

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



## THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 24, 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 Catherine Powell  
**Preacher**  
The Reverend Michael Singer  
**Altar Server/Lector**  
Spencer Weig  
**Greeter/Usher**  
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Other hymns will be marked accordingly. Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Arabesque</i>	Louis Vierne
<b>Introit</b>	<i>I Was Glad</i>	William Weisser
<i>Please stand.</i>		
<b>Processional Hymn 690</b>	<i>Guide me, O thou great Jehovah</i>	Cwm Rhondda

### 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,

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:** Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

*Please be seated.*

#### The First Reading: Exodus 16: 2-15

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

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to

Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.” Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’” In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45**

*Confitemini Domino*

William Lawes

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
 make known his deeds among the peoples.  
 Sing to him, sing praises to him,  
 and speak of all his marvelous works.  
 Glory in his holy Name;  
 let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
 Search for the Lord and his strength;  
 continually seek his face.  
 Remember the marvels he has done,  
 his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,  
 O offspring of Abraham his servant,  
 O children of Jacob his chosen.  
 He led out his people with silver and gold;  
 in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.  
 Egypt was glad of their going,  
 because they were afraid of them.  
 He spread out a cloud for a covering  
 and a fire to give light in the night season.  
 They asked, and quails appeared,  
 and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.  
 He opened the rock, and water flowed,  
 so the river ran in the dry places.  
 For God remembered his holy word  
 and Abraham his servant.  
 So he led forth his people with gladness,  
 his chosen with shouts of joy.  
 He gave his people the lands of the nations,  
 and they took the fruit of others' toil,  
 That they might keep his statutes  
 and observe his laws.  
 Hallelujah!

## The Second Reading: Philippians 1: 21-30

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

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

### Gradual Hymn

*Jesus, the very thought of thee*

St. Agnes

1 Jesus, the very thought of thee With sweetness fills the breast; But sweeter far thy face to see, And in thy presence rest.	2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, Nor can the memory find, A sweeter sound than Jesus' Name, The Savior of mankind.	3 O Hope of every contrite heart, O Joy of all the meek, To those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
4 But what to those who find? Ah, this Nor tongue nor pen can show; The love of Jesus, what it is None but his loved ones know.	5 Jesus, our only joy be thou, As thou our prize wilt be; In thee be all our glory now, And through eternity.	

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 20: 1-16.

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

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

### The Sermon

**The Reverend Michael Singer**

*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:** As we labor in your vineyard, Lord, we have faith that you will give us what we need to live in your light and service. We come to you in petition and praise saying, “Bread of heaven, feed us now and evermore.”
- Intercessor:** We pray for the church. That we may be fed by your word and sacrament and faithfully be your hands and feet in the world. 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 Holy Trinity in Fayetteville and St. Andrew’s in Columbia. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of Ireland. Bread of heaven,
- People:** *feed us now and evermore.*
- Intercessor:** We pray for this community in Christ we call St. Paul’s. That we may grow in grace as we come to know and love you more and more. Bless our worship and fellowship, and give us strength to serve you in the world. Bread of heaven,
- People:** *feed us now and evermore.*
- Intercessor:** We pray for the world. That the people who live in it may reflect your infinite goodness and harmony. Fill us with your peace. Bread of heaven,
- People:** *feed us now and evermore.*
- Intercessor:** We pray for all who work to feed us. For farm workers, the grocers, the restaurant industry, all who serve in feeding ministries, and all those who toil so that we may have food. Bread of heaven,
- People:** *feed us now and evermore.*
- Intercessor:** We pray for this country. That the light of peace, justice, and equality may illumine the darkness of conflict, division, and bigotry. Bread of heaven,
- People:** *feed us now and evermore.*
- 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)*. Bread of heaven,
- People:** *feed us now and evermore.*
- Intercessor:** For all who rest from their labors and feast at your heavenly table. Bread of heaven,
- People:** *feed us now and evermore.*
- Celebrant:** God of the wilderness and the vineyard, mercifully hear the prayers of your people and fill us with your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Celebrant:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.*

### The Peace

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

### Welcome and Announcements

*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

*A Clare Benediction*

John Rutter

May the Lord show His mercy upon you;  
may the light of His  
presence be your guide:  
May He guard you and uphold you;  
may His spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep, may His angels watch over you;  
when you wake, may He fill you with His grace.  
May you love Him and serve Him all your days,  
Then in heaven may you see His face.

### Presentation Hymn

*Doxology with Alleluias*

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.

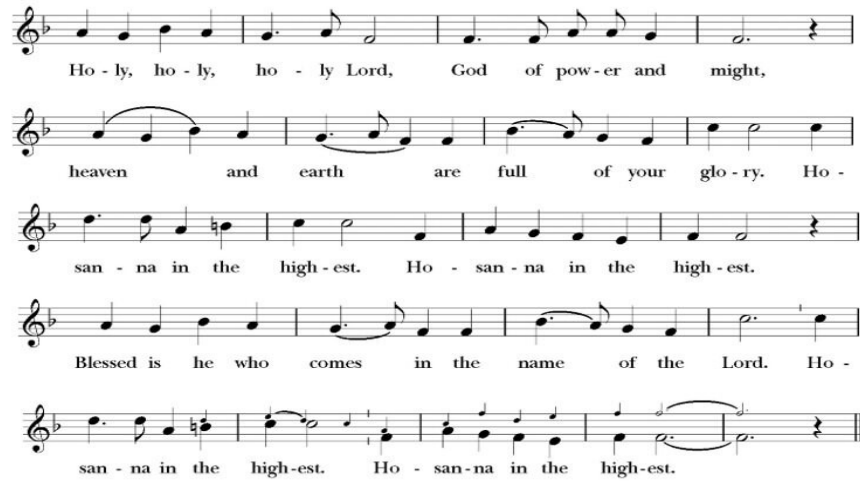
*The celebrant continues with a proper preface.*

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



*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.*

### Fraction Anthem

Mass of St. Thomas

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

*Forgive our sins as we forgive*

Austin C. Lovelace

Forgive our sins as we forgive,  
you taught us, Lord, to pray,  
but you alone can grant us grace  
to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless  
the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs and will not let  
old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals  
the truth we dimly knew:  
how small are others' debts to us,  
how great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
and bid resentment cease;  
then, bound to all in bonds of love,  
our lives will spread your peace.

*The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns*

### Communion Hymn 339

*Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

Schmücke Dich

### Communion Hymn 328

*Draw now and take the Body of the Lord*

Song 46

*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 541**

*Come, labor on*

Ora Labora

**The Dismissal**

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

**Voluntary**

*Allegro*

Charles Villiers Stanford

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**SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30 AM**

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<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>
The Reverend Catherine Powell	Cynthia Smallwood
<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Torchbearers</b>
The Reverend Michael Singer	Jeffrey Hughes
<b>Gospeller</b>	Scott Sheble
The Reverend Kay Swindell	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>Verger</b>	Greg Knepper
Leon Tillery	Ron Morgan
<b>Crucifer</b>	Royster Hedgepeth
Cheryl Wagoner	Kathryn Hedgepeth
<b>Gospel Book Bearer</b>	Ron Miller
Mary Jeffreys Nipper	<b>Greeters</b>
<b>Altar Server</b>	Zona Tounsley
Cheryl Wagoner	Beth Van Amberg
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Flower Guild</b>
Karen Smith	David Frederiksen
Dot Erway	<b>Altar Guild</b>
Carolyn Demorest	Dot Erway
<b>Lectors</b>	Carolyn Demorest
Teresa Singer	Lynda Miller
Barbara Bucci	

**A Word from the Rector**

*I will miss you today as Allen and I celebrate our 19th wedding anniversary with some time away together.  
I look forward to seeing you next Sunday.  
Faithfully, Caleb+*

## 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	Larry Ingram
John	Sarah Spillane
Rob King	Elaine Robertson
Pat Noble	Suzanne Rutledge
Cheryl McKinney	Ellen Laubach
James English	Michael Allan
The McDonald Family	William Walker &
Peter La Salle's Family	mother Nancy
Hile Rutledge	

## About the Prayer List

Included in our prayers are the names of those for whom prayer has been requested by a parishioner or family member. The reason for being listed is kept confidential. All parish prayer requests are listed on the prayer list for one month. The complete list of those in need of our prayer are remembered weekly at our 12:10 pm Wednesday Eucharist with Healing Prayers. If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list please reach out to Fr. Caleb Lee or make a prayer request online at our website, [www.spechurch.com](http://www.spechurch.com).

## Hospitalization or Pastoral Issues

Please notify us if you or a family member is hospitalized and/or in need of a pastoral call or visit. Please speak with Fr. Caleb or call the church office at 910-762-4578.

## Sharing Holy Communion

If illness prevents you or a loved one from joining us for regularly scheduled services, Fr. Caleb or a Lay Eucharistic Minister can share Holy Communion either in your home or at a health care facility. Please speak to Fr. Caleb or contact the church office at 910-762-4578.

## Today, Sunday, September 24

## The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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*

## Monday, September 25

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

## Tuesday, September 26

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

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)

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

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

## Wednesday, September 27

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, September 28

8:30am Gentlefolk of Noble Poverty

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)

11:00am <sup>1</sup>Rector's Bible Study (*Parish Hall*)

## Friday, September 29

6:00pm-9:00pm Power and Hope Group Meeting

## Saturday, September 30

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

## Next Sunday, October 1

## Feast of St. Michael and All Angels

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 <sup>2</sup>Church Tour (*back of the Church*)

5:00pm Blessing of the Animals

<sup>1</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.

<sup>2</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.

## 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 Hedgepath**

**Today's topic:** Equanimity -- Maintaining Your Spiritual Balance

**October 1:** Listening -- Opening the Ears of Your Heart

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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.

### Blessing of the Animals

**Sunday, October 1 | 5:00pm**

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.

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.

### Taizé: 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.

### 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).

### 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.

Deadline is Mondays at 5 p.m.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Office Hours

Our new office hours are from 8:30am-3:00pm on Monday through Thursday and 8:30am-2:00 pm on Friday.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:eapeason@yahoo.com) or 541-829-0665. You can also contact Margaret Haughey at [haugheymarg@gmail.com](mailto:haugheymarg@gmail.com) or 919-656-4240.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!



**Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event**

**October 7, 2023 | 10:00am-12:00pm | 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 to St. Paul's 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**

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

**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

**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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