

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



## THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 20, 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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## 8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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**Celebrant**  
The Reverend Catherine Powell  
**Preacher**  
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee  
**Altar Server/Lector**  
Herb Gant  
**Greeter/Usher**  
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# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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**Voluntary** *Pastorale in C minor* J. S. Bach

**Introit** *Jubilate Deo* Michael Praetorius

*Please stand.*

**Processional Hymn 544** *Jesus shall reign where're the sun* Duke Street

### 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 in Heaven* 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:** Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 45: 1-15

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

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For

the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 133

*Ecce, quam bonum!*

Richard Farrant

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is,  
when brethren live together in unity!  
2 It is like fine oil upon the head  
that runs down upon the beard,  
3 Upon the beard of Aaron,  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.  
4 It is like the dew of Hermon  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.  
5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:  
life for evermore.

### The Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

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

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

### Gradual Hymn 493

*O for a thousand tongues to sing*

Azmon

### The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 15: 10-28

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

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.” Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps

shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

## The Sermon

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

*Please stand.*

## 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:** Almighty God, you have made us worthy to feast at your table in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. We approach your throne of grace saying “fill us with your Spirit, and we shall be healed.”

**Intercessor:** Strengthen your church throughout the world to preach the Gospel and to serve our neighbor. We pray for Bishops. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. George’s in Englehard and St. John’s in Fayetteville. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of England.  
Fill us with your Spirit,

**People:** *and we shall be healed.*

**Intercessor:** Sustain this church, St. Paul’s, in its ongoing mission. Enliven us to be your hands and feet in the community in which we live.  
Fill us with your Spirit,

**People:** *and we shall be healed.*

**Intercessor:** Direct our nation in the ways of freedom and peace for all people, and renew our care and commitment to one another.  
Fill us with your Spirit,

**People:** *and we shall be healed.*

**Intercessor:** Send your peace over all the world, that wars and violence may cease.  
Fill us with your Spirit,

**People:** *and we shall be healed.*

**Intercessor:** Soothe the suffering with your healing Word. Give them faith to know and trust that you are the Divine Physician. We pray especially for those in our parish who need our prayers, *(the intercessor reads the names of those in our parish that need our prayers).*  
Fill us with your Spirit,

**People:** *and we shall be healed.*

**Intercessor:** Keep all who have died in the comfort and care of your everlasting arms.  
Fill us with your Spirit,

**People:** *and we shall be healed.*

**Celebrant:** Almighty and everlasting God, hear the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will, through Christ our Lord. *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**

*With a Voice of Singing*

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!  
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!  
O be joyful in God, all ye lands.  
O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.  
With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

*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.

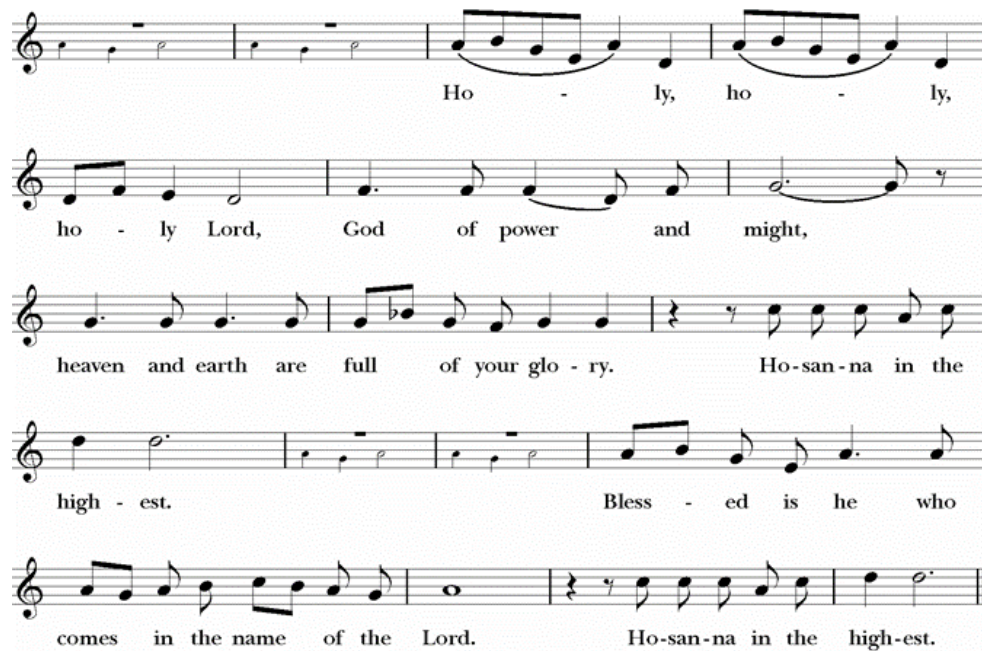
*The celebrant continues with a proper preface.*

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 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 Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

Fraction Anthem

*O Lamb of God*

Mass of St. Thomas

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

Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

*O Lamb of God*

St. Thomas Mass

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

*Eden's Song*

arr. Mark Schweiser

A memory of Eden stirs,  
and walks within the warmth of spring;  
It whispers ev'ry hope God has  
to Life Eternal, listening.

Stretch past the gloom of winter's grey,  
unfurl by faith and not by sight;  
to touch the light of length'ning days  
that calls thee forth to green delight.

The season of new growth begins,  
embrace the promise we all share;  
lift ev'ry voice and celebrate,  
the living God, who's always there.

*The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns*

Communion Hymn 315

*Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray*

Song 1

Communion Hymn 603

*When Christ was lifted from the earth*

St. Botolph

*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 539**

*O Zion, haste*

Tidings

**The Dismissal**

**Celebrant:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Voluntary**

*Nun Danket Alle Gott*

Siegfried Karg-Elert

**Celebrant**

The Reverend Michael Singer

**Preacher**

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

**Gospeller**

The Reverend Catherine Powell

**Vergers**

Leon Tillery

**Crucifers**

Mary Jeffreys Nipper

Carol Field

**Torchbearers**

Katie Rose Sanders-Park

Bennett Sanders-Park

**Gospel Book Bearer**

Cabe Lee

**Altar Server**

Mary Jeffreys Nipper

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Carolyn Demorest

Carol Field

Dot Erway

**Lectors**

Barbara Bucci

Teresa Singer

**Intercessor**

Cheryl Wagoner

**Ushers**

Ron Morgan

John Fonda

Dewitt Dees

Mait Dubois

Don Bobo

**Greeters**

Barbara Bucci

Ruth Gates

**Flower Guild**

Brian Sanders-Park

Louise Joyner

**Altar Guild**

Anne Freeling

Zona Tounsley

Sally Pope

**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
Janet Dillon	

**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 La Salle
Philip Watson	Chela Evans
John	Jayne & Rob Tomlin
Rob King	Baby Theo
Pat Noble	Elaine Robertson
Brandon and Marie Greene	Suzanne Rutledge
Peter La Salle	Ellen Laubach
James English	William Walker & mother Nancy

**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

**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 20****The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:00am** Holy Eucharist

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

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

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

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

**Monday, August 21**

No events have been scheduled

**Tuesday, August 22**

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

**9:00am** Morning Prayer

**Wednesday, August 23**

**12:10pm** Midday Eucharist

**Thursday, August 24**

**8:30am** GNP

**9:00am** Morning Prayer

**Friday, August 25**

No events have been scheduled

**Saturday, August 26**

No events have been scheduled

**Next Sunday, August 27****The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:00am** Holy Eucharist

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

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

**10:30am** Choral Eucharist, Blessing of the Backpacks + *reception following in parish hall*

<sup>1</sup> From Troubled Times to Hospitality

<sup>2</sup> Conversation on the History of St. Paul's

**Vanco Online Giving**

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## A WORD FROM THE RECTOR

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### Executive Assistant Appointed

I write to welcome Melissa Brown to the church staff as the newly appointed Executive Assistant to the Rector. Melissa comes to us with an extensive background in Office Management and Executive Assistant experience. Growing up in Westchester County, New York, she was raised in the Episcopal Church. Melissa will begin her work at St. Paul's on Monday, August 21. Special thanks to April Cook for continuing to work remotely this summer during the transition in this vital position. Special thanks also to Anne O'Dell, the People's Warden, for working alongside me during the hiring process. You will note my thanksgiving for all of our office volunteers over the summer on page 14 under Summer Office Information.

Life is full of changes. We should expect nothing less in the life of the church. In the midst of the changes and chances of this life we know that God is with us. Please join me in welcoming Melissa Brown to St. Paul's.

Faithfully,

Caleb+

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### COMING UP

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**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 20:** From Troubled Times to Hospitality

**August 27:** Conversation on the History of St. Paul's

**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 today 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>

### Pastoral Care Committee

There will be a meeting of the Pastoral Care Committee on **Sunday, September 10 at 12:15pm** after the 10:30am service.

We will meet in the library. Please plan to join us if you have previously met as part of this committee or if you have an interest in being part of pastoral care at St. Paul's. We will discuss follow-up from our previous gathering as well as how we can best meet the pastoral needs of our Parish. If you have questions please feel free to contact Father Michael Singer, Cheryl Wagoner, or Sue Sramek. God's Peace.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Summer Office Information

Summer office hours are from 9am - 2pm on Monday through Thursday and 9am - 1 pm on Friday. On Monday of this week we will welcome our new Executive Assistant to the Rector, Melissa Brown. We are grateful for the many volunteers in the office this summer who helped to answer phones and greet parishioners and visitors. Special thanks to Barbara Banks, Joyce Connelly, Karen Day, Layne Dupree, and Luvette Hickey for their many hours of assistance this summer.



### 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.

### 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.

### Little Red Wagon

"PET FOOD in the Little Red Wagon? YES (in response to an inquiry). Mother Hubbard's Cupboard serves over 200 families each week. Many of these families have pets. If they need assistance feeding their families, they also need assistance feeding their furry family, as well.

Thank you for your continuous food support through the Little Red Wagon, and don't forget their pets.  
Roxann, Ron, & Steve

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## UPCOMING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

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### **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. 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>

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## ST. PAUL'S WELCOMES YOU

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### **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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