

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



## THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 13, 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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### SERVICE PARTICIPANTS at 8:00 AM

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**Celebrant**  
The Reverend Michael Singer  
**Preacher**  
The Reverend Catherine Powell  
**Altar Server/Lector**  
Louise Joyner  
**Greeter/Usher**  
Shar Day

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## 10:30 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST RITE II ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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Voluntary	Pastorale	J.S. Bach
Introit	Jubilate Deo	Michael Praetorius
<i>Please stand.</i>		
Processional Hymn 390	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	Lobe den Herren

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### The Acclamation and Response

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People:** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### 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.*

Gloria	Glory be to God	Lauda Anima
Glory be to God in heaven, songs of joy and peace we bring, thankful hearts and voices raising, to creation's Lord we sing: Lord, we bless you, Lord we thank you, glory be to God our King.	Lamb of God, who on your shoulders bore the load of this world's sin, only Son of God the Father, you have brought us peace within: Lord have mercy, Christ, have mercy, now your glorious reign begin.	You, O Son of God, are holy, you we praise with one accord; none in heav'n nor earth is like you, only you are Christ the Lord with the Father, and the Spirit, ever worshipped and adored.

#### The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** And also with you.  
**Celebrant:** Let us pray.  
**Celebrant:** Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 37: 1-4, 12-28

**Reader:** A Reading from the book of Genesis.

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now,

see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.” So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, “What are you seeking?” “I am seeking my brothers,” he said; “tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.” The man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b**

*Confitemini Domino*

William Lawes

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
 make known his deeds among the peoples.  
 Sing to him, sing praises to him,  
 and speak of all his marvelous works.  
 Glory in his holy Name;  
 let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
 Search for the Lord and his strength;  
 continually seek his face.  
 Remember the marvels he has done,  
 his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,  
 O offspring of Abraham his servant,  
 O children of Jacob his chosen.  
 Then he called for a famine in the land  
 and destroyed the supply of bread.  
 He sent a man before them,  
 Joseph, who was sold as a slave.  
 They bruised his feet in fetters;  
 his neck they put in an iron collar.  
 Until his prediction came to pass,  
 the word of the Lord tested him.  
 The king sent and released him;  
 the ruler of the peoples set him free.  
 He set him as a master over his household,  
 as a ruler over all his possessions,  
 To instruct his princes according to his will  
 and to teach his elders wisdom.  
 Hallelujah!

**The Second Reading: Romans 10: 5-15**

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

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does

it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

## Gradual Hymn 608

*Eternal Father, strong to save*

Melita

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 14:22-33

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Reverend Catherine Powell

*Please stand.*

## The Apostles Creed *(sung together)*

Hymn of Joy

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:** Let us pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their need saying “Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.”

**Intercessor:** Holy God, we bow in adoration before your majesty. We stand in awe of your wisdom, power, and goodness. And we thank you for your strong saving love, made real for us in your dear Son. Send us your Spirit, so we may boldly obey him and feel worthy to approach his throne of grace.  
Lord, in your mercy

**People:** *hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** Send your Church into every corner of the world to preach the Gospel of salvation through Christ alone. By your Spirit, give it humility, faith, and courage to proclaim your holy Word with faithful clarity and winsome charity. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Grace Church in Plymouth. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.  
Lord, in your mercy

**People:** *hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** Protect this congregation from storms of contention, controversy, and confusion. Shelter us, and help us trust you. Help us to say in word and deed, “I love you, O Lord my strength, O Lord my stronghold, my crag, and my haven. My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge; you are worthy of praise!”  
Lord, in your mercy

**People:** *hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** Look kindly upon those who are overwhelmed by winds and waves of grief and suffering especially *(the intercessor reads the names of those in our parish that need our prayers)*. We know they sometimes feel abandoned by others – and even by you. Help us to encourage, strengthen, and aid them. Help us to take their hand and walk with them across their stormy seas, towards the outstretched arms of Jesus, who alone can lift them up and save them. Lord, in your mercy

**People:** *hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** Shield us from natural disasters and from human malice. Speak your word of peace upon the troubled earth and every human heart; and reign undisturbed as King and Lord of all.  
Lord, in your mercy

**People:** *hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** Thank you, almighty God, for your servants who now rest from their earthly labors – especially those whose death touches us most closely. Give to us, who still sail life’s stormy seas, faith to call upon you in confidence and hope. Grant that we, with all whom you have redeemed, may sing with joy and worship you forever.  
Lord, in your mercy

**People:** *hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** Hear our prayer, O God, and grant all that glorifies you and builds up your people. This we ask for Jesus’ sake. *Amen.*

## The Confession of Sin

BCP 361

**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

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God?  
 Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?  
 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?  
 Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?  
 To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your 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.*

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

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,  
 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

## The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem

*Mass of St. Thomas*

David Thorne  
adapt. Nigel Potts

*f*  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

*mf*  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

*ff*  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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

## Invitation to Communion

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.

The Communion of the People

*Communion stations are available at the altar rail and in the baptistry. To receive the consecrated Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please assist the chalice as it is offered; or, having consumed the Bread, you may return to your seat. We believe Christ fully present in either element. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please speak to a priest when you come forward for Communion.*

Communion Anthem

Down By the Riverside

Spiritual arr. Clarence White

Goin’ to lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside.  
Goin’ to lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside, to study war no more.  
*Refrain: I ain’t goin’t study war no more, Ain’t goin’t study war no more, Ain’t goin’t study war no more.*  
Goin’ to lay down my war shoes, down by the riverside  
Goin’ to lay down my war shoes, down by the riverside, to study war no more. *Refrain*  
Goin’ to put on my long white robe, down by the riverside  
Goin’ to put on my long white robe, down by the riverside, to study war no more. *Refrain*  
Goin’ to meet my loving savior, down by the riverside  
Goin’ to meet my loving savior, down by the riverside, to study war no more. *Refrain*

*The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns*

Communion Hymn 398

I sing the almighty power of God

Forest Green

Communion Hymn 414

God, my King, thy might confessing

Stuttgart

*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 397

Now thank we all our God

Nun danket alle Gott

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30 AM

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**Celebrant**

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

**Preacher**

The Reverend Catherine Powell

**Gospeller**

The Reverend Michael Singer

**Verger**

Cheryl Wagoner

**Crucifer**

Cabe Lee

Royster Hedgepeth

**Gospel Book Bearer**

Ruth Gates

**Altar Server**

Cabe Lee

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Dot Erway

Royster Hedgepeth

Ruth Gates

**Lectors**

Kathryn Hedgepeth

Allen Lee

**Intercessor**

Sally Pope

**Ushers**

Bill Waterfield

Paula Waterfield

Doug Donald

Cynthia Smallwood

Larry Mulhollen

**Greeters**

Luvette Hickey

Aimée Salinas

**Flower Guild**

Lynda Miller

**Altar Guild**

Barbara Banks

Barbara Bucci

Susan Butler

**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
Margaret Haughey	Renée Patrick
Dawn Wilson	Lynda Miller
Lloyd Olsen +	Carroll Joines

**People Requesting Prayer**

Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti	Mary Barto
Tammy Tilghman	Nathalie Rubin
Linda Harris	Turner Rivenbark
Lynne Vanstory	Teresa Biddle
David Hayes	Trevor Babcock
Jim Holliday	Richard Poole
David Walser	Geoffrey LaSalle
Philip Watson	Chela Evans
John	Jayne & Rob Tomlin
Rob King	Baby Theo
Pat Noble	Elaine Robertson
Brandon and Marie Greene	Suzanne Rutledge
Peter LaSalle	Ellen Laubach

**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. The reason for being listed is kept confidential. All parish prayer requests are listed on the prayer list for one month. The complete list of those in need of our prayer are remembered weekly at our 12:10 pm Wednesday Eucharist with Healing Prayers. 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](http://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, August 13****The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:00am** Holy Eucharist

**9:15am-12pm** Nursery open

**9:30am** <sup>1</sup>Summer Faith Formation (*parish hall*)

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

**Monday, August 14**

**8:30am** Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Volunteer Day

**6:00pm** Vestry Meeting (*parish hall*)

**Tuesday, August 15**

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

**9:00am** Morning Prayer

**Wednesday, August 16**

**12:10pm** Midday Eucharist

**2:00pm** Ralph Tilden Funeral

**Thursday, August 17**

**8:30am** GNP

**9:00am** Morning Prayer

**Friday, August 18**

**8:30am** Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Volunteer Day

**Saturday, August 19**

No events have been scheduled

**Next Sunday, August 20****The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:00am** Holy Eucharist

**9:15am-12pm** Nursery open

**9:30am** <sup>2</sup>Summer Faith Formation (*parish hall*)

**9:30am** Parish Life Meeting (*Library*)

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

<sup>1</sup> Streetcar Suburbs

<sup>2</sup> From Troubled Times to Hospitality

**Vanco Online Giving**

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## COMING UP

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### **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.

### **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.

**August 13: Streetcar Suburbs**

**August 20: From Troubled Times to Hospitality**

### **Parish Life Planning Meeting**

**Sunday, August 20 | 9:30am | Library**

A meeting to plan for Parish Life events this fall will occur in the Library on Sunday, August 20 at 9:30am. All parishioners are welcome.

### **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!

### **Open House, Open Hearts: Extending God's Welcome in East Carolina**

**Saturday, October 21, 2023 | 10:30am - 5:00pm**

**Episcopal Farmworker Ministry | 2989 Easy Street, Dunn, NC 28334**

Here's what you need to know to get to our revival festival, Open House, Open Hearts: Extending God's Welcome in East Carolina, this October. This festival is open to all people, so please invite and welcome your neighbors! Parking will be available for cars, buses, and vans, though we strongly encourage ride sharing to make sure there is space for all in the limited space we have on property. Every effort is being made to provide as much accessible and handicapped parking as possible. We encourage neighboring congregations to share resources for transportation to the revival (ride share, car pooling, bus rentals, etc.) Plan to arrive before or by lunch time. We'll have food trucks with food available for purchase and family-friendly interactive festival offerings throughout the day (music, speakers, activities, and more). 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>

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Blessing Box Gratitude**

To the faithful people of St. Paul's,

Your generosity abounds. The Blessing Box supplies have been abundant because of all of you. Please continue to donate on behalf of God's Street Angels because the need is great. Thank You.

Blessings, Bob & Judy

### **Scam Alert**

BEWARE, a scammer is using text messages impersonating Fr. Lee. The text message wording may include your name in the greeting and may read as follows:

"Please return my text when you get it, I have a favor to ask. Blessings, Rev. Caleb J. Lee"

**DO NOT REPLY - THIS IS A SCAM!**

No member of St. Paul's Clergy will make a request such as this.

If you are in doubt about the authenticity of a message or email from St. Paul's, contact the church office.

### Thanks

Thank you for all the beautiful cards, visits, food and prayers. Your love and support has overwhelmed us in such a loving and beautiful way. You have made my recovery peaceful and Ernest's life comfortable. You'll never know what this truly means to us. Renée and Ernest Patrick

### 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 until August 18 and is working remotely. To contact her you can email the [admin@spechurch.com](mailto: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.



### Fall Hospitality

School may be out for summer, but it's already time to start thinking about and planning for the fall. Hospitality 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 lunch) 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](mailto:eapeason@yahoo.com) or 541-829-0665. You can also contact Margaret Haughey at [haugheymarg@gmail.com](mailto:haugheymarg@gmail.com) or 919-656-4240.

### 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](mailto:pastoral-care@spechurch.com). Visit the COHI website, [www.cohiinternational.org](http://www.cohiinternational.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. If you plan to attend the Community of Hope International training, scheduled to begin September 5th, please sign-up by August 15th.

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

### 1st Annual Jazz & Race Symposium

**Saturday, September 16, 2023 | 1:30-7:30pm**

Offered by the Racial Healing Commission of the Diocese of East Carolina

Jazz and Racial Healing intersect in many ways. Join us as we listen to Jazz and learn more about its history from The Rev'd Skip Walker. Dr. Catherine Meeks will share from her extensive involvement in Racial Healing in the larger Episcopal church and beyond.

This event will be held at St. James Episcopal Church, Wilmington, NC. Dinner is included. Registration is required by Sept 8th: <https://dioec.regfox.com/1st-annualjazz-and-race-symposium-2023>

Although there is no charge to attend, a donation is requested to help offset the cost of the event.

### **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 at MHC (315 Red Cross St. 1 block off of 3<sup>rd</sup> St downtown) around 8:30am.

If you have questions please contact Steve Bucci.

### **Nourish NC / Backpack Buddies**

The Backpack Buddies program was started by Nourish NC to feed children on Federal school meal assistance programs, on nights, weekends, holidays, and summer vacations, as there is little or no food available at home.

St. Paul's association with this program goes back to 2014, when it became an outreach program of the ECW. The first year 3 children were supported and Snipes Academy, which we had adopted was designated as our recipient school. Our commitment grew every year through funds raised at the Belk's charity sale which is no longer viable. Along the way we picked up several parishioners who were willing to support a child and we reached a high of 22 children due to a donation from The Source.

The last several years we have stabilized at 18 children with 16 from the church and 2 from parishioners. We have always tried to maintain a balance for the following year but we are now at a crossroads. We have enough money for this year but will have almost nothing left for next year.

The cost to feed a child is \$425.00. We are asking for people to step up and support a child or to donate any amount you can so that we can continue this very vital service. Money we receive will go into the account to be used for next year.

Thank you for your consideration of this cause. - Steve Bucci

### **Stuff the Truck for 2SHARE**

**Saturday, September 23 | 10am-2pm | St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

2SHARE Inc. is hosting our first Stuff the Truck fundraiser on Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am-2pm in the parking lot of St. Paul's. We are asking for donations of new linens and household items including twin & full sheets sets, twin & full blankets/quilts/comforters, pillows, sets of flatware, sets of pots and pans, bath towel sets, bath mats, shower curtains and curtain rings, mattress covers, lamps, lamp shades, and metal platform bed frames. 2SHARE is an all volunteer non-profit that picks up donated furniture and delivers it to Cape Fear area residents in need. These items will supplement the donated furniture we receive to help families in need make their houses feel like home. Please stop by and help us Stuff the Truck! For more information on 2SHARE visit <http://www.2shareinc.org/>.

### **Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event**

**October 7, 2023 | 10am-12pm | St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is partnering again with Rise Against Hunger to pack meal kits containing rice, soy, 30 vitamins and minerals, and vegetables for hungry people around the world. Having been in retreat for the past 30 years, hunger is once again advancing due to COVID-19. Rise Against Hunger meals are distributed through global partners that administer school feeding programs, orphanages, health clinics, vocational training and a much greater emphasis this year on responding to crisis.

Please consider a donation towards our meal packaging goal of 10,152 meals and be sure to register at <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/SPE>

**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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