

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 9, 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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Celebrant and Preacher The Reverend Caleb J. Lee	Altar Server/Lector Herb Gant	Greeter/Usher Shar Day
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Voluntary *Cantilene Pour Rampal* Lawrence P. Schreiber

Introit *Jubilate Deo* Michael Praetorius

Processional Hymn 637 *How firm a foundation* Lyons

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

41
Ho - ly one, You a - lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the most high,

46
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the Glo-ry of God the

50
Fa - ther. *ff* Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely;
 forget your people and your father's house.
 12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty;
 he is your master; therefore do him honor.
 13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift;
 the rich among the people seek your favor."
 14 All glorious is the princess as she enters;
 her gown is cloth-of-gold.
 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king;
 after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
 16 With joy and gladness they are brought,
 and enter into the palace of the king.
 17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons;
 you shall make them princes over all the earth.
 18 I will make your name to be remembered
 from one generation to another;
 therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

The Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

Reader: A Reading from the book of Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 628

Help us, O Lord, to learn

Carlisle(592)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Apostles Creed *(sung together)*

Nettleton

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:** Come to prayer, all who labor and are heavy laden, and God will give us rest. Come to praise, saying;
 Lord, hear our prayer.
- Intercessor:** We thank you for the revelation of your gift of abundant life and for the rest coming to those who put
 their trust in you. For such life and rest,
- People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** We thank you for entrusting us with the message of grace, that we might speak a reconciling word to
 our age. For such mercy,
- People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For the Church, that we may love Christ and keep his word, and be made one with each other in Christ,
 remembering Rob, our Bishop; Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;
 and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we remember Christ Church in New Bern. In the Anglican Cycle
 of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi. For those who minister in your name,
- People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** We thank you for leading us into the ways of peace and for transforming weapons of war into tools of
 charity. For such peacemaking,
- People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** We thank you for people of faith who surround us and for the family and friends, teachers and clergy
 who assist our growth in grace. For such companions through life,
- People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** We thank you for the gifts of creation and for wholesome times of recreation. For such times of
 harmony,
- People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** We give thanks for all the blessings of this life. *The people offer their thanksgivings either silently or*
aloud. For these and all your blessings,
- People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** We thank you for those who tend the sick, accompany the frustrated, visit the lonely, comfort the dying,
 confront the addicted, or minister to any in need. We pray especially for *(the intercessor reads the names of*
those in our parish that need our prayer). For such attention to human anguish,
- People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** We thank you for sustaining all who are oppressed, all who suffer for reasons of conscience, all who are
 passionate for justice. For such signs of the coming kingdom,
- People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For all who have died, that they may live forever in the light of the Lord.
- People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Celebrant:** Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son,
 Jesus Christ. 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

Simple Gifts

arr. Mark Schweizer

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free
 'Tis a gift to come down where we ought to be
 And when we find ourselves in a place just right
 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

'Tis a gift to be loving, 'tis a gift to be kind,
 'tis a gift to leave our bitterness behind,
 And when we find ourselves in a place just right
 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained
 to bow and to bend, we shan't be ashamed
 to turn, turn, will be our delight,
 'till by turning, turning, we come round right.

'Tis a gift to be thankful, 'tis a gift to forgive,
 'Tis a gift to find out how we ought to live,
 And when we find ourselves in a place just right
 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

*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 13 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:

Sanctus and Benedictus S128

Holy, Holy, Holy

William Mathias



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

As We Gather At Your Table

Carl Daw/Skinner Cahvez-Melo

As we gather at your Table, as we listen to your Word,
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.

Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.

Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.

There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns.

Communion Hymn 321

My God, thy table now is spread

Rockingham

Communion Hymn 653

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Repton

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

I heard the voice of Jesus say

Kingsfold

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon My breast!"
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place,
and He has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink, and live!"
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in Him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light;
look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright!"
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in Him my Star, my Sun;
and in that Light of life I'll walk,
till all my journey's done.

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Toccata in d Minor

Gordon Balch Nevin

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30AM

Celebrant	Torchbearers
The Reverend Michael Singer	Katie Rose Sanders-Park
Preacher	Bennett Sanders-Park
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee	Gospel Book Bearer
Gospeller	Carol Field
The Reverend Catherine Powell	Ushers
Verger	Mait Dubois
Leon Tillery	Greg Kutrow
Crucifers	Shannon Rowe
Mary Jeffreys Nipper	Dick Rowe
Cabe Lee	Jay Stewart
Altar Server	Greeters
Mary Jeffreys Nipper	Maryelle Jones
Eucharistic Ministers	Paula Waterfield
Dot Erway	Flower Guild
Carol Field	Michele Ryan
Cheryl Wagoner	Altar Guild
Lectors	Cheryl Wagoner
Phillip Weiss	Leon Tillery
Teresa Singer	Gail Gallaher
Intercessor	Amber Austin
Sally Pope	

INSPIRATION FROM INSTAGRAM



Henri Nouwen
@HenriNouwen

Five lies of identity:

- 1) I am what I have
- 2) I am what I do
- 3) I am what other people say or think of me
- 4) I am nothing more than my worst moment
- 5) I am nothing less than my best moment.

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
Sherry Mulhollen	Lynda Miller
Luvette Hickey	

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

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.

Today, Sunday, July 9**The Sixth 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 10

8:30am Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Meal Packing (*see page 15 for details*)

Tuesday, July 11

7:30am Early Bird Book Group (*Zoom*)

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wednesday, July 12

12:10pm Midday Eucharist

Thursday, July 13

8:30am GNP

9:00am Morning Prayer

Friday, July 14

8:00am Mensgroup

Saturday, July 15

No events have been scheduled

Next Sunday, July 16**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

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9:15am-12pm Nursery open

9:30am ²Summer Faith Formation (*parish hall*)

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

¹David - So you want to build a country?

with The Reverend Catherine Powell

²Who was Bishop Atkinson? *with our Archivist, Ellen Weig*

Vanco Online Giving

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 be this Sunday, July 9 and 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 haugheymarg@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 dates are July 10 and 21. For August the dates are Aug. 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.

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 Dorothy Papadakos 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>

ST. PAUL'S WELCOMES YOU

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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