

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS

SEPTEMBER 10, 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 Michael Singer

Preacher

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Altar Server/Lector

Louise Joyner

Greeter/Usher

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Prelude *Rockingham* Kenneth Leighton

Introit *I Was Glad* William Weisser

Please stand.

Processional Hymn *Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle* Westminster Abbey

1 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle; of the mighty conflict sing; tell the triumph of the victim, to his cross thy tribute bring. Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer from that cross now reigns as King.	2 Thirty years among us dwelling, his appointed time fulfilled, born for this, he meets his passion, this the Savior freely willed: on the cross the Lamb is lifted, where his precious blood is spilled.
3 He endures the nails, the spitting, vinegar, and spear, and reed; from that holy body broken blood and water forth proceed: earth, and stars, and sky, and ocean, by that flood from stain are freed.	4 Faithful cross! above all other, one and only noble tree! None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be: sweetest wood and sweetest iron! sweetest weight is hung on thee.

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.
Celebrant: When I am lifted up:
People: I will draw the whole world to myself.

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.*

Kyrie *Lord have mercy* David Thorne

Andante *mf*

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy,
7 Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.
11 *mf* Lord have mer - cy, *mp* Lord have mer - cy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Isaiah 45: 21-25

Reader: A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the Lord? There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Saviour; there is no one besides me. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: "To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Responsory

Psalm 98

Earth and All Stars

Arr. by Caleb Lee and Nigel Potts

Refrain (sung first by Cantor, then by all)

The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains four measures of music with the lyrics: "God has done mar- vel - ous things." The second system contains four measures of music with the lyrics: "And I will praise God with a new song." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and a more active treble line.

The Cantor sings the verse, and the congregation sings the refrain.

1 Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.
(Refrain)

2 The LORD has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
(Refrain)

3 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.
(Refrain)

4 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.
(Refrain)

5 Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.
(Refrain)

The Second Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11

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

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death -- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 474

When I survey the wondrous cross

Rockingham

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 12:31-36a.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

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:** As we proclaim Christ crucified, let us pray to the God of healing for the salvation of all peoples saying, “Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.”
- Intercessor:** For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place. For Rob our Bishop, Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury. For all who follow the cross and all who seek life in Christ. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Peter’s in Washington and in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of Ireland. Lord in your mercy,
- People:** *hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For the leaders of the nations and for peace among the peoples of the earth. For all whose cross this day is war, political unrest, and recovery from natural disaster. We pray especially for the people of Ukraine. Lord in your mercy,
- People:** *hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For all military personnel and their families. For first responders and those who work in the airline industry. For our country as we remember the terrorist attacks of September 11th. Lord in your mercy,
- People:** *hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For all who are sick, especially those in our parish who need our prayers (*the intercessor reads aloud the names of those in our parish that need our prayers*). For the troubled and the bereaved, and all who suffer in silence. Lord in your mercy,
- People:** *hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For the dying and the dead. That for them the cross of Christ has become the tree of eternal life. Lord in your mercy,
- People:** *hear our prayer.*
- Celebrant:** God of ancient Israel, who was lifted up as the Son of Man on the cross, hear the prayers we offer this day and grant eternal life to all who put their trust in you; 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

*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.*

Ave verum corpus natum
 de Maria Virgine,
 vere passum, immolatum
 in cruce pro homine
 cuius latus perforatum
 unda fluxit et sanguine:
 esto nobis prægustatum
 in mortis examine.

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 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.

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.

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

deed, says the Lord. *All* My Lord. *Cantor or Choir* Those who eat my

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them. *All* My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

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

O Saviour of the World

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

O Saviour of the World,
who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us.
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.
Amen.

The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns

Communion Hymn 439

What wondrous love is this

Wondrous Love

Communion Hymn 160

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow

Cross of Jesus

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 473

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

Crucifer

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fanfare

Kenneth Leighton

Celebrant

The Reverend Catherine Powell

Preacher

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Gospeller

The Reverend Michael Singer

Vergers

Leon Tillery

Thurifer

Cabe Lee

Crucifers

Jeffrey Hughes

Cheryl Wagoner

Gospel Book Bearer

Ruth Gates

Altar Server

Jeffrey Hughes

Eucharistic Ministers

Dot Erway

Cheryl Wagoner

Ruth Gates

Lectors

Sue Sramek

Teresa Singer

Intercessor

Lindsay Joines

Torchbearers

Carol Field

Mary Jeffreys Nipper

Ushers

Jeff Jones

Happy Jones

Dewitt Dees

Jake Austin

David Frederiksen

Greeters

Midge Silberman

Paula Waterfield

Flower Guild

Lynda Miller

Altar Guild

Barbara Banks

Barbara Bucci

Susan Butler

In Our Parish

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

People Requesting Prayer

Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti	Mary Barto
Tammy Tilghman	Nathalie Rubin
Linda Harris	Turner Rivenbark
Lynne Vanstory	Teresa Biddle
David Hayes	Richard Poole
Jim Holliday	Geoffrey La Salle
David Walser	Chela Evans
Philip Watson	Jayne & Rob Tomlin
John	Baby Theo
Rob King	Elaine Robertson
Pat Noble	Suzanne Rutledge
Cheryl McKinney	Ellen Laubach
James English	Michael Allen
The McDonald Family	William Walker &
Peter La Salle's Family	mother Nancy
Hile Rutledge	Larry Ingram

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.

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, September 10**The Feast of the Holy Cross**

8:00am Holy Eucharist

9:15am-12:00m Nursery open

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

10:00am Sunday School Breakfast and Registration

10:30am Choral Eucharist + *reception following in Parish Hall*

12:15pm Pastoral Care Committee Meeting (*library*)

Monday, September 11

6:00pm-7:00pm 12 Step Group (*conference room*)

6:00pm-7:00pm Vestry Meeting (*parish hall*)

Tuesday, September 12

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

9:00am Morning Prayer (*library*)

5:30pm-7:30pm

Community of Hope International Training (*St. James*)

6:30pm-8:30pm EfM (*library*)

Wednesday, September 13

12:10pm Feast of the Holy Cross *with lunch to follow*

6:00pm Organ Concert with Brendan Conner

Choral Evensong to follow

6:00pm-7:00pm 12 Step Group (*conference room*)

7:00pm-8:30pm Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, September 14

8:30am GNP

9:00am Morning Prayer

11:00am Rector's Bible Study (*parish hall*)

5:30pm Taizé: A Service of Prayer, Music, and Light

Friday, September 15

8:00am MensGroup

Saturday, September 16

1:30pm-7:30pm

1st Annual Jazz & Race Symposium (*held at St. James*)

9:00am-11:00am 12 Step Group (*conference room*)

Sunday, September 17**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00am Holy Eucharist

9:15am-12:00pm Nursery open

9:30am Formation for all ages

10:30am Choral Eucharist + *reception following in Parish Hall*

Vanco Online Giving

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S

Adult Formation

Today, Sunday, September 10 | 9:30am | Parish Hall

The Cross in Contemporary Society led by the Rector

In this week of celebrating the Holy Cross, join Father Lee in the parish hall for a discussion of the Cross, and where it shows up in contemporary society.

Welcome Back to Sunday School

Breakfast and Registration

Today, Sunday, September 10 | 10:00am | Children's Wing & Conference Room

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

We invite children and parents to join us today 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 the Conference Room.

Pastoral Care Committee

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

There will be a meeting of the Pastoral Care Committee today, 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.

COMING UP

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 for more information.

Holy Cross Recital and Choral Evensong

Wednesday, September 13

Join us on Wednesday, September 13 at 6pm for Brendan Conner's inaugural recital followed by Choral Evensong for the Feast of the Holy Cross.

Classes Begin

Sunday, September 17 | 9:30am

Sunday School and EYC will begin classes next Sunday, September 17 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 the Conference Room:

EYC - Grades 6-12

Please contact Meaghan Thomas at speckids@spechurch.com with any questions.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 1 | 5pm

Mark your calendars for the Blessing of the Animals service on Sunday, October 1 at 5pm. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 has resumed! 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 or 541-829-0665. You can also contact Margaret Haughey at haugheymarg@gmail.com or 919-656-4240.

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>

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

Scammers: Here they go again!

Scammers are among the most persistent technology users out there. If one method gets discovered, they find another way to try to scam us.

The following were received by one of our members and are scams:

1. From: **Rev. Caleb J. Lee** <requestmail0016@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Sep 4, 2023 at 7:25 PM

Subject: (the members email address was here)

Hi! Can I have a moment of your time?

Sent from App for Gmail

2. From: **Basil Miller** <revcalebjlee@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Sep 5, 2023 at 3:52 PM

Subject: Re: Blessings

To: <member's name was here@gmail.com>

Hello

Kindly assist me with the updated password to Church Directory or member Pdf

Blessing

3. On Tue, Jul 18, 2023, 1:17 PM REV Caleb j. Lee <revcalebjlee@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi, how are you doing? I need a favor from you, please email me as soon as you get this message.

There is something I need you to do for me, I am going into a meeting now with limited phone calls, so please just reply my email

Blessings

Rev.Caleb j Lee

Note in all 3 emails, the sender's email address is not Fr. Caleb's, he only uses his rector@spechurch.com email account for church business. And of course, as we have mentioned several times, Fr. Caleb wouldn't send this kind of email request.

So beware, and don't fall for scams like this. Always check the sender's email address, and if the email looks authentic, always verify the request by calling the church office!

UPCOMING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

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 3rd 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/>

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 returns next week, September 17 from 9:30-10:15am upstairs in the Children's Wing for ages 4-11.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): EYC returns next week, September 17 from 9:30-10:15am in the conference room for 6th grade and older.



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