

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 A.M. CHORAL EUCHARIST

OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.

WE WILL WELCOME ALL TO LIVE GOD'S MISSION,

TEACH CHRIST'S LOVE AND TRANSFORM OUR COMMUNITY BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS at 8:00 AM

Celebrant
The Reverend Caleb Lee
Preacher
The Reverend Catherine Powell
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Herb Gant
Greeter/Usher
Linda Collette

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Prelude *Adagio from Sonata in F-minor* Felix Mendelssohn

Introit *I Was Glad* William Weisser

Please stand.

Processional Hymn 527 *Singing songs of expectation* Ton-y-Botel

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.*

Kyrie *Lord, have mercy* David Thorne

Andante *mf*

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy,

Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.

Lord have mer - cy, 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: O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Exodus 14: 19-31

Reader: A Reading from the book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all

night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114

Joseph Barnby

Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

The Second Reading: Romans 14: 1-12

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

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 194

Jesus lives! thy terrors now

St. Albinus

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 18:21-35.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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:** Whether weak or strong in faith, let us come before the God who delivered Israel from bondage saying, “Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.”
- Intercessor:** We pray for the church. That we may preach the gospel of forgiveness of sins and resurrection from the dead. Fill all Christians with the power of the Holy Spirit to do this work. We pray especially 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 Grace Episcopal/Christ the King Lutheran Church in Whiteville and in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. Lord in your mercy,
- People:** *hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For St. Paul’s and the people who call this their church home. We pray for your grace as we grow in knowledge and love you. Bless our worship and fellowship, and give us strength to serve you in the world. Lord in your mercy,
- People:** *hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** We pray for the world. That divisions may cease and reconciliation prevail. Lord in your mercy,
- People:** *hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For abundant harvests and protection from violent storms. We pray for the victims of natural disasters, for those suffering in Hawaii and Morocco. Lord in your mercy,
- People:** *hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For all who need forgiveness or need to forgive. For those who need to forgive themselves. Lord in your mercy,
- People:** *hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** 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)*. Lord in your mercy,
- People:** *hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For all who have died in the Lord. Lord in your mercy,
- People:** *hear our prayer.*
- Celebrant:** God of the living and the dead, mercifully hear the prayers of your people and empower us to live 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.*

Offertory Anthem

Fairest Lord Jesus

Martin How

Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation,
Jesus, of God and Mary the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
O thou, my soul's delight and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the verdure and bloom of spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes the saddest heart to sing.

Fair are the flowers, fairer still the sons of men,
In all the freshness of youth arrayed:
Yet is their beauty, fading and fleeting;
My Jesus, thine will never fade.

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.

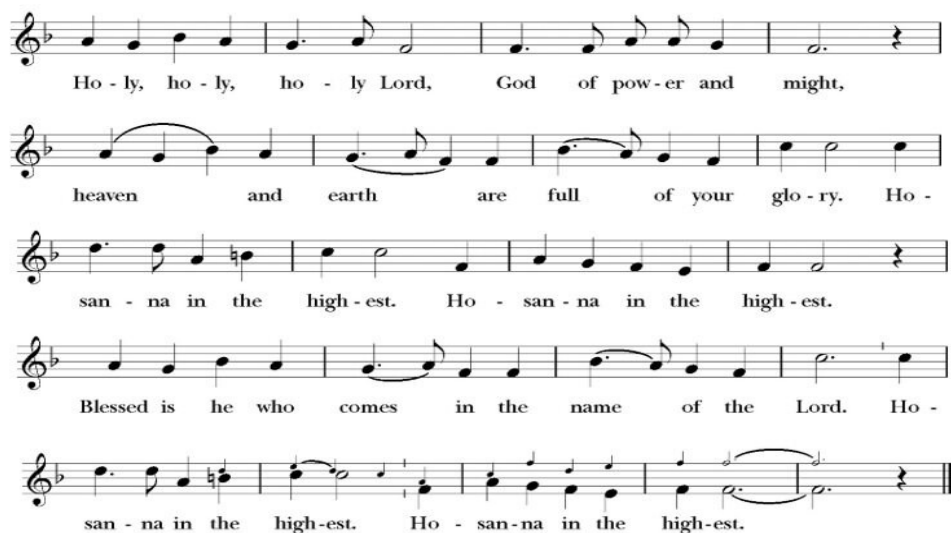
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

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

Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God

St. Botolph

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

Cast thy burden upon the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

Cast thy burden upon the Lord,
and he shall sustain thee:
he never will suffer the righteous to fall;
He is at thy right hand.
Thy mercy, Lord, is great,
and far above the heavens.
Let none be made ashamed,
that wait upon thee.

The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns

Communion Hymn 674

Forgive our sins as we forgive

Detroit

Communion Hymn 653

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Repton

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

God, how can we forgive

Leoni

Text by Ruth Duck

God, how can we forgive when bonds of love are torn? How can we rise and start anew, our trust reborn? When human loving fails and every hope is gone, your love gives strength beyond our own to face the dawn.	When we have missed the mark, and tears of anguish flow, how can you still release our guilt, the debt we owe? The ocean depth of grace surpasses all our needs. A priest who shares our human pain, Christ intercedes.	Who dares to throw the stone to damn another's sin, when you, while knowing all our past, forgive again? No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live. As you, O God, forgive our sin, may we forgive.
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The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Allegro moderato e serioso from Sonata in F-minor

Felix Mendelssohn

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30 AM

Celebrant	Intercessor
The Reverend Catherine Powell	Larry Hartman
Preacher	Torchbearers
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee	Katie Rose Sanders-Park
Gospeller	Bennett Sanders-Park
The Reverend Richard Banks	Ushers
Verger	Al Cannon
Leon Tillery	Tori Cannon
Crucifer	Kenny Harkness
Mary Jeffreys Nipper	Jane Harkness
Hazel Lee	David Fowle
Gospel Book Bearer	Greeters
Cabe Lee	Maryelle Jones
Altar Server	Valerie DeJarld
Mary Jeffreys Nipper	Flower Guild
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Sanders-Park
John Fonda	Louise Joyner
Larry Hartman	Altar Guild
Cabe Lee	Anne Freeling
Lectors	Zona Tounsley
Lisa Sanders-Park	Sally Pope
Sally Pope	

In Our Parish

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

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	Sarah Spillane
Rob King	Elaine Robertson
Pat Noble	Suzanne Rutledge
Brandon and Marie Greene	Ellen Laubach
James English	Michael Allen
The McDonald Family	William Walker &
Peter La Salle's Family	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.

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

8:00am Holy Eucharist

9:15am-12pm Nursery open

9:30am Formation for all ages

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

Monday, September 18

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

Tuesday, September 19

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

9:00am Lobbolly Club (*Parish Hall*)

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)

5:30pm-7:30pm Community of Hope (*session at St. James*)

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

Wednesday, September 20

12:10pm Midday Eucharist *with lunch to follow*

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

7:00pm-8pm Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, September 21

8:30am Gentlefolk of Noble Poverty

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)

11:00 am Rector's Bible Study

Friday, September 22

8:00am Men's Group (*Parish Hall*)

Saturday, September 23

9:00am-11am 12 Step Group (*Conference Room*)

Next Sunday, September 24**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00am Holy Eucharist

9:15am-12pm 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

Classes Begin Today Sunday, September 17 at 9:30am

Sunday School and EYC begin 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

Any questions: please contact Meaghan Thomas at speckids@spechurch.com.

Adult Formation

Habits of the Heart *with Royster Hedgepeth*

Exploring a Map of Worship and Prayer:

An interactive experience that will be both enjoyable and challenging

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.

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.

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).

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.

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.

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

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 3rd St downtown) around 8:30am.
For more information 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.

We have enough money for this year but are in need of funds for next year.
The cost to feed a child is \$425.00. We invite you to sponsor a child.
Donate any amount to continue this vital service.
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 homes.

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 is 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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