

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 3, 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 Caleb J. Lee

Altar Server/Lector

Carol Field

Greeter/Usher

Tom Gerow

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Voluntary	<i>Bercense</i>	Louis Vierne
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<i>Please stand.</i>		
Processional Hymn 362	<i>Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!</i>	Nicaea

THE WORD OF GOD

The Acclamation and Response

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Collect for Purity *(said together)*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria	<i>Glory be to God in heaven</i>	Lauda Anima
Glory be to God in heaven, songs of joy and peace we bring, thankful hearts and voices raising, to creation's Lord we sing: Lord, we bless you, Lord we thank you, glory be to God our King.	Lamb of God, who on your shoulders bore the load of this world's sin, only Son of God the Father, you have brought us peace within: Lord have mercy, Christ, have mercy, now your glorious reign begin.	You, O Son of God, are holy, you we praise with one accord; none in heav'n nor earth is like you, only you are Christ the Lord with the Father, and the Spirit, ever worshipped and adored.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.
Celebrant: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 3: 1-15

Reader: A Reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for

he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

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.

Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;

Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.

He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.

Hallelujah!

The Second Reading: Romans 12: 9-21

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

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 675

Take up your cross, the Savior said

Bourbon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 16:21-28

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Please stand.

The Apostles Creed *(sung together)*

Hyfydol

We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being
all created things began.

We believe in Christ the Savior,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.

We believe in Jesus risen,
Heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
One in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Savior, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Called to rejoice in hope, have patience in suffering, and persevere in prayer, let us bring our petitions to our loving God saying "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

Intercessor: We pray for the church in every place. For all lay and ordained ministers of the Gospel. We pray for Rob our bishop, Michael our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and the clergy of St. Paul's. For all who minister in this place and for the people of God everywhere. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Paul's, Clinton, and the Trinity Deanery. In the 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 an end to religious persecution, political oppression, and military conflict. Lord in your mercy,

People: *hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: For all who labor and are heavy burdened. We pray for all workers who are undervalued and underpaid. As we anticipate Labor Day, we give thanks that you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work. Lord in your mercy,

People: *hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: We give you thanks for new chapters and new faces in ministry. On this day we pray especially for our new Organist and Director of Music, Brendan, giving thanks for the call that has brought him here and praying that he and Kira may find a life in this community that brings them fulfilment, happiness and friendship. Lord in your mercy,

People: *hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: For farmers and abundant fruits of the earth, and all those who during this season are under threat of hurricanes and violent storms. We pray for all who have been impacted by Hurricane Idalia. Lord in your mercy,

People: *hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: For all who are carrying a cross of sickness and suffering. For those in our parish who need our prayers, especially (*the intercessor reads the names of those in our parish that need our prayers*). Lord in your mercy,

People: *hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead, especially Peter La Salle. Lord in your mercy,

People: *hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Almighty God, mercifully hear the prayers of your people and strengthen us to carry our crosses, 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. The loose offering for today's service goes towards the Rector's Discretionary Fund. If you would like to give electronically, please turn to page 12 for the QR code.

Offertory Anthem

How Shall I Sing That Majesty

Ryan Hebert

How shall I sing that Majesty which angels do admire? Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around thy throne, O God most high; ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise;
but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears, whilst I Thy footsteps trace; a sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold Thy face.
They sing because Thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me; for where heaven is but once begun there alleluia
be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart, inflame it with love's fire; then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir. I
shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with all my fire and light; yet when Thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is Thine, which doth all beings keep! Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere; thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.

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:

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

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

Day by Day

Martin Howe

Day by day, dear Lord, of Thee three things I pray.
To see Thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly, day by day.

The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns

Communion Hymn 498

Beneath the cross of Jesus

St. Christopher

Communion Hymn 676

There is a balm in Gilead

Balm in Gilead

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 420

When in our music God is glorified

Engelberg

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Finale Jubilante

Healey Willan

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30 AM

<p>Celebrant and Preacher The Reverend Caleb J. Lee</p> <p>Gospeller The Reverend Catherine Powell</p> <p>Assisting The Reverend Michael Singer</p> <p>Verger Leon Tillery</p> <p>Crucifer Jeffrey Hughes Royster Hedgepeth</p> <p>Gospel Book Bearer Hazel Lee</p> <p>Altar Server Cabe Lee</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers Herb Gant Carolyn Demorest Royster Hedgepeth</p> <p>Lectors William Smith Allen Lee</p>	<p>Intercessor Kathryn Hedgepeth</p> <p>Torchbearers Katie Rose Sanders-Park Bennett Sanders-Park</p> <p>Ushers Brad Van Amberg Beth Van Amberg Doug Donald Jerry West Mark Tedesco</p> <p>Greeters Merrilie Crafts Sarah Johnson</p> <p>Flower Guild Beth Richards Marie Ashworth</p> <p>Altar Guild Cheryl Wagoner Leon Tillery Gail Gallaher Amber Austin</p>
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Welcome, Brendan Conner!

Today we welcome our new Organist and Director of Music, Brendan Conner, to St. Paul's. It is a gift to have new beginnings. Thank you for your generosity and warm welcome. We ask God to richly bless him and Kira as they transition into their new life and ministry in Wilmington. We will waste no time in immersing Brendan into the life of St. Paul's. Please mark your calendars for his first recital before Choral Evensong for the Feast of the Holy Cross on Wednesday, September 13 at 6pm.

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
Michael Singer +	Janet Dillon
	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	Baby Theo
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

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 3

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am Holy Eucharist

9:15am-12pm Nursery open

9:30am Adult Formation - ¹Coffee with the Rector10:30am Choral Eucharist with + *special reception in parish hall welcoming Brendan Conner*11:30am A Church Tour (*back of the church*)

Monday, September 4

Office closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5

7:30am *Early Bird Book Group resumes*

9:00am Morning Prayer

5:30pm-7:30pm Community of Hope (*session at St. James*)6:30pm-8:30pm, EfM (*Library*)

Wednesday, September 6

12:10pm Midday Eucharist *with lunch to follow*6:00pm-7pm 12 Step Group (*Conference Room*)

7:00pm-8pm Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, September 7

8:30am GNP

9:00am Morning Prayer

Friday, September 8

8:00am MensGroup

Saturday, September 9

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

9:00am-12pm Church and Parish Hall in use for student recital

Next Sunday, September 10

The Feast of the Holy Cross

8:00am Holy Eucharist

9:15am-12pm Nursery open

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

10:00am Sunday School Breakfast and Registration

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

¹The Rector will speak on a variety of topics as they relate to church life.

Vanco Online Giving



Welcome New Music Director

Brendan Conner begins his ministry of music at St. Paul's today! A special reception will follow the 10:30 service to welcome him and Kira to the parish. Join us on Wednesday, September 13 at 6pm for Brendan's inaugural recital followed by Choral Evensong for the Feast of the Holy Cross.

Open House, Open Hearts: Extending God's Welcome in East Carolina

Saturday, October 21, 2023 | 10:30am - 5:00pm

Episcopal Farmworker Ministry | 2989 Easy Street, Dunn, NC 28334

Here's what you need to know to get to our revival festival, Open House, Open Hearts: Extending God's Welcome in East Carolina, this October. This festival is open to all people, so please invite and welcome your neighbors! Parking will be available for cars, buses, and vans, though we strongly encourage ride sharing to make sure there is space for all in the limited space we have on property. Every effort is being made to provide as much accessible and handicapped parking as possible. We encourage neighboring congregations to share resources for transportation to the revival (ride share, car pooling, bus rentals, etc.) Plan to arrive before or by lunch time. We'll have food trucks with food available for purchase and family-friendly interactive festival offerings throughout the day (music, speakers, activities, and more). The Diocese is seeking volunteers for the revival.

If you are interested in helping, please check out the following link:

<https://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org/blog/seeking-revival-team-volunteers/?occurrence=354>

Pastoral Care Committee

Sunday, September 10 | 12:15pm | Library

There will be a meeting of the Pastoral Care Committee on Sunday, September 10 at 12:15pm after the 10:30am service. We will meet in the library. Please plan to join us if you have previously met as part of this committee or if you have an interest in being part of pastoral care at St. Paul's. We will discuss follow-up from our previous gathering as well as how we can best meet the pastoral needs of our Parish. If you have questions please feel free to contact Father Michael Singer, Cheryl Wagoner, or Sue Sramek. God's Peace.

Welcome Back to Sunday School

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

Welcome Breakfast and Registration

Sunday, September 10 at 10:00am

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

Classes Begin

Sunday, September 17 at 9:30am

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

Upstairs in Children's Wing:

Touch & See - Preschool Age

Godly Play - Grades K - 2

Children of the Good Shepherd - Grades 3-5

Downstairs in the Conference Room:

EYC - Grades 6-12

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

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.

1st Annual Jazz & Race Symposium

Saturday, September 16, 2023 | 1:30-7:30pm

Offered by the Racial Healing Commission of the Diocese of East Carolina

Jazz and Racial Healing intersect in many ways. Join us as we listen to Jazz and learn more about its history from The Rev'd Skip Walker. Dr. Catherine Meeks will share from her extensive involvement in Racial Healing in the larger Episcopal church and beyond.

This event will be held at St. James Episcopal Church, Wilmington, NC. Dinner is included. Registration is required by Sept 8th: <https://dioec.regfox.com/1st-annual-jazz-and-race-symposium-2023>
Although there is no charge to attend, a donation is requested to help offset the cost of the event.

Little Red Wagon

"PET FOOD in the Little Red Wagon? YES (in response to an inquiry). Mother Hubbard's Cupboard serves over 200 families each week. Many of these families have pets. If they need assistance feeding their families, they also need assistance feeding their furry family, as well.

Thank you for your continuous food support through the Little Red Wagon, and don't forget their pets.
Roxann, Ron, & Steve

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 will return in September from 9:30-10:15am upstairs in the Children's Wing for ages 4-11.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): EYC will return in September from 9:30-10:15am in the library for 6th grade and older.



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