

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28TH, 2024

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.*

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, celebrating 165 years of service and worship in Wilmington.

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 8:00 AM

Celebrant
The Reverend A. Michael Singer
Preacher
The Reverend Catherine Powell

**Altar Server, Lector,
& Intercessor**
Herb Gant

Greeter & Usher
Tom Gerow

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The hymns can be found in the blue 1982 Hymnal. Other hymns will be marked accordingly.*

Voluntary *Lord Jesus Christ, turn Thou to us* Johann Gottfried Walther
Processional Hymn 616 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

THE WORD OF GOD

The Easter Acclamation & Response

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.
People: May he fill our hearts with joy.

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.*

The Gloria *Mass of St. Thomas* David Thorne

The Gloria can be found on page 10.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
 and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
 "May your heart live for ever!"
 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
 and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
 he rules over the nations.
 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
 all who go down to the dust fall before him.
 My soul shall live for him;
 my descendants shall serve him; *
 they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
 the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Reader: A Reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 455

O love of God, how strong and true

Dunedin

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 15:1-8.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Apostles Creed (Metrical)

Nettleton

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: Abiding in the risen Christ, the true vine, let us pray to God with our whole heart, mind, and soul saying
 "Jesus, Lord of Life, in your mercy, hear us."

Intercessor: Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations. We pray for the church
 in every place, that we may be faithful bearers of the light of Christ. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer,
 we pray for St. Mark's, Roxobel, and St. Stephen's, Goldsboro. In our Anglican Cycle of prayer, we pray
 for The Church of Bangladesh. We give thanks for the 155th anniversary of St. Mark's Episcopal
 Church in Wilmington. Jesus, Lord of life,

People: *in your mercy, hear us.*

Intercessor: Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry, rest to the weary, forgiveness to the penitent, and nourish
 us all with your word. May your wounded and risen body bring healing to all places enduring strife.
 Jesus, Lord of life,

People: *in your mercy, hear us.*

Intercessor: Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way, especially those who
 will be confirmed, received, and reaffirmed at St. Paul's next Sunday. Deepen our appreciation of your
 truth and fill us with your life. Jesus, Lord of life,

People: *in your mercy, hear us.*

Intercessor: Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the lost, bind up the injured, strengthen
 the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. We pray especially for those in our parish who
 need our prayers. *(The intercessor reads the names of those in our parish that need our prayers.)*
 Jesus, Lord of life,

People: *in your mercy, hear us.*

Intercessor: Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you. Raise
 us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

People: *in your mercy, hear us.*

A Collect for Building our Future *(said together)*

Almighty God, who inspires the restoration and renewal of all creation; lead us into the future you are building for St.
 Paul's. Help us put our faith into action as we work towards a more accessible and welcoming church. Grant us generosity
 and vision, commitment and resolve, that we may, by your unwavering grace, accomplish all that is set before us; through
 Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

The Confession is omitted during Easter.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life;
 Such a Way, as gives us breath;
 Such a Truth, as ends all strife;
 Such a Life, as killeth death.
 Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength;
 Such a Light, as shows a feast;
 Such a Feast, as mends in length;
 Such a Strength, as makes his guest.
 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart;
 Such a Joy, as none can move;
 Such a Love, as none can part;
 Such a Heart, as joys in love.

*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 11 for the QR code.*

Presentation Hymn

Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Praise God all creatures here below
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God above ye heavenly host
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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.

The Celebrant continues with a proper preface.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne

Moderato *mf*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might,
 6 Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na
 11 in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
 16 Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, 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 for ever.

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

David Thorne
Adapt. Nigel Potts

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and contains the lyrics "Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia." The second staff starts at measure 6 with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and contains the lyrics "Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast." The third staff starts at measure 11 with a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic and contains the lyrics "Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia." The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and triplets.

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

Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

Mass of St. Thomas

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

Communion of the People

Communion of both kinds is offered at the Altar Rail and the Baptistry. If you do not wish to receive communion please cross your arms for a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available at every station.

Communion Anthem

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.

The congregation is invited to sing the Communion Hymns.

Communion Hymn 424

For the fruit of all creation

East Acklam

Communion Hymn 178

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

Alleluia No. 1

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 379

God is Love, let heaven adore him

Abbot's Leigh

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Voluntary

Präludium Overture

Johann Christian Kittel

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30 AM

Celebrant

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Preacher

The Reverend Catherine Powell

Verger

Leon Tillery

Eucharistic Ministers

John Fonda

Zoë Frederiksen

Dot Erway

Altar Server

Scott Sheble

Crucifers

Scott Sheble

Laila C. Olsen

Gospel Book Bearer

James Bear Thompson

Torchbearers

Zoë & Evie Frederiksen

Lectors

William Smith

Larry Hartman

Intercessor

Suzanne S. Sramek

Ushers

Mark Tedesco

Rob Nipper

Phillip Yates

Beth & Brad Van Amberg

Greeters

Barbara Bucci

Ruth Gates

Flower Guild

Beth Richards

Altar Guild

Barbara Ellington-Banks

Barbara Bucci

Susan Butler

Music Director, Organist

Brendan Conner

Assistant Organist

The Reverend Dr. Bill Weisser

The Choir of St. Paul's

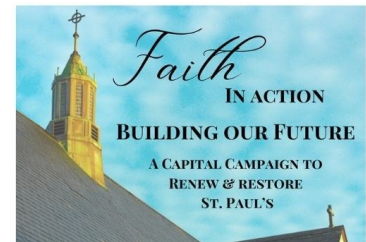
**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
THE CAMPAIGN FAIR**

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

**AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE
PARISH HALL**

Questions about the Campaign? Get your answers on Sunday regarding:

- Architectural plans
- Financial aspects
- Planned giving
- Charitable contributions and tax implications
- Pledge form



COME AT 9:30 AM
FOR THE RECTOR'S
FORUM TO HEAR A
SPECIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT.

Moderato *ff*

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.

Glo-ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,

Heav'n - ly King, Al migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we_

praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the

High- est. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa-ther. Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take_ a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

You are seat-ed at the righthand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est. For you a-lone are the

Ho - ly one, You a - lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the most high,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the Glo-ry of God the

Fa - ther. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est.

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

In Our Parish

Earl Craig	Renée Patrick
Alice Calder	Carroll Joines
Eileen Searle	Janet Dillon
Dawn Wilson	Spencer Weig
Lloyd Olsen+	Carla Ortiz
Tammy Pollock	Barbara O'Rourke
Dale Curran	Vicki Ruston
Alix Dorr	Sandy Poore
Lyle Sullivan	Bill Petry
JoAnn Summey	Margaret Haughey
Al Cannon	Bill Weisser
Sib Vlahos	Bill & Pam Garmon
Katherine Ramsey	Lin Eberhardt
Bob Crafts	Bryan McMurray

People Requesting Prayer

Lisa Wilson	Arthur & Carol Lederman
Irma Cardiello	Alma Blackwelder
Wilford Davis	Diane Hutchinson-Earle
Cory Smith	Karen Graham
Hile Rutledge	Paul Murray
Mēave Brennan	Christopher
Pat Noble	Kirk Schmidt
Doug Crafts	Sharon Norton
Amanda Ormiston	Kelly Ann Riek
Carol LeTillier	Kay Mehalk
Gary Tanzella	Diane Billingslea
Suzanne Rutledge	Aileen Sagce
Teresa Gibbs	Tiquan McMillian

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 prayers 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 Visitor 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**.

VANCO ONLINE GIVING



OPPORTUNITIES TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS

The Blessing Box Ministry

Matthew 25:40 "As you do for the least of Mine you do for Me", reminds us to serve God's street angels. My bonus in serving this ministry is when I cross paths with our recipients and have the opportunity and pleasure to engage in a conversation. For example, one street angel asked me, "Will you pray for me? I don't think there is anyone who does." - Judy Breny

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Today, Sunday, April 28: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist (<i>Breakfast to follow in the Parish Hall</i>)	<i>Sanctuary</i>
9:15 am - 12 pm	Nursery open	<i>Upstairs in Children's Wing</i>
9:30 - 10:15 am	Children's Sunday School EYC for grades 6-12 Adult Faith Formation: Coffee with the Rector	<i>Upstairs in Children's Wing Downstairs in Room A Parish Hall</i>
10:30 am	*Choral Eucharist	<i>Reception to follow in Parish Hall</i>
11:30 am	Capital Campaign Fair	<i>Parish Hall</i>
4 - 5 pm	Organ Recital by Brendan Conner & Kira Garvie Quarterly Dinner (contact Lisa Sanders-Park for information)	<i>Sanctuary, free admission</i>

Tuesday, April 30

7:30 am	Early Bird Book Group Meeting	<i>Online via Zoom</i>
9:00 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Online via Zoom</i>
9:00 am - 11:30 am	Loblolly Garden Club Meeting	<i>Library</i>
6:30 pm	EfM	<i>Library</i>

Wednesday, May 1

12:10 pm	Midweek Holy Eucharist (<i>Lunch to follow in Parish Hall</i>)	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	<i>Parish Hall</i>

Thursday, May 2

8:30 am	GNP & St. Fiacre Garden Guild Meeting	<i>Parish Hall</i>
9:00 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Online via Zoom</i>
11:00 am	Rector's Bible Study ¹	<i>Parish Hall</i>

Friday, May 3

8:00 am	Mensgroup	<i>Parish Hall</i>
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Next Sunday, May 5: The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist (<i>Breakfast to follow in the Parish Hall</i>)	<i>Sanctuary</i>
9:15 am - 12 pm	Nursery open	<i>Upstairs in Children's Wing</i>
9:30 - 10:15 am	Children's Sunday School EYC for grades 6-12 Adult Faith Formation: <i>Taste and See</i> with Royster Hedgepeth	<i>Upstairs in Children's Wing Downstairs in Room A Parish Hall</i>
10:30 am	*Choral Eucharist <i>Due to the Parish Picnic at 5 pm, there will be a light reception with cookies & lemonade.</i>	<i>Light reception to follow in Parish Hall</i>
~11:45 am	Tour of St. Paul's ²	<i>Back of church</i>
4:00 pm	Confirmation Service with The Right Rev. Rob Skirving	<i>Sanctuary</i>
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Parish Picnic & Plant Swap	<i>Parish Hall & Rectory Garden</i>

*Denotes that service will be live-streamed on YouTube.

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.

²We'll be walking around the church and the Parish House. For newcomers, it's a chance to see where things are. For visitors, it's a bit of architectural and church history. For the rest of us, it's a chance to revisit places not often seen. Everyone's welcome—bring questions! We'll start at the back of the church. Tours take 30-45 minutes.

COMING UP AT ST. PAUL'S

Annual Parish Picnic & Plant Swap: Sunday, May 5 from 5 - 7 pm

Parish Hall and Rectory Garden



Plant Swap at the Parish Picnic Sunday, May 5, 5-7 pm Rectory Garden

Calling all gardeners! As you tidy your gardens this spring, please remember St. Paul's Plant Swap. Your plants that have grown and spread, and could be thinned, are just what is needed! The past two years at our plant swap, many parishioners have lived community, by giving and receiving plants - from and for their gardens. Now they have friendship gardens! Look for the plant box in the parish hall, leave some pots or take some pots. Indoor plants that can be shared are also welcome. Thank you, Maryelle Jones

St. Paul's annual Parish Picnic is approaching! This year, the picnic coincides with confirmation, which keeps the picnic at the church property instead of Long Leaf Park. The picnic will immediately follow the confirmation afternoon service, which begins at 4 pm. Sides, salads, & desserts will be potluck, and based on the first letter of your last name:

A-F desserts; G-L beverages (water, tea, lemonade, soda); M-R generous sides; S-Z generous salads

If you would like to help in any way, please contact Margaret Haughey at haugheymarg@gmail.com. There are several tasks involved, and your help is greatly appreciated.

Rogation Sunday Confirmation Service will occur just before the picnic at **4 pm**. After the service, it is fitting that we will celebrate the annual Parish Picnic at the church. Folks are encouraged to wear casual picnic attire to the service.

The Right Reverend Rob Skirving will be with us the afternoon of Sunday, May 5 to celebrate and preach as well as confirm, receive, and reaffirm folks to the Episcopal Church. That day is Rogation Sunday in the life of the church. Rogation days are days when we ask God's blessing on our community and the abundant resources of the earth. It is a bit like Earth Day for Episcopalians.

COHI - Circle of Care: Tuesday, May 14 at 5:30 pm

Ellen Weig will be speaking to the combined Circles of Care from St. Paul's Church and St. James Parish on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 5:30 pm, in the Parish Hall of St. Paul's. Ellen's talk will focus on being the caregiver and how to support a person who is ill, as well as those who care for them.

May 5 Confirmation/
Reaffirmation/Reception:



July 21 - 26 Glory
Ridge:



Rising 6th - 12th Graders

June 17 -21
Summer Camp
Ages 3* - Rising 1st Graders:



*if potty trained

June 17 - 21
Summer Camp



Rising 2nd - 5th Graders:

Save the Date: June 13, 2024

SPEC Wilmington Sharks Baseball Game (Details TBA)

SPRING AT ST. PAUL'S

Saturday, April 27

9 am - 2 pm - Weed & Feed

Sunday, April 28

Campaign Fair after the 10:30 Choral Eucharist

4-5 pm - Organ Recital with Brendan Conner and Kira Garvie

Quarterly Dinner (*contact Lisa Sanders-Park for more information*)

Sunday, May 5

Regular church in the morning

4 pm - Confirmation Service with Bishop Skirving (*casual dress*)

5 pm - Annual Parish Picnic and Plant Swap (*at St. Paul's*)

Thursday, May 9 - Ascension Day

12:10 pm - Holy Eucharist

6 pm - Choral Evensong

Sunday, May 12 - Mother's Day

Mother's Day Brunch (*made by the Men of St. Paul's*)

Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost and Campaign Celebration

We would appreciate your campaign pledge by this day.

June 3 - 7, 2024: Parish Yard Sale

St. Paul's will be hosting a good old-fashioned Yard Sale June 6th - 9th. We will be collecting and pricing items in the Parish Hall beginning Monday, June 3rd - Wednesday, June 5th. There will also be a pod available for larger items like furniture. The proceeds will benefit the church; the specifics will be announced at a later date.

The people of St. Paul's can contribute by collecting items from around their homes and delivering them to St. Paul's June 3-5. **We are also in need of volunteers.** We need captains for clothing, furniture, household items, as well as cashiers. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please contact Patsy Perhala.

SAINTS & HOLY HELPERS

SUMMER ARTS CAMP

JUNE 17-21 | 9:00AM - 12:00PM

St. Paul's Episcopal Church | 16 N. 16th St.

Music

Art

Movement

Age 3*

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Rising 5th Grade

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*potty trained

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 10:30 am Please subscribe to St. Paul's on YouTube to view live-streamed services and concerts.

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

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

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): EYC meets Sunday from 9:30-10:15 am in Meeting Room A downstairs for 6th grade and older.



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