

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 8, 2023

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 A.M. CHORAL EUCHARIST

OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.

WE WILL WELCOME ALL TO LIVE GOD'S MISSION,

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

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 8:00 AM

Celebrant

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Preacher

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Altar Server/Lector

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Prelude	<i>Fidelis</i>	Percy Whitlock
Introit	<i>Jubilate Deo</i>	Michael Praetorius
<i>Please stand.</i>		
Processional Hymn 544	<i>Jesus shall reign where'er the sun</i>	Duke Street

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: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Reader: A Reading from the book of Genesis.

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of

the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

Caeli enarrant

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom
out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the
heavens and runs about to the end of it again nothing
is hidden from its burning heat.
7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

The Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

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

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 448

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Deus tuorum militum

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 21:33-46.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?' Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Catherine Powell

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,
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: O Christ, as the cornerstone of our life and faith, we come to you with our own needs and those of the world, saying, "On Christ the solid rock we stand. All other ground is sinking sand."

Intercessor: We pray that the church universal may keep you as the chief cornerstone of our lives and faith, preaching in word and deed, the good news of your salvation ; 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 Chaplains and All Non-Parochial Clergy. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East. On Christ the solid rock we stand.

People: *All other ground is sinking sand.*

Intercessor: We pray for this community in Christ. That we may be anchored in your unchanging grace. Help us, in all things, to be guided and directed by your Spirit. On Christ the solid rock we stand.

People: *All other ground is sinking sand.*

Intercessor: We pray for the world in which we live. That generosity of spirit may triumph over greed, violence, and exploitation. Help our world better reflect your kingdom. On Christ the solid rock we stand.

People: *All other ground is sinking sand.*

Intercessor: We pray for local, state, and national leaders. That they may work together for the common good and make decisions that work toward solutions to the challenges we face. Help them to live in to the spirit of what you would have us do. On Christ the solid rock we stand.

People: *All other ground is sinking sand.*

Intercessor: For the sick, the suffering, and all who depend on your healing love; especially *(the intercessor reads aloud the names of those in our parish that need our prayers)*. On Christ the solid rock we stand.

People: *All other ground is sinking sand.*

Intercessor: For all who have died, that in Jesus Christ they are dressed in the robe of righteousness and found worthy to stand before the throne of grace. On Christ the solid rock we stand.

People: *All other ground is sinking sand.*

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *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

Teach me, O Lord

David Hurd

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;
I shall keep it with all my heart.

Make me go in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;
give me life in your ways.

Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which you make to those who fear you.

Behold, I long for your commandments;
in your righteousness preserve my life.

Presentation Hymn

Angel voices ever singing

Angel Voices



Here, great God, today we offer
of Thine own to Thee;
and for Thine acceptance proffer,
all unworthily,
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest melody.

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

God be in my head

Henry Walford Davies

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns.

Communion Hymn 458

My song is love unknown

Love Unknown

Communion Hymn 321

My God, thy table now is spread

Rockingham

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 637

How firm a foundation

Lyons

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

God be praised and blessed

Heinrich Scheidemann

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30 AM

Celebrant	Intercessor
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee	Cheryl Wagoner
Preacher	Torchbearers
The Reverend Catherine Powell	Cheryl Wagoner
Gospeller	Dot Erway
The Reverend Michael Singer	Ushers
Verger	Bill Petry
Leon Tillery	John Fonda
Crucifers	Phillip Yates
Cabe Lee	Rob Nipper
Jeffrey Hughes	Ernest Patrick
Gospel Book Bearer	Greeters
Ruth Gates	Trish Arnold
Altar Server	Aimée Salinas
Cabe Lee	Flower Guild
Eucharistic Ministers	David Frederickson
Royster Hedgepeth	Altar Guild
Ruth Gates	Barbara Banks
Cheryl Wagoner	Barbara Bucci
Lectors	Susan Butler
Kathryn Hedgepeth	
Teresa Singer	

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	Larry Ingram
Mary Barto	Sarah Spillane
Cheryl McKinney	Jamie Lively
James English	Gloria Martin
Hile Rutledge	Peter La Salle's Family
Geoffrey La Salle	Philip Watson

The Departed

Judy Farri

About the Prayer List

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

Hospitalization or Pastoral Issues

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

Sharing Holy Communion

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

Today, Sunday, October 8**The Nineteenth 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*

12:15-1:15 pm Parish Life Committee (*Library*)

12:15-1:15 pm Helping Hands (*Choir Stalls*)

Monday, October 9

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

6:00pm-7:00 pm Vestry Meeting (*Parish Hall*)

Tuesday, October 10

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

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

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

Wednesday, October 11

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, October 12

8:30am Gentlefolk of Noble Poverty

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

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

5:30pm Taizé Service

Friday, October 13

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

1:00-3:00pm Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

7:00 pm "The Lodger" Concert (*Sanctuary*)

Saturday, October 14

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

10:00am-2:00pm Stuff the Truck for 2SHARE

Next 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*

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.

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TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S

Adult Formation

9:30am | Parish Hall

Led by Royster Hedgepeth

Today's Topic: The Heart of Christian Community

Let's Plan a Tea Party!

12:15pm | Library

The Parish Life Committee invites volunteers to plan a High Tea for Tuesday, October 24. This event follows the Choral Evensong with The Very Revered Robert Willis, Dean Emeritus of Canterbury Cathedral.

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.

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 | 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.

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.

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 complete with prizes.

More information coming soon.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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. High Tea 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.

SERVING TOGETHER



Stuff the Truck for 2SHARE

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

Refreshments provided by Syp N' Slyde.

For more information on 2SHARE visit <http://www.2shareinc.org/>

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.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

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). 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.

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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