

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
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THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 23, 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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BCP 356

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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 Catherine Powell

Altar Server/Lector
Louise Joyner

Greeter/Usher
Tom Gerow

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Voluntary

Passacaglia in D Minor, BuxWV 161

Dietrich Buxtehude

Processional Hymn 686

Come thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

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.

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...

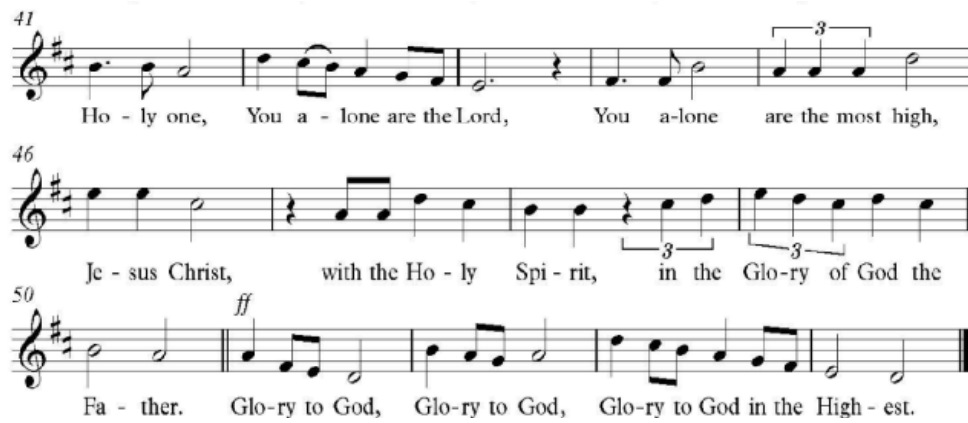
praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the

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

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

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

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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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 28:10-19a

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

Domine, probasti

Edgar Day

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.
 You trace my journeys and my resting-places
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
 but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
 You press upon me behind and before
 and lay your hand upon me.
 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit?
 where can I flee from your presence?
 If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
 if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
 If I take the wings of the morning
 and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
 Even there your hand will lead me
 and your right hand hold me fast.
 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
 and the light around me turn to night,"
 Darkness is not dark to you;
 the night is as bright as the day;
 darkness and light to you are both alike.
 Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
 try me and know my restless thoughts.
 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
 and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

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

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 490

I want to walk as a child of the light

Houston

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 13:24-30,36-43.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are

collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Catherine Powell

The Apostles Creed *(sung together)*

Hymn of Joy

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| 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. |
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The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: As we reach out our thoughts and our energies beyond the walls of this gathering space, hoping that God’s reign may be the deepest desire of every human heart, let us pray, saying: In the Spirit we plead, hear us, O God.

Intercessor: O God, may your dominion grasp us and ravish the hearts of all who claim Christ as Lord. In the Spirit we plead:

People: *Hear us, O God.*

Intercessor: O God, we pray for your people throughout the world; for Rob our Bishop, Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for the ministry of the Clergy of St. Paul’s, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Joseph’s in Fayetteville and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa. Pray for the Church. In the Spirit we plead:

People: *Hear us, O God.*

Intercessor: O God, make your justice grow in our land, that the victims of this age will find shelter in its branches. In the Spirit we plead:

People: *Hear us, O God.*

Intercessor: To you, Abba, we raise our eyes in hope. Inspire those whose decisions influence the lives of others, that they may discern wisely and act compassionately. In the Spirit we plead:

People: *Hear us, O God.*

Intercessor: O God, we pray for the mission team from St. Paul’s headed today to Glory Ridge, in Madison County, NC. We pray your help and blessings on the members of the mission team. Thank you that each person is taking time out of their busy lives to serve You by serving others. Thank you that You have spoken to their hearts and that they are willing to venture outside of their homes, neighborhoods, and comfort zones. We ask You to bless their work in mission and ministry. We pray for safe travels and look forward to the time when they will be reunited with us. In the Spirit we plead:

People: *Hear us, O God.*

Intercessor: O God, imaginative Creator, bless artists, poets, and writers with the creative touch of your word. Make them avenues of your vision. In the Spirit we plead:

People: *Hear us, O God.*

Intercessor: O God, we pray for all the oppressed, all the needy, all in terror, all the sick, especially *(the intercessor reads the names of those in our parish that need our prayer)*. In the Spirit we plead:

People: *Hear us, O God.*

Intercessor: O God, we pray for the dead, especially *(the intercessor reads the names of any who may have died this week)*. On the last day gather us all into your heavenly realm. In the Spirit we plead:

People: *Hear us, O God.*

Celebrant: O Master of might and merciful Judge, in our weakness we turn to you for help. Hear us, and come to our rescue. You have promised to hear our prayers if we raise them in the name of Jesus, and so we do. In Jesus' name we pray.

People: *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

BCP 360

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

Sicut Cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.
As the hart longs for the water springs,
So longs my soul for thee, O God.

*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.*

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:

Sanctus and Benedictus S128

Holy, Holy, Holy

William Mathias

Ho - ly, 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

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in 2/2 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "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." The score includes a "Fine" marking at the end of the final phrase. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the bass line providing harmonic support.

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

Lord, Make Us Servants

James Quinn; Lee Hastings Bristol

Text can be found in the blue Hymnal on page 593

The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns.

Communion Hymn 709

O, God of Bethel, by whose hand

Dundee

Communion Hymn 684

O for a closer walk with god

Caithness

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

The love of Jesus calls us

Aurelia (525)

1 The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing;
our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,
for all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received,
and for the generations who faithfully believed.

2 The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be
companions on a journey, where all the world may see
that serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy;
where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.

3 The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go,
to challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow,
to know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more;
for those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.

4 The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days,
to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;
that God with men and women may so transform the earth,
that love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Toccata on "I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light"

John Behnke

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30AM

Celebrant
The Reverend Michael Singer
Preacher
The Reverend Catherine Powell
Verger
Leon Tillery
Crucifers
Jeffrey Hughes
Sophie Hughes
Altar Server
Cheryl Wagoner
Eucharistic Ministers
Scott Sheble
Dot Erway
Jeffrey Hughes
Lectors
Cynthia Smallwood
Lindsay Joines
Intercessor
William R. Smith
Gospel Book Bearer
Sophie Hughes

Ushers
Al Cannon
Tori Cannon
Kenny Harkness
Jane Harkness
Ernest Patrick
Greeters
Zona Tounsley
Beth Van Amberg
Flower Guild
Al and Tori Cannon
Altar Guild
Anne Freeling
Martha Silberman
Sally Pope
Organist
Candace Williams
Quartet
Catriona Maclean Farrior, Soprano
Isabella Stollenmaier, Alto
Ian Olsen, Tenor
Aaron Peisner, Bass
Conducted and organized by Aaron Peisner

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

In Our Parish

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| 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 |
| Margaret Haughey | |

People Requesting Prayer

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti | Mary Barto |
| Tammy Tilghman | Nathalie Rubin |
| Carroll Joines | Turner Rivenbark |
| Linda Harris | Teresa Biddle |
| Lynne Vanstory | Trevor Babcock |
| David Hayes | Richard Poole |
| Jim Holliday | Geoffrey LaSalle |
| David Walser | Chela Evans |
| Philip Watson | Jayne & Rob Tomlin |
| John | Baby Theo |

The Departed

Helen Christy Wells
Harriet Fowler

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Today, Sunday, July 23

The Eighth 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 24

No events have been scheduled

Tuesday, July 25

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

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wednesday, July 26

12:10pm Midday Eucharist

Thursday, July 27

8:30am GNP

9:00am Morning Prayer

Friday, July 28

8:00am Mensgroup

Saturday, July 29

No events have been scheduled

Next Sunday, July 30

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Dinner & Faith Summer Quarterly Event

¹The Church on 4th and Orange

² St. Paul's and the Civil War

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 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 for our Summer Dinner and Faith event have ended. Groups of 6-10 have been assigned and hosts have been 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! If you have questions please contact Meaghan Thomas at speckids@spechurch.com.

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!

Choir Trip

St. Paul's choir is at Grace Church Cathedral in Charleston, S.C. today to sing at the Sunday morning liturgies at 9 and 11 in place of the resident choir, which is singing at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., today. St. Paul's would like to 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 be leading the worship in song.

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>.

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 dates are August 14 and 18. On our work days we meet MHC (315 Red Cross St. 1 block off of 3rd St downtown) around 8:30am.

If you have questions please contact Steve Bucci.

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>

Summer Office Information

This summer our church office is operating differently. Office hours are from 9am - 2pm on Monday through Thursday and 9am - 1 pm on Friday. April Cook is still the Parish Administrator but is working remotely. To contact her you can email the admin@spechurch.com email address. We are enjoying having volunteers in the office to answer the phones and greet parishioners and visitors. If you call or visit the office they can connect you to the clergy and church staff.

Notices for the Last Week of July

April Cook is away this week and will return on August 1. Father Caleb will be on a mission trip with the youth and will return July 29. If you have a pastoral concern please reach out to Michael+ or Catherine+. All non-emergency administrative requests will be answered after July 31 when April returns. If there is a matter that needs immediate attention, please contact the People's Warden, Anne O'Dell.

Ralph Fulton Tilden

February 10, 1930 - May 24, 2023

The funeral liturgy for Ralph Tilden will be held at 2:00pm on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

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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