

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



## THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 27, 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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**Celebrant**  
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee  
**Preacher**  
The Reverend Catherine Powell  
**Altar Server/Lector**  
David Tousignant  
**Greeter/Usher**  
Tom Gerow

# 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**      *Partita on "Was Gott Tut, Das ist Wohlgetan" (What God Ordains is Always Good)*      Johann Pachelbel

**Introit**      *Jubilate Deo*      Michael Praetorius

*Please stand.*

**Processional Hymn 522**      *Glorious things of thee are spoken*      Austria

### 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:** Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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: Exodus 1:8-2:10

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

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor.



They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 124

*Nisi quia Dominus*

J. Harrison

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

#### The Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

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

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

#### Gradual Hymn 427 (vs. 1-3)

*When morning gilds the skies*

*Laudes Domini*

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 16:13-20

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

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

### The Sermon

The Reverend Catherine Powell

*Please stand.*

### The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### The Prayers of the People

**Celebrant:** Invited to the wedding banquet, let us offer prayers for all those in danger and need saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

**Intercessor:** For our leaders who speak the word of God, reminding us who you are. We pray for Rob our bishop, Michael our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and the clergy of St. Paul’s. For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Albemarle Deanery. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. Let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**Intercessor:** For mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples. We pray that wars and rumors of war may cease. Let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**Intercessor:** We give thanks for the birth of James Robert Duppin. We pray for all students, educators, and those returning to their studies that they may be protected from all harm and transformed by the renewing of their minds. Let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**Intercessor:** For workers and their organizations, and for those who employ and manage them.  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**Intercessor:** For farmers and abundant fruits of the earth, and all those who during this season are under threat of hurricanes and violent storms.  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**Intercessor:** For the sick and the suffering, those in prison and all who are in distress. For those in our parish who need our prayers, especially *(the intercessor reads aloud the names of those in our parish that need our prayers)*.  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**Intercessor:** For all who are enslaved in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for women and children bound up in the slavery of human trafficking.  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**Intercessor:** For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead.  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**Celebrant:** Almighty God, whose only begotten Son asks us, “who do you say I am?” Help us to trust in him and respond with confidence and grace that he is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Confession of Sin

BCP 359

**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

### The Blessing of the Backpacks

*Students and educators come forward with their backpacks and bags.*

**Youth Intercessor:**

God of all wisdom and knowledge, pour out your blessing on the schools represented here today, that they may be lively centers for sound learning and new discovery; and grant that those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Priest:** Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, as a reminder of our baptism; and as this water is sprinkled on these students and educators, and on their backpacks, may they be strengthened in memory, reason, and skill. May they not be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of their minds. Grant that these tags, carried on their backpacks, may remind them of your love and presence throughout the day as they learn. *Amen.*

*A priest asperges the students, educators, and their belongings and says*

Beloved children, God bless, guide, and preserve you in your return to school. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

**All:** May Jesus, who calls us each by name to follow him, give you the courage and confidence to be his disciples, wherever you may be, at school, at work, and at home. May the gifts God has given you be a source of blessing for you and for others. *Amen.*

## Offertory Anthem

*Be Still, for the presence of the Lord*

David Evans

Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy one is here come bow before him now  
In reverence and fear in Him no sin is found  
We stand on Holy ground be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy one is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around  
He burns with Holy fire with splendor He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight our radiant King of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal to minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him in faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

*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

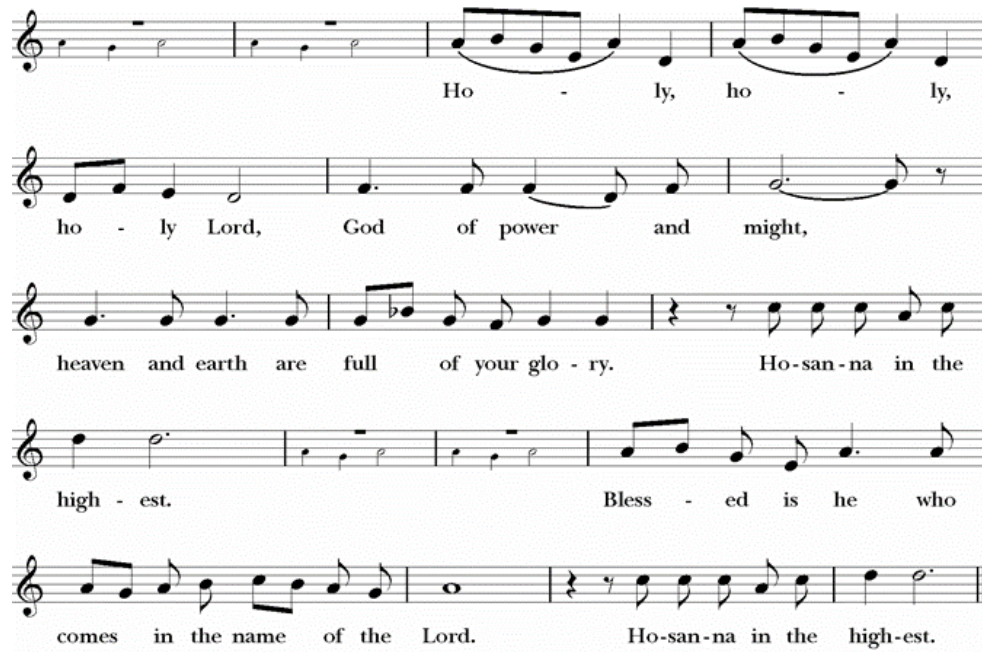
**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** And also with you.  
**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.  
**People:** We lift them to the Lord.  
**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:





*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.*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.' with a forte (f) dynamic marking. The second staff starts at measure 6, with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic marking, and contains the lyrics 'Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.' The third staff starts at measure 11, with a fortissimo (ff) dynamic marking, and contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.' The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and triplets.

**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

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life  
(Text can be found in the blue Hymnal on page 487)

Robert Evans

*The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns*

Communion Hymn 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

Communion Hymn 537

Christ for the world we sing!

Moscow

*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 372

Praise to the living God

Leoni

The Dismissal

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

Voluntary

Trumpet Tune

David German

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30 AM

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| <b>Celebrant</b>              | <b>Intercessor</b>  |
| The Reverend Caleb J. Lee     | Louise Joyner       |
| <b>Preacher</b>               | <b>Ushers</b>       |
| The Reverend Catherine Powell | Jeff Sackrison      |
| <b>Verger</b>                 | Ernest Patrick      |
| Leon Tillery                  | Jay Stewart         |
| <b>Crucifer</b>               | Jeanne Stewart      |
| Cabe Lee                      | Dick Rowe           |
| Cheryl Wagoner                | <b>Greeters</b>     |
| <b>Gospel Book Bearer</b>     | Cynthia Smallwood   |
| Jeffrey Hughes                | Jeanne Criscuolo    |
| <b>Altar Server</b>           | <b>Flower Guild</b> |
| Cabe Lee                      | David Frederiksen   |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>  | <b>Altar Guild</b>  |
| Cheryl Wagoner                | Dot Erway           |
| Karen Smith                   | Carolyn Demorest    |
| Jeffrey Hughes                | Lynda Miller        |
| <b>Lectors</b>                |                     |
| Carol Field                   |                     |
| William Smith                 |                     |

**In Our Parish**

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|------------------|------------------|
| Earl Craig       | Tammy Pollock    |
| Judy Farri       | Dale Curran      |
| Joe Farri        | JoAnn Summey     |
| Alice Calder     | Barbara O'Rourke |
| Eileen Searle    | Katherine Ramsey |
| Sib Vlahos       | Greg Thomas      |
| Margaret Haughey | Renée Patrick    |
| Dawn Wilson      | Lynda Miller     |
| Lloyd Olsen +    | Carroll Joines   |
| Michael Singer + |                  |

**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            | Michael Allen                 |
| The McDonald Family      | 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 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 27****The Thirteenth 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 with <sup>2</sup>Blessing of the Backpacks + *reception in parish hall*

**Monday, August 28**

No events have been scheduled

**Tuesday, August 29**

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

**9:00am** Morning Prayer

**6:30pm-8:30pm**, EfM (*Library*)

**Wednesday, August 30**

**12:10pm** Midday Eucharist

**Thursday, August 31**

**8:30am** GNP

**9:00am** Morning Prayer

**Friday, September 1**

**8:00am** MensGroup

**Saturday, September 2**

No events have been scheduled

**Next Sunday, September 3****The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:00am** Holy Eucharist

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

**9:30am** **Adult Education** (*parish hall*)

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

**11:30am** A Church Tour (*back of the church*)

<sup>1</sup> Conversation on the History of St. Paul's

<sup>2</sup> Students and educators of all ages are invited to bring backpacks or bookbags for a blessing!

**Vanco Online Giving**

### **Welcome New Music Director**

Brendan Conner will begin his ministry of music at St. Paul's on Sunday, September 3. Join us on Wednesday, September 13 at 6pm for his inaugural recital followed by Choral Evensong for the Feast of Holy Cross.

### **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**

**Sunday, September 10 | 12:15pm | Library**

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.

### **Welcome Back to Sunday School**

We are so excited to welcome back our children + youth as we begin our Sunday School Program Year!

### **Welcome Breakfast and Registration**

**Sunday, September 10 at 10:00am | Sunday, September 17 at 9:30am**

We invite children and parents to join us Sunday, September 10th for a light breakfast and registration upstairs in the Children's Wing at 10am. EYC youth and parents can grab breakfast upstairs then head down to check out our new EYC room downstairs in Meeting Room A.

#### **Classes Begin**

Sunday School and EYC will begin classes the following Sunday, September 17th at 9:30am. We look forward to a great year with our children and youth!

Upstairs in Children's Wing:

Touch & See - Preschool Age

Godly Play - Grades K - 2

Children of the Good Shepherd - Grades 3-5

Downstairs in Meeting Room A:

EYC - Grades 6-12

Any questions: please contact Meaghan Thomas at [speckids@spechurch.com](mailto:speckids@spechurch.com)



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Office Hours

Our new office hours are from 8:30am - 3pm on Monday through Thursday and 8:30am - 2 pm on Friday.



### Fall Hospitality

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-annual-jazz-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. New Volunteers are always welcome! 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

### **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. All are Welcome from 5yrs to 105yrs!

Please consider a donation towards our meal packaging goal of 12,152 meals and be sure to register at <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/SPE>

### **Stuff the Truck for 2SHARE - NEW DATE**

**Saturday, October 14, 2023 | 10am-2pm | St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

2SHARE Inc. is hosting our first Stuff the Truck fundraiser on Saturday, October 14th, 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/>.

**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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