

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2024

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.*

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

*Our worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 8:00 AM

Celebrant
The Reverend Catherine Powell
Preacher
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Altar Server & Lector
Herb Gant

Greeter & Usher
Mona Clites

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10:30 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

*Our worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
The hymns can be found in the blue 1982 Hymnal. Other hymns will be marked accordingly.*

Voluntary *Andante religioso* Felix Mendelssohn
Processional Hymn 191 *Alleluia, alleluia!* Lux eoi

THE WORD OF GOD

The Easter Acclamation & Response

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino* Francis Jackson

Sing to the Lord a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.	lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.	Sing to the Lord with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.
The Lord has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.	With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.	Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.
Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *	Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
	In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

The Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Reader: A Reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 644

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds

St. Peter

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 15:9-17.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Caleb J. Lee

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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:** God of Love, we come before you with our own needs and the needs of the world saying, Lord of life, fill us with your love.
- Intercessor:** We pray for the church. That your Word may be proclaimed from every lectern and pulpit, and in every action and deed. We pray for the guardians of the faith, Rob, our bishop, Michael, our presiding bishop, and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Pamlico Deanery. In our Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil (*Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil*). Lord of life,
- People:** *fill us with your love.*
- Intercessor:** We pray for all nations and people. That your love may conquer all fear, hatred, violence, persecution, and war; and that the leaders of the world honor the Prince of Peace, who came not to be served, but to serve. Lord of life,
- People:** *fill us with your love.*
- Intercessor:** We pray for our local community. That all may have adequate resources for daily life. Help the church love our neighbors as Christ loves them and us. Lord of life,
- People:** *fill us with your love.*
- Intercessor:** We pray for all those new to the Faith. We give thanks for the newcomers at St. Paul's and all those who will be confirmed, received, and reaffirmed this afternoon. Lord of life,
- People:** *fill us with your love.*
- Intercessor:** We pray for all those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, especially (*the intercessor reads the names of those in our parish that need our prayer*).
Lord of life,
- People:** *fill us with your love.*
- Intercessor:** We pray for all who have died, especially Gary Tanzella and Gae Green, that they may live eternally in your loving care. Lord of life,
- People:** *fill us with your love.*

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

Offertory Anthem

Greater Love

Anne Dudley

Greater love hath no man than he who for his friend lay down his life,
and his name shall be forever beloved, and his sacrifice forever prais'd.

Though we may no longer behold him in our hearts he liveth on;
and the light may grow dark, yet time will hold a flame forever more.

Greater hope have I none than to a state of grace I may return,
and my trust shall be forever restored and my heart be forever healed.
Though pass we through this vale of darkness as our faith begins to fail,
yet the light will abide and guide us safely home now and forever more.

*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.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, creatures here below.
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
 Lord of all to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

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,
 Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
 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

f
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

6 *mf*
Christ our Pass - o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast.

11 *ff*
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

Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin 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

He that raised up Jesus from the dead

Carlton Russell

He that raised up Jesus from the dead
will also give life to our mortal bodies, by his spirit that dwelleth in us.
Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoiceth,
my flesh shall also rest in hope.
Thou shalt show me the path of life;
in thy presence is the fullness of joy,
at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore. Amen.

The congregation is invited to sing the Communion Hymns.

Communion Hymn 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College

Communion Hymn 602

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Chereponi

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 344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

Sicilian Mariners

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Voluntary

Finale Jubilante

Healey Willan

Please join us this afternoon for the Parish Picnic and Plant Swap at the church.

A Word from the Rector

Today at 4:00 pm, we welcome The Right Reverend Robert Skirving for a service of Holy Eucharist with Confirmation, Reception and Renewal. During this service we will be observing Rogation Sunday, which is a day 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. It will be a blessing to have our Bishop with us for this service. He will also be attending the Parish Picnic and Plant Swap which will follow. It is a day to celebrate new beginnings for some of us as well as a day of blessing and fellowship for the whole St. Paul's family. Casual picnic attire is encouraged. We hope to see you there.

An Update on the Capital Campaign

We are beginning to receive pledge commitments for the Faith in Action: Building our Future Capital Campaign. Thank you for your generosity and commitment during this exciting time in the life of St. Paul's. During the unveiling of the campaign a couple of weeks ago, we forgot to mention one important new addition to the church campus. Our plan includes the addition of a small restroom in the narthex. This will allow anyone who might need a restroom during a service easy access and discretion.

We hope that you will consider sending your commitment in by Pentecost Sunday, May 19. For more information about the particulars of the campaign, please visit our website at www.spechurch.com/capital-campaign.

Blessings,



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30 AM

Celebrant
The Reverend A. Michael Singer
Preacher
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee
Gospeller
The Reverend Catherine Powell
Verger
Leon Tillery
Eucharistic Ministers
Cheryl Wagoner
Scott Sheble
Carol Field
Altar Server
Jeffrey Hughes
Crucifers
Jeffrey Hughes
Cheryl Wagoner

Gospel Book Bearer
Scott Sheble
Torchbearers
Carol Field
Bennett Sanders-Park
Lectors
Sally Pope
Joan Rosko Miller
Intercessor
Cynthia Smallwood
Ushers
Bill & Paula Waterfield
Lynda Miller
Ron Morgan
Dianne Stansbury

Greeters
Cynthia Smallwood
Sue Stevenson
Flower Guild
Susan Butler
Altar Guild
Anne Freeling
Zona Tounsey
Sally Pope
Music Director, Organist
Brendan Conner
The Choir of St. Paul's

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
Suzanne Rutledge	Diane Billingslea
Teresa Gibbs	Aileen Sagce
Elise & Michael	Tiquan McMillian
Megan Looney	Rebecca Tousignant

The Departed

Gary Tanzella
Gae Green

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

This Sunday, May 5: The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)

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

Monday, May 6

1:00 pm Garden Club Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 7

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

Wednesday, May 8

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

Thursday, May 9: Ascension Day

8:30 am	GNP & St. Fiacre Garden Guild Meeting	Parish Hall
9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Online via Zoom
11:00 am	Rector's Bible Study ¹	Parish Hall
6:00 pm	Choral Evensong	Sanctuary

Friday, May 10

8:00 am	Mensgroup	Parish Hall
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Next Sunday, May 12: The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist (<i>Breakfast to follow in the Parish Hall</i>)	Sanctuary
9:15 am - 12 pm	Nursery open	Upstairs in Children's Wing
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	Upstairs in Children's Wing Downstairs in Room A Parish Hall
10:30 am	*Choral Eucharist	Mother's Day Brunch to follow in Parish Hall

*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)*

ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.

The Ascension of our Lord

Thursday, May 9, 2024
12:10 pm Holy Eucharist
6:00 pm Choral Evensong



LONDON, GREAT BRITAIN - SEPTEMBER 17, 2017: THE MOSAIC OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD IN CHURCH ST. BARNABAS BY BODLEY AND GARNER END OF 19. CENT.

SPRING AT ST. PAUL'S

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

following the 10:30 Choral Eucharist made by the Men of St. Paul's

Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost and Campaign Celebration

We would appreciate your campaign pledge by this day.

COMING UP AT ST. PAUL'S

Adult Faith Formation: Taste & See with Royster Hedgepeth

Amid the press of job, family, and social and personal obligations, how satisfied are you with the time and attention that you give to your spiritual growth and development?

Please join us for the following three Sundays as St. Paul's **9:30 AM** Adult Formation explores Taste and See, an interactive conversation about how you might strengthen and enrich your spiritual life.

Sunday, May 5: Presence.

How can you better be present with God, yourself, and your neighbor?

Sunday, May 12: Energy.

How can you nurture your inner life to sense and respond to the Holy Spirit's movement?

Sunday, May 19: Conversion of Life.

How do you know when, where, and how to change your spiritual practices, deepen your faith, and enrich your service?

June 6 - 9, 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

Music Art Movement

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

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

Age 3* - 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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