

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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

OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.

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Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, celebrating 166 years of service and worship in Wilmington.

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*Our worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
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Celebrant & Preacher
The Reverend A. Michael Singer

Altar Server & Lector
Louise Joyner

Greeter & Usher
Linda Colette

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Voluntary *Verset* Léon Boëllmann

Processional Hymn 557 *Rejoice, ye pure in heart!* Vineyard Haven

THE WORD OF GOD

The Acclamation and Response **BCP 355**

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.*

The Gloria *Glory be to God in heaven* Lauda Anima

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-10

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse-- who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

Beatus vir qui non abiit

John Stainer

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 6:17-26.**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.**The Sermon****The Reverend A. Michael Singer***Please stand.***The Apostles' Creed** *(sung together)*

Hyfrydol

1. 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.	2. 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.	3. 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.
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The Prayers of the People *(adapted from the Ormonde Plater Archive)***Celebrant:** Trusting in the Lord for every mercy, let us offer prayers for all our sisters and brothers in the church and the world who need mercy, saying Lord, have mercy.**Intercessor:** For the church of Jesus Christ throughout the world. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. James the Fisherman in Shallotte. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of Bangladesh. Let us pray to the Lord.**People:** *Lord, have mercy.***Intercessor:** For Rob our bishop, Sean our Presiding Bishop, the Clergy of St. Paul's, all who minister in Christ, and all the people of God. Let us pray to the Lord.**People:** *Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor: For those chosen to govern peoples and nations, and for the welfare of their people. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor: For all who suffer from any form of oppression, and for the poor and hungry. Let us pray to the Lord

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor: For all who are sick and troubled, especially *(the intercessor reads the names of those on the parish prayer list)*. We also pray for those who have died. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor: For ourselves, and for our families and all those we love. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Celebrant: God of every blessing, hear the prayers we offer you this day and plant your people like trees by water in the garden of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession of Sin

BCP 360

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 10 for the QR code.

Offertory Anthem

The Beatitudes

Richard Shepard

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues with a Proper Preface.

Sanctus and Benedictus S-128

Holy, holy, holy Lord

William Mathias

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

Then the Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer and the Words of Institution.

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.	Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,	but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.
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The Breaking of the Bread

Refrain (sung by all)

Taste and see

Lift Every Voice and Sing II

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness
of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and
see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. **Fine**

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

Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei S-164

Jesus, Lamb of God

Franz Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace. *organ*

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

Oculi omnium

Charles Wood

Oculi omnium in te sperant, Domine: et tu das escam illorum in tempore opportuno. Gloria tibi Domine, Amen

(English translation)

All eyes look to you, Lord: and you give them food in due time. Glory to you, Lord, Amen.

Communion Hymn 325

Let us break bread together on our knees

Let us break bread

Communion Hymn 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

(said together)

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 544

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Duke Street

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

March

Alfred Lefébure-Wély

VANCO ONLINE GIVING



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30AM

Celebrant and Preacher

The Reverend A. Michael Singer

Gospeller

The Reverend Kay Swindell

Vergers

Leon Tillery

Nathan Gaylord

Crucifers

Jeffrey Hughes

Royster Hedgepeth

Torchbearers

Bennett Sanders-Park

Evie Frederiksen

Gospel Book Bearer

Zoë Frederiksen

Eucharistic Ministers

Scott Sheble

Zoë Frederiksen

Royster Hedgepeth

Altar Server

Jeffrey Hughes

Lectors

Kathryn Hedgepeth

Missy Kennedy

Intercessor

Lisa Sanders-Park

Greeters

Aimée Salinas

Paula Waterfield

Ushers

Bill Petry

Jake Austin

Bryan McMurray

Rob Nipper

Al Cannon

Flower Guild

Marietta Dolman

Michele Ryan

Altar Guild

Carolyn Demorest

Dot Erway

Lynda Miller

A Word from the Rector

I am away this weekend through Wednesday in Charleston, SC.

Yesterday, I assisted at the funeral of the former Chancellor of the Diocese of South Carolina, Thomas Tisdale, Jr. Tom was instrumental to the life of the Diocese and was responsible (in large part) for the continuation of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina after the schism of 2012. His life and leadership formed me in my development as a church leader and I am grateful to have been asked to assist at his funeral.

Today, I am preaching at Grace Church Cathedral, returning the favor to Dean Wright who was with us just two weeks ago.

Monday through Wednesday, I am participating in continuing education with colleagues in ministry.

Although I always hate to miss Sundays at St. Paul's, I am grateful for this opportunity for remembrance, reconnection, and refreshment.

See you next Sunday.

Faithfully,

Caleb+

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

In Our Parish

Earl Craig	Renée Patrick
Alice Calder	Carroll Joines
Eileen Searle	Janet Dillon
Lloyd Olsen+	Bill Garmon
Tammy Pollock	Bob Crafts
Dale Curran	Katherine Ramsey
Lyle Sullivan	Richard & Barbara
JoAnn Summey	O'Rourke
John Efthemis	Bill Waterfield
Mack Umphlett	Lynda Miller
Ashley Eason	Mike Flinn
Sue Stevenson	Ron Miller

People Requesting Prayer

Tracy Sorrenti	The Beer Family
Rebecca Tousignant	Alida Babcock
Faye Briggs	Elise Harney
Doug Crafts	Steve Skardon
Aaron Harward	Catherine Alligood
Lisa Wilson	Maureen Brie Smith
Michelle Long	Amanda Ormiston
Lyla	Laura, Avery, and Ella
David Olsen	Cory Smith
Kelley Weissenborn	

The Departed

Irma Cardiello, Sib Vlahos

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

This Sunday, February 16

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

- 8:00am** Holy Eucharist (*Breakfast to follow in Parish Hall*)
9:15am-12pm Nursery open
9:30am Formation for All Ages
10:30am Choral Eucharist (*Reception to follow in Parish Hall*)
11:45am-12:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (*Music Suite*)
4:00pm-5:30pm Combined EYC (*Parish Hall*)

Tuesday, February 18

- 9:00am** Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)
9:00-11:30am Loblolly Garden Club Meeting
5:30pm COHI meeting (*Library*)
6:15-8:30pm EfM (*Parish Hall*)

Wednesday, February 19

- 12:10pm** Midweek Eucharist (*Lunch to follow in Parish Hall*)
7-8:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (*Parish Hall*)

Thursday, February 20

- 8:30am** GNP & St. Fiacre Meeting (*Parish Hall*)
9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)
11:00am Rector's Bible Study¹ (*Parish Hall*)

Friday, February 21

- 8:00am** Mensgroup
8:30-10:30am Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Outreach

Next Sunday, February 23

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

- 8:00am** Holy Eucharist (*Breakfast to follow in Parish Hall*)
9:15am - 12pm Nursery open
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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.

COMING UP AT ST. PAUL'S

Community of Hope International (COHI)

Circle of Care will meet on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 5:30 pm in the library. All those who have taken the COHI training are invited to attend.

Attention Lay Eucharistic Ministers

A review session will be held on March 9 & 16, in the chancel at @12:15, led by Dot Erway and Leon Tillery. You only need to attend one of these sessions, which will last around 45 minutes. E-mail your preference to Leon Tillery.

Parish Retreat 2025!

Where: Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores
When: Friday, August 29th-Sunday, August 31st
Who: St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Let us know of your interest.

Trinity Center, an unforgettable venue tucked between the sound and the sea, will host our retreat as in past years. Please join us for a few days of fellowship and spiritual, recreational and personal renewal. The cost for the weekend is approximately \$250 for adults and much less for children and youth.

We need to start figuring out who is planning on going so we can reserve space at Trinity Center. Be sure to mark your calendars and sign up at the link provided to reserve your spot.

<https://forms.gle/YJeH28QRBEeWj6HN9>

Save the Date: July 20-25, 2025

The Glory Ridge 2025 Youth Mission Experience

The Bishop is Coming this Spring

The Bishop is coming on Sunday, April 6 for a service of Confirmation, Reception, and Renewal. For youth and adults interested in Confirmation, Reception, or Renewal in the Episcopal Church please register online using the QR code below. You can also check the latest Enews for a link. If you have questions about what it means to be welcomed into the Episcopal Church by the bishop please contact Father Lee or Father Singer. There will be classes scheduled in Lent to prepare for the Bishop's visit.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caring for Caregiver Luncheon

Later this year St. Paul's is planning to hold a day of caring for caregivers, to honor and celebrate the tireless work family caregivers do. If you would like to help plan this event, you are asked to join Father Singer in the library on Sunday, March 23, at 10:45 am.

GriefShare

Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 5820 Myrtle Grove Road, Wilmington, will be hosting a spring 2025 grief-support-group series, the Christian based program, GriefShare. The program consists of 13 weeks of stand-alone sessions addressing the grief journey. The session will be offered on Sundays from 3-5 pm, beginning March 2 to about June 8, and they will take place at the church. Registration flyers are located on the table in the hallway between the church and parish hall. For additional information on this program, you are asked to contact Regina Cobb, 910-799-6347 or cobbr56@yahoo.com.

A WORD FROM ISAAC MCDOWELL

Fellow Parishioners of St. Paul's,

I am currently in a new place exploring and ministering in Soshanguve, a township located outside of Johannesburg, South Africa alongside my dad and grandfather. This opportunity arose after Luc Kabongo, a long time friend of my grandfathers and director of a global ministry called InnerCHANGE invited us to stay with him and his family. This is a trip that my dad, my grandfather, and I have talked about doing for a long time and it has finally come to fruition. InnerCHANGE is a ministry that focuses on living and serving incarnationally among impoverished communities worldwide. I look forward to learning more about InnerCHANGE and participating in ministry as well as exploring South Africa. I will return in late February and look forward to sharing my experiences with you.

Blessings,

Isaac McDowell

Associate for Youth and Parish Life

A Call for Lenten Reflections

This is the formal call for submissions for 2025 Lenten Reflections by the Family and Friends of St. Paul's. For those who have written reflections in the past, "THANK YOU!!" For those who have not, we hope that this will be the year that you join us. This will be the seventh annual edition of St. Paul's Lenten Reflections.

Here are the basic guidelines:

- 300 words maximum; there is no minimum.
- Don't worry about grammar and structure; we have great editors.
- If you send a reflection, and it is edited for other than minor grammatical changes, we will get in touch with you.
- We do not identify writers with their specific reflection; all writers are listed alphabetically at the end of the Reflections booklet and in the last email/electronic reflection.

Deadline for reflections is February 24.

YOU CAN BEGIN SUBMITTING REFLECTIONS NOW! Send to hs2consulting@aol.com.

This year's theme is *Mirror, Mirror*.

If you have questions or want guidance, please get in touch with Royster Hedgepeth, David Fredericksen, or Lisa Sanders-Park.

Lent is a season of reflection, of giving things up, of taking new directions. Your reflection just might be the one that sends someone in new directions or that supplies balm for a hurt.

There is no limit on the number of reflections you submit. Each one will get our full attention. So please don't wait.

Stewardship Update

Thank you, St. Paul's! Your Stewardship Team is grateful for your generous support of the Lamps Lit - Hearts on Fire campaign to fund St. Paul's in 2025. To date, we have received 151 pledges totaling over \$630,000. While we are grateful to have surpassed last year's final results, our goal for participation this year is 170 pledges.

The active phase of the 2025 Stewardship Campaign is officially over, but it is still possible to make a pledge. Last year 15 households pledged between January and June and those gifts made a big difference in what we could do in 2024.

Pledge forms are available at the front and side entrances to the church, or you may print one at <https://spechurch.com/annual-pledge-giving/>.

Even simpler, on the same page there is a link to submit your 2025 annual pledge form online. Reach out to Karen Day if you have questions.

As the new year unfolds, we wish you God's peace and, once again, thank you for supporting St. Paul's mission and ministries.

Lent is coming. Here is a sneak peak of unique offerings at St. Paul's.

A Simple Lent

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

5:30-7:00pm

All proceeds benefit our youth mission trip to Western, NC

Ash Wednesday

12:10pm - Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

6:00pm - Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Sundays in Lent

9:30am Formation for All Ages

Children's Sunday School (*Children's Wing*)

Youth - Coffee, Conversation, and Catechism (*Meeting Room A*)

All youth are encouraged to attend, but especially youth Confirmands

Adults - Habits in Simplicity (*Parish Hall*)

Wednesdays in Lent

6:00-7:00pm Wednesday Night Simple Soup Supper followed by Evening Prayer

with a homily from a layperson

Sunday, March 16

5:00pm Choral Evensong

with The Schola Cantorum of the Diocese of East Carolina

Sunday, March 23

5:00pm Choral Compline

Sunday, April 6

10:30am - Choral Eucharist *with Confirmation, Reception, and Renewal of Vows*

Bishop Rob Skirving to preside and preach

Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:30am Choral Eucharist

Wednesday

12:10pm Holy Eucharist

Followed by community lunch

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 the conference room for 6th grade and older.



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