

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 15, 2023

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
10:30 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

*OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.
WE WILL WELCOME ALL TO LIVE GOD'S MISSION,
TEACH CHRIST'S LOVE AND TRANSFORM OUR COMMUNITY BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.*

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Celebrant

The Reverend Michael Singer

Preacher

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Altar Server/Lector

Spencer Weig

Greeter/Usher

Linda Collette

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

Prelude *Prelude in C-major, BWV 547* Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit *Jubilate Deo* Michael Praetorius

Please stand.

Processional Hymn *The Kingdom of God is justice and joy* Hanover

1 The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

3 The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

2 The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

4 God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

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 *f*
Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.
11 *mf* *mp*
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: Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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 32:1-14

Reader: A Reading from the book of Exodus.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Confitemini Domino, Et fecerunt vitulum

C. Hylton Stewart

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty works of the Lord *
or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for
your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him
in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

The Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

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

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement

and the rest of rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 686

Come thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 22:1-14.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed

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,

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: In the assurance that God is generous and abundant in grace and love, let us offer prayers for our own needs and the needs of the world saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for the church universal and its mission of restoring all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. For Rob our Bishop, Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury. For the clergy and people of St. Paul's. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Ministries, Committees, & Commissions of the Diocese of East Carolina and St. Paul's Mission in Currituck. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya. Lord in your mercy,

People: *hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: We pray that you guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness. We pray especially for Ukraine and Russia; and all countries involved in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict in the Middle East. Lord in your mercy,

People: *hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: We pray for our local, state, and national leaders, that they may make wise decisions and policies that benefit and protect the citizens charged to their care. Lord in your mercy,

People: *hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: We pray for abundant harvest and temperate weather. We pray for the victims of natural disasters, and those displaced by political and economic turmoil. Lord in your mercy,

People: *hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: We pray for those afflicted in body, mind, or spirit, 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: We pray for those who have died, especially Judy Farri, Mary Barto, Michael Shane O'Rourke, and Sharon O'Rourke Berry; that they are clothed in the wedding robe at the great banquet of our God. Lord in your mercy,

People: *hear our prayer.*

A Stewardship Prayer *(said together)*

Almighty God, you have called us to be a living sacrifice. Be present with us as we work together in Building. The Way. Forward. Help us to focus our hearts and minds on the mission of your church; remembering that we build not only for ourselves, but for the future community of St. Paul's. Grant us generous and hopeful hearts, that we may use our resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory, 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

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake

Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee,
now and evermore.
Amen.

Presentation Hymn

Angel voices ever singing

Angel Voices



Honor, glory, might, and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity:
of the best that Thou hast given
earth and heaven render Thee.

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

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Mass of St. Thomas
Adapted by Nigel Potts

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

O sacrum convivium

Thomas Pavlechko

O sacrum convivium!
in quo Christus sumitur:
recolitur memoria passionis eius:
mens impletur gratia:
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.
Alleluia.

O sacred banquet!
in which Christ is received,
the memory of his Passion is renewed,
the mind is filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory to us is given.
Alleluia.

The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns.

Communion Hymn 321

My God, thy table now is spread

Rockingham

Communion Hymn 707

Take my life, and let it be

Hollingside

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 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

Stewardship Hymn

Aurelia

Text by JMA Wright

Our talents, time and treasure,
Reflecting in our day
The giving of a giver,
And offering a way.
One gift from the beginning,
Our Maker's first bequest,
The time to fill life's journey,
To work and play and rest.

A second gift, our talents
God's love revealed in kind,
In all the good we model,
A pledge, a token, sign.
And last, our earthly treasure,
A gift from God's delight,
Investing in redemption,
Recall the widow's mite.

Our talents, time and treasure,
God's grace reflecting still,
We gain in all we offer,
In emptying, are filled.
Three gifts that keep on giving
In faithful hearts, we vow.
Our talents, time and treasure
Our time for giving, now.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord by Building. The Way. Forward.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fugue in C-major, BWV 547

Johann Sebastian Bach

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30 AM

<p>Celebrant The Reverend Catherine Powell</p> <p>Preacher The Reverend Caleb J. Lee</p> <p>Gospeller The Reverend Michael Singer</p> <p>Verger Cheryl Wagoner</p> <p>Crucifers Mary Jeffreys Nipper Cabe Lee</p> <p>Gospel Book Bearer Carolyn Demorest</p> <p>Altar Server Mary Jeffreys Nipper</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers Karen Smith Cabe Lee Carolyn Demorest</p> <p>Lectors Barbara Bucci Bill Smith</p>	<p>Intercessor Sally Pope</p> <p>Torchbearers Katie Rose Sanders-Park Bennett Sanders-Park</p> <p>Ushers Mait DuBois Ron Morgan Owen Aylesworth</p> <p>Rob Nipper Bill Richards Jay Stewart</p> <p>Greeters Luvette Hickey Joan Rosko-Miller</p> <p>Flower Guild Brian Sanders-Park Louise Joyner</p> <p>Altar Guild Anne Freeling Zona Tounsley Sally Pope</p>
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In Our Parish

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

People Requesting Prayer

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

The Departed

Mary Barto
 Judy Farri
 Michael Shane O' Rourke
 Sharon O'Rourke Berry

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

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, October 15**The Twentieth 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*

12:00pm Committal Service for Michael Shane O' Rourke & Sharon O'Rourke Berry (*Columbarium*)

Monday, October 16

6:30pm-7:30pm 12 Step Group –Closed Meeting (*Conference Room*)

6:00pm-7:00 pm Special Vestry Meeting (*Zoom*)

Tuesday, October 17

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

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

9:00am-11:30pm Loblolly Club (*Parish Hall*)

5:30pm-7:30pm Community of Hope (*Parish Hall*)

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

Wednesday, October 18

12:10pm Midday Eucharist + *lunch to follow in Parish Hall*

6:30pm-7:30pm 12 Step Group- Closed Meeting (*Conference Room*)

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

Thursday, October 19

8:30am Gentlefolk of Noble Poverty

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

9:00am-12pm St. Fiacre & GNP Maintenance Day

11:00am ¹Rector's Bible Study (*Parish Hall*)

Friday, October 20

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

Saturday, October 21

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

Next Sunday, October 22**The Twenty-first 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*

¹Join Fr. Lee in the Parish Hall for a look at the upcoming readings from our Sunday lectionary. Bring your lunch, your perspective and your Bible.

Vanco Online Giving

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S

Adult Formation

9:30am | Parish Hall

Part 1: Canterbury Tales led by Fr. Caleb+

O'Rourke Family Committal Service

12:00pm | Columbarium

The O'Rourke family invites you to attend the committal service for Michael Shane O'Rourke and Sharon O'Rourke Berry following the 10:30am service.

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.

Landscape Maintenance Day

Thursday, October 19 | 9am-12pm

Join St. Fiacre & the GNP for landscape maintenance day. Extra hands are needed to complete the fall garden tasks. It's not necessary to be a gardening guru, just willingness to help keep our sacred grounds in good shape.

Contact Patt Scherer for information.

Pscherer8@aol.com or 301-606-3937 texts are preferred

The Very Reverend Robert Willis, Dean Emeritus of Canterbury Cathedral Visit

Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30pm—EvenSong followed by a Festive Tea in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, October 25 at 12:10 pm Holy Eucharist followed by lunch - RSVP needed for lunch.

More information on following page

Harvest Noon Fall Back Feast

Sunday, October 29

10:30am Blessing of the Costumes— children are invited to wear their costumes for the service.

12:00 pm Special Potluck luncheon

The Parish Life ministry invites you to the Harvest Noon Fall back Feast with a SURPRISE theme!

We hope you will join us at one of St. Paul's beloved potlucks. Fried chicken will be provided, and we ask each guest to bring a great potluck dish! Please provide a course based on the first initial of your last name.

A-H Dessert

I-P Side Dish

Q-Z Salad

Dinner & Faith: Fall Quarterly Event

Sunday, November 5 | Time set by each host

Enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship with friends - old & new! Groups of 6-10 will gather at a host's home for dinner. Hosts typically provide the main dish and guests are asked to bring a side, appetizer or dessert! Sign up on the Dinner & Faith Sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall by October 22.

Questions? Contact Lisa Sanders-Park.

Parish Retreat

August 30-Sept 2, 2024 | Trinity Center

As you prepare your calendars for the coming year, reserve Labor Day Weekend for the Parish Retreat.



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

The Very Reverend Robert Willis will be at St. Paul's in Wilmington, NC for **Choral Evensong on Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 pm**. He will preach and assist with a special dedication. A Festive Tea Party will follow.

Dean Willis will also preach at **Holy Eucharist on Wednesday, October 25 at 12:10 pm**. Lunch will follow. Please RSVP at www.spechurch.com.

An offering will be collected at each service and a large portion of the proceeds will go to support La Sagrada Familia and the Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry, who lost much-anticipated income when the Diocesan Revival was postponed.

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

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.

St. Paul's Missions Opportunity to Pack Meals for Children Nourish NC / Backpack Buddies

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

The Backpack Buddies program was started by Nourish NC to feed children on Federal school meal assistance programs, on nights, weekends, holidays, and summer vacations, as there is little or no food available at home.

St. Paul's association with this program goes back to 2014, when it became an outreach program of the ECW. The first year 3 children were supported and Snipes Academy, which we had adopted, was designated as our recipient school. Our commitment grew every year through funds raised at the Belk's charity sale, which is no longer viable. Along the way we picked up several parishioners who were willing to support a child and we reached a high of 22 children.

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

Donate any amount to continue this vital service.

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

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/.

Announcements will appear on social media as appropriate.

Deadline is Mondays at 5 p.m.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING



A very deep and heartfelt thank you to everyone who turned out on October 7th for the Rise Against Hunger packing event. It was successful beyond my wildest expectations. You made it a glorious experience. We had **77** volunteers ages 8 to 92, and together we packed **12,744 meals** in less time than we packed 10,000 meals last year. Plus, we had a great time doing it! Your dedication to this program is truly amazing!

On behalf of the Community Ministries Committee and myself — Thank you!

Well done St. Paul's — Steve Bucci

ST. PAUL'S WELCOMES YOU

We are glad you are with us today.

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

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

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

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

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

Masks: All may, none must, some should.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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