Brendan Conner as Organist and Director of Music. Brendan currently serves as the Associate Music Director at All Saints Episcopal Church in Atlanta. Before his time at All Saints, he served as the Senior Organ Scholar at Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis and in other Episcopal churches in Indiana and California. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Music at The University of California at Berkeley and his Master of Music in Organ Performance at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. Brendan is currently scheduled to complete his Doctorate in Music in 2024.

Brendan will be moving to Wilmington with his partner, Kira Garvie, who is also trained as a church musician. Brendan's first Sunday at St. Paul's will be September 3.

You might be wondering what is going to happen with Dr. Bill. It is a joy to also announce that Dr. Bill will remain on staff to assist and support Brendan in his transition to this position.

We are very blessed at St. Paul's to have so much support for the ministry of music. It is not possible without your abundant generosity. I am grateful. More will be forthcoming about how we can help support Brendan in his move to Wilmington.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caleb", written in a cursive style.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Today, Sunday, July 16

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am Holy Eucharist

9:15am-12pm Nursery open

9:30am ¹Summer Faith Formation (*parish hall*)

10:30am Choral Eucharist + *reception in parish hall*

Monday, July 17

No events have been scheduled

Tuesday, July 18

7:30am *Early Bird Book Group will resume on Sept. 5*

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wednesday, July 19

9:00am Ann Riley Committal

12:10pm Midday Eucharist

Thursday, July 20

8:30am GNP and St. Fiacre Garden Guild Work Day

9:00am Morning Prayer

Friday, July 21

8:00am Mensgroup

Saturday, July 22

No events have been scheduled

Next Sunday, July 23

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am ²Holy Eucharist

9:15am-12pm Nursery open

9:30am ³Summer Faith Formation (*parish hall*)

10:30am Choral Eucharist + *reception following in parish hall*

¹Who was Bishop Atkinson?

with our Archivist, Ellen Weig

²Youth depart for Mission Trip to Glory Ridge

³The church on 4th and Orange

with our Archivist, Ellen Weig

COMING UP AT ST. PAUL'S

Summer Faith Formation:

Digging Deep into the History of St. Paul's

9:30am | Parish Hall

Join our Archivist, Ellen Weig, for a conversation that explores the intersection of history, race, and St. Paul's spiritual DNA.

July 16: Who was Bishop Atkinson?

July 23: The Church on 4th and Orange

July 30: St. Paul's and the Civil War

August 6: A New Vision for St. Paul's

August 13: Streetcar Suburbs

August 20: From Troubled Times to Hospitality

Dinner & Faith Summer Quarterly Event

Sunday, July 30

Sign ups will conclude this Sunday, July 16 for our Summer Dinner and Faith event. Sign up on the clipboard on the table to the right of the entrance into the Parish Hall. You can also sign up by emailing Meaghan Thomas at meaghanmthomas@gmail.com. Please indicate in your RSVP if you are willing to host the dinner. Groups of 6-10 will be assigned following the last day of sign ups and hosts will be notified of their group so they can contact the others in the group and determine a menu. Typically the host provides the main dish and guests bring a side or dessert. The dinners will be held July 30th at the various hosts' homes, so mark your calendar now!

Children, Youth & Families Beach Day

Saturday, August 5 | Topsail Beach

More details to follow - make sure you are on the Children, Youth and Family mailing list by contacting Meaghan Thomas at speckids@spechurch.com to receive event information.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 27 | 10:30am

St. Paul's annual Blessing of the Backpacks will be held Sunday, August 27th during the 10:30am service. Students and educators of all ages are invited to bring backpacks or bookbags for a blessing!

St. Paul's to Offer Community of Hope Training Program

Community of Hope International is a Christian community united in prayer, shaped by Benedictine Spirituality and equipped for service in pastoral care ministries. Are you interested in being a better listener? Are you feeling drawn to live into a more intentional spirituality? Then you might find COHI training and community meaningful. The initial COHI training offers a semester-long course including sessions on boundaries, meditation, etc. Upon completing the training and commissioning there are monthly "Circle of Care" gatherings that bring a wide range of speakers to build the skills of the members. These gatherings also offer an opportunity for fellowship and community building. If you have attended Community of Hope Int'l (COHI) training somewhere else or would like more information please contact the Rev.

Michael Singer, associate for pastoral care, at pastoral-care@spechurch.com. Visit the COHI website, www.cohinternational.org to learn more. St. Paul's is combining training and locations with St. James for this ministry.

Most sessions are on Tuesday evenings from September-early November.

To register, go to <https://spechurch.com/cohi>.

Cookies, Cakes, & Pies - Oh my!

We will be providing some homemade goodies for the youth going to Glory Ridge! There are 3 churches sending youth, and we will all be sharing in sending tasty treats. Homemade cookies and bars for extra energy after lunch, cakes and pies for dessert. Fr. Lee's mom does the cooking, so let's help her out by sending the sweets for our sweet youth and adults!

Goodies may be dropped off in the kitchen freezer anytime until Friday, July 21. Please wrap well and label your item.

Please nothing that melts (icing, meringues, ice cream, syrup). Got questions? Please contact Margaret Haughey at haughey marg@gmail.com or 919-656-4240.

To sign up, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FAEA92CA2FDC70-cookies>

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

St. Paul's supports the Mother Hubbard's Cupboard emergency food distribution center both financially and with volunteers who collect, pack and stock the donated non-perishable food donations. St Paul's volunteers pack boxes and bags for distribution to the community in need. St. Paul's currently assigned work days are every second Monday and every third Friday of each month. Summer months are a challenge since many volunteers are vacationing or are otherwise occupied. The next volunteer date is July 21. For August the dates are Aug. 14 and 18. On our work days we meet at MHC (315 Red Cross St. 1 block off of 3rd St downtown) around 8:30am.

If you have questions, please contact Steve Bucci.

Choir Trip

St. Paul's choir will travel to Grace Church Cathedral in Charleston, S.C., to sing at the Sunday morning liturgies at 9 and 11 on July 23 in place of the resident choir, which will be singing at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., that day. St. Paul's will welcome Candace Williams as our guest organist at the 10:30am Eucharist. A quartet, directed by Dr. Aaron Peisner, Director of Choral Activities at UNCW, will lead the worship in song.

Save the Date

Mark your calendars for the East Carolina Episcopal Revival

The revival will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at Episcopal Farmworker Ministry, 2989 Easy Street, Dunn, NC with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. It promises to be an event you won't want to miss! The Diocese is seeking volunteers for the revival. If you are interested in helping, please check out the following link:

<https://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org/blog/seeking-revival-team-volunteers/?occurrence=354>

Hospitality Volunteers Needed

School may be out for summer, but it's already time to start thinking about and planning for the fall. Our full Hospitality schedule resumes at St. Paul's in September! Being part of this ministry by providing breakfast after the 8am service or joining one of the Wednesday (post-eucharist) lunches or Sunday morning hospitality teams is a great way to be involved in the dynamic parish life at St. Paul's. Please, if you feel called to serve in this ministry, contact Ashley Eason

at eapeason@yahoo.com or

541-829-0665.

We are glad you are with us today. If you are new to St. Paul's, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter or an usher. Here are some quick facts that may be helpful.

Welcome: All are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer not to receive, you can remain seated, or come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. If you are allergic to wheat products, gluten-free communion bread is available. Please let your request be known to the priest as you approach the altar rail.

Help: Please see any of our ushers for assistance when you enter the worship area.

Handicapped Parking: Our facility is handicapped accessible with multiple handicapped parking spaces available in the lot off Market Street and the lot off Princess Street. Handicap ramps serve both parking lots.

Live-Streamed: Our service is live-streamed on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30am Please subscribe to St. Paul's on YouTube to view live-streamed services and concerts.

Masks: All may, none must, some should.

Worship: St. Paul's follows the services outlined in the Book of Common Prayer 1979. The services include Old and New Testament readings, a reading from the Gospel, a sermon and traditional communion.

Children: All children are welcome and encouraged to attend any of our services.

Worship Kits: Bags and boxes are located in the back of the church for different ages to use in the pew. Please return when church is over.

Nursery: The nursery is open most Sundays from 9:15am to Noon upstairs in the Children's wing. The nursery is for infants to age 5.

Sunday School: Sunday School will return in September from 9:30-10:15am upstairs in the Children's Wing for ages 4-11.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): EYC will return in September from 9:30-10:15am in the library for 6th grade and older.



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