

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



## THE FEAST OF SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

OCTOBER 1, 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.*

Gloria

Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne

**Moderato** *ff*

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

Glo-ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,

Heav'n - ly King, Al migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we...

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

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

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

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

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est. For you a-lone are the

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

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

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

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Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, celebrating 164 years of service and worship in Wilmington.

## 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

Carol Field

#### Greeter/Usher

Tom Gerow

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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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Other hymns will be marked accordingly. Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Now we pray unto the Holy Ghost</i>	Dieterich Buxtehude
<b>Introit</b>	<i>Jubilate Deo</i>	Michael Praetorius
<i>Please stand.</i>		
<b>Processional Hymn 282</b>	<i>Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels</i>	Caelites plaudant

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### The Acclamation and Response

<b>Celebrant:</b>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
<b>People:</b>	And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
<b>Celebrant:</b>	O angels of the Lord, bless the Lord:
<b>People:</b>	Praise God and magnify him for ever.

#### 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.*

<b>Gloria</b> <i>(inside of front cover)</i>	<i>Mass of St. Thomas</i>	David Thorne
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#### The Collect of the Day

<b>Celebrant:</b>	The Lord be with you.
<b>People:</b>	And also with you.
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Let us pray.
<b>Celebrant:</b>	Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. <i>Amen</i>

*Please be seated.*

#### The First Reading: Genesis 28: 10-17

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

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 103: 19-22**

*Benedic, anima mea*

John Stainer

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.  
Bless the Lord, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding,  
obedient to his spoken word.  
Bless the Lord, all his hosts,  
his ministers that do his will.  
Bless the Lord, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**The Second Reading: Revelation 12: 21-30**

**Reader:** A Reading from the Revelation of John.

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

**Gradual Hymn 625**

*Ye holy angels bright*

Darwall's 148th

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 1: 47-51.**

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

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Caleb J. Lee**

*Please stand.*

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:** Drawing near to the throne of the living God, and to countless angels in festal gatherings, with Jesus as our Mediator, let us offer our prayers, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Intercessor:** For the universal church, that protected by the archangel Michael it may boldly proclaim that God alone is sovereign; for Rob, our bishop; Michael, our presiding Bishop; and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; and the clergy of St. Paul's. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Church of the Good Shepherd in Wilmington and Zion Church in Washington. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai, let us pray.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** For our world scarred by violence, that attentive to the glad tidings announced by the archangel Gabriel, all peoples may see in Christ the sure way to justice and peace, let us pray.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** For this eucharistic assembly, that our worship may be acceptable in the sight of God and our witness courageous in the midst of the world, let us pray.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** For those in any anguish of body, mind, or spirit, that accompanied by the prayers of the archangel Raphael they may find healing and hope, remembering especially *(the intercessor reads aloud the names of those in our parish that need our prayers)* let us pray.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** For all the departed, that flights of angels may sing them to their rest, remembering Linda Pearce Thomas and Judy Farri. Let us pray.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** In the presence of the angels, O Lord, we sing your praise. Receive the prayers we offer, and answer as may be best for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Confession of Sin**

**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

*Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. The loose offering for today's service goes towards the Rector's Discretionary Fund. If you would like to give electronically, please turn to page 12 for the QR code.*

### Offertory Anthem

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
 forgive our foolish ways;  
 Reclothe us in our rightful mind;  
 In purer lives, thy service find,  
 In deeper rev'rence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs, who heard,  
 Beside the Syrian sea,  
 The gracious calling of the Lord,  
 Let us, like them, without a word,  
 Rise up and follow thee, Rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
 Till all our strivings cease;  
 Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
 And let our ordered lives confess  
 The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe thro' the heats of our desire  
 Thy coolness and thy balm;  
 Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
 Speak thro' the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
 O still, small voice of calm.

### Presentation Hymn

*Angel voices ever singing*

Angel Voices



Angel voices ever singing  
 round Thy throne of light,  
 angel harps, forever ringing,  
 rest not day nor night;  
 thousands only live to bless Thee  
 and confess thee Lord of might.

Here, great God, today we offer  
 of Thine own to Thee;  
 and for Thine acceptance proffer,  
 all unworthily,  
 hearts and minds and hands and voices  
 in our choicest melody..

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer D)

BCP 372

**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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

### Sanctus and Benedictus S125

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."



Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**All:** We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with angels, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *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  
Adapted by Nigel Potts

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and contains the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia." The second staff begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic 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 begins with a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic 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 slurs, ties, and triplets.

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

## Invitation to Communion

### Agnus Dei

*O Lamb of God*

David Thorne

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

*What Wondrous Love is This*

John Dixon

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am; while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on.

*The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymn.*

### Communion Hymn 324

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

Picardy

*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 618

*Ye watchers and ye holy ones*

Lasst uns erfreuen

## The Dismissal

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Praeludium in G-major*

Nicolaus Bruhns

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### SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30 AM

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<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>
The Reverend Michael Singer	Phillip Weiss
<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Torchbearers</b>
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee	Mary Jeffreys Nipper
<b>Gospeller</b>	Hazel Lee
The Reverend Catherine Powell	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>Verger</b>	Cynthia Smallwood
Leon Tillery	Dot Erway
<b>Thurifer</b>	Dianne Stansbury
Cabe Lee	Paula Waterfield
<b>Crucifers</b>	Bill Waterfield
Jeffrey Hughes	<b>Greeters</b>
Scott Sheble	John Sheehan
<b>Gospel Book Bearer</b>	Denise Sheehan
Cheryl Wagoner	<b>Flower Guild</b>
<b>Altar Server</b>	Beth Richard
Jeffrey Hughes	Marie Ashworth
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>
Carolyn Demorest	Cheryl Wagoner
Scott Sheble	Leon Tillery
Cheryl Wagoner	Gail Gallaher
<b>Lectors</b>	Amber Austin
Sally Pope	Lynda Miller
Sue Sramek	

### A Word from the Rector

#### Angels and Animals

As we move further into the fall season, one might notice that our lectionary readings and feasts begin moving into focus on the fullness of God's Kingdom. In the Anglican Communion, many churches call this liturgical period before Advent, "Kingdomtide." It begins September 29 with the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels followed by the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4. It continues with All Saints and on through Christ the King as our readings will turn more and more toward the fullness of who and what is included in the Kingdom of God, as well as what the Kingdom of God looks like.

Today we will mark the beginning of this liturgical season by celebrating "Angels and Animals." Angels are the highest created order and animals are some of the lower created orders. Angels and animals are a part of God's creation that reflect the infinite goodness and diversity of God's creation. We will help celebrate this with today's celebration of St. Michael and All Angels and our Annual Blessing of the Animals service in the church at 5 pm. Come and celebrate the fullness and infinite goodness of God's Kingdom with us.

Faithfully, Caleb+

**In Our Parish**

Earl Craig	Tammy Pollock
Joe Farri	Dale Curran
Alice Calder	JoAnn Summey
Eileen Searle	Barbara O'Rourke
Sib Vlahos	Katherine Ramsey
Dawn Wilson	Renée Patrick
Lloyd Olsen+	Peg Brunton
Casey Finn	Carroll Joines
Joan Rosko Miller	Janet Dillon

**People Requesting Prayer**

Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti	Larry Ingram
Mary Barto	Sarah Spillane
Cheryl McKinney	Jamie Lively
James English	Gloria Martin
Hile Rutledge	Peter La Salle's Family
Geoffrey La Salle	Philip Watson

**The Departed**

Linda Pearce Thomas  
Judy Farri

**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, Feast of St. Michael and All Angels****Sunday, October 1**

**8:00am** Holy Eucharist  
**9:15am-12pm** Nursery open (*upstairs in the Children's wing*)  
**9:30am** Formation for all ages  
**10:30am** Choral Eucharist + *reception following in Parish Hall*  
**11:30am** Church Tour (*back of the Church*)  
**5:00pm** Blessing of the Animals

**Monday, October 2**

**6:00pm-7:00pm** 12 Step Group (*Conference Room*)

**Tuesday, October 3**

**7:30am** Early Bird Book Group (*Zoom*)  
**9:00am** Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)  
**5:30pm-7:30pm** Community of Hope (*session at St. Paul's*)  
**6:30pm-8:30pm** EfM (*Library*)

**Wednesday, October 4**

**12:10pm** Midday Eucharist + *lunch to follow in Parish Hall*  
**6:00pm-7pm** 12 Step Group (*Conference Room*)  
**7:00pm-8:30pm** Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday, October 5**

**8:30am** Gentlefolk of Noble Poverty  
**9:00am** Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)  
**11:00am** Rector's Bible Study (*Parish Hall*)

**Friday, October 6**

**8:00 am** Men's Group (*Parish Hall*)  
**6:00pm-9:00pm** Power and Hope Group Meeting

**Saturday, October 7**

**9:00am-11am** 12 Step Group (*Conference Room*)  
**10:00am-12:00pm** Rise Against Hunger (*Parish Hall*)

**Next Sunday, October 8**

**8:00am** Holy Eucharist  
**9:15am-12pm** Nursery open (*upstairs in the Children's wing*)  
**9:30am** Formation for all ages  
**10:30am** Choral Eucharist + *reception following in Parish Hall*

<sup>1</sup>We'll be walking around the church and the Parish House. For newcomers, it's a chance to see where things are. For visitors, it's a bit of architectural and church history. For the rest of us, it's a chance to revisit places not often seen. Everyone's welcome—bring questions! We'll start at the back of the church. Tours take 30-45 minutes.

<sup>2</sup>Join Fr. Lee in the Parish Hall for a look at the upcoming readings from our Sunday lectionary. Bring your lunch, your perspective and your Bible.

**Vanco Online Giving**

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## TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S

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### Adult Formation

Sundays | 9:30am | Parish Hall

led by Royster Hedgepeth

Today's topic: Listening -- Opening the Ears of Your Heart

### Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 1 | 5:00 pm

Today we will be having our Blessing of the Animals service. Animals will be welcome in the church for a brief service, full choir, and blessing. After the service stick around for a treat from one of our local frozen treat trucks. Animal treats will also be available.

Please consider bringing pet foods or treats to the blessing event as a donation to Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals, a local pet charity.

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## COMING UP

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### Early Bird Book Study

Tuesdays | 7:30am | Zoom

Join us as we discuss "The Three Mothers" by Anna Malaika Tubbs. The Early Bird Book Group is for anyone yearning to be in a circle of trust in order to explore their faith together. Contact Julie Martin at 910-262-6401 or [itsjuliemartin@gmail.com](mailto:itsjuliemartin@gmail.com) for more information.

### Taize: Service of Prayer, Light & Music

Thursday, October 12 | 5:30pm | St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Taizé is an ecumenical sung and silent participatory prayer service designed to achieve a contemplative state through music, song and silence.

### Alfred Hitchcock's Silent Thriller "The Lodger"

Friday, October 13, 2023 | 7:00pm | St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Come experience Alfred Hitchcock's 1927 silent film thriller "The Lodger," with a live organ performance by world renowned concert organist Dorothy Papadakos at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Tickets are \$10 and available on Eventbrite and at the door. Concert benefits St. Paul's.

### The Open House, Open Hearts Revival Service

The service originally scheduled for Sunday, October 21 has been postponed.

### Event Announcement Form

Do you need to announce an event or other news to the parish in the E-News, the Sunday bulletin, or website?

If so, then use this link [spechurch.com/contact/](https://spechurch.com/contact/).

Announcements will appear on social media as appropriate.

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## OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

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### Will You Be St. Paul's Next Webmaster?

For the past 6 years, Julie Martin has managed St. Paul's website. We are grateful for her hard work, dedication, and creativity. She and husband Steve recently announced plans to return to the NC mountains, their home prior to moving to Wilmington 17 years ago. We are excited for them and wish them God's blessings.

Julie's departure creates an opening for a new webmaster at St. Paul's. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact the church office ([admin@spechurch.com](mailto:admin@spechurch.com)). The webmaster works remotely and serves as the primary contact for St. Paul's website, handling a range of responsibilities that may include web design, routine site and content maintenance, and various updates. St. Paul's uses WordPress as its content management system. Please consider sharing your gifts and joining the communications team.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **The Very Reverend Robert Willis, Dean Emeritus of Canterbury Cathedral, to visit St. Paul's**

The Very Reverend Robert Willis will be at St. Paul's for **Choral Evensong on Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30pm** and **Holy Eucharist on Wednesday, October 25 at 12:10pm**. Dean Willis will be preaching at both services.

Robert Willis is a priest in the Church of England. He is known for being a theologian, hymn writer, and pastor. He served as Dean of Canterbury Cathedral from 2001 to 2022. He is most recently well known for his YouTube broadcasts of Morning Prayer from the Deanery Garden at Canterbury Cathedral during the COVID-19 pandemic. On January 23, 2023 he was named Dean Emeritus of Canterbury by Archbishop Justin Welby.

Father Lee first became acquainted with him when Dean Willis visited Charleston for the dedication of the newest cathedral in the Anglican Communion, Grace Church Cathedral. A few years later, Father Lee, as part of the Cathedral Chapter, visited Canterbury for the occasion of the Dedication of Bishop William Alexander Guerry (a local SC saint) at the Chapel of Saints and Martyrs of Our Own Time in the cathedral. Dean Willis and Father Lee reconnected this summer at Yale and spoke about a possible fall visitation when Robert was in between special events in other places on the East Coast. We look forward to welcoming our special guest.

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## SERVING TOGETHER

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

**Saturday, October 7, 2023**

**9:00am-12:00pm | St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

**9:00am** Unloading truck and set. (*We especially need a few folks to lift heavy items.*)

**10:00am** Meal packing begins

**12:00pm** Clean-Up

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is partnering again with Rise Against Hunger to pack meal kits to be distributed to global partners that administer school feeding programs, orphanages, health clinics, and areas of crisis.

There's a job for everyone.

Unable to attend? You can still help by donating to St. Paul's towards the meal packaging goal of 12,152 meals.

Register or donate at <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/SPE>

**Stuff the Truck for 2SHARE**

**Saturday, October 14, 2023 | 10:00 am-2:00 pm | 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 homes.

Please stop by and help us Stuff the Truck!

For more information on 2SHARE visit <http://www.2shareinc.org/>

**Volunteer with Mother Hubbard's Cupboard**

St. Paul's supports the Mother Hubbard's Cupboard emergency food distribution 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 welcome!**

On work days we meet at MHC

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

For more information contact Steve Bucci.

**Little Red Wagon**

"PET FOOD in the Little Red Wagon? 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

**St. Paul's Missions Opportunity to Pack Meals for Children**

**Nourish NC / Backpack Buddies**

**Monday, December 4, 2023 | 5:00 pm | Nourish NC Headquarters**

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.

You are invited to sponsor a child. The cost to feed a child is \$425.00.

Donate any amount to continue this vital service.

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

## ST. PAUL'S WELCOMES YOU

### **We are glad you are with us today.**

If you are new to St. Paul's, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter or an usher. Here are some quick facts that may be helpful.

**Welcome:** All are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer not to receive, you can remain seated, or come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. If you are allergic to wheat products, gluten-free communion bread is available. Please let your request be known to the priest as you approach the altar rail.

**Help:** Please see any of our ushers for assistance when you enter the worship area.

**Handicapped Parking:** Our facility is handicapped accessible with multiple handicapped parking spaces available in the lot off Market Street and the lot off Princess Street. Handicap ramps serve both parking lots.

**Live-Streamed:** Our service is live-streamed on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30am Please subscribe to St. Paul's on YouTube to view live-streamed services and concerts.

**Masks:** All may, none must, some should.

**Worship:** St. Paul's follows the services outlined in the Book of Common Prayer 1979. The services include Old and New Testament readings, a reading from the Gospel, a sermon and traditional communion.

**Children:** All children are welcome and encouraged to attend any of our services.

**Worship Kits:** Bags and boxes are located in the back of the church for different ages to use in the pew. Please return when church is over.

**Nursery:** The nursery is open most Sundays from 9:15am to Noon upstairs in the Children's wing. The nursery is for infants to age 5.

**Sunday School:** Sunday School meets from 9:30-10:15am upstairs in the Children's Wing for ages 4-11.

**Episcopal Youth Community (EYC):** EYC meets Sunday from 9:30-10:15am in the conference room for 6th grade and older.



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