

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

*OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.*

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

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### SERVICE PARTICIPANTS at 8:00 AM

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**Celebrant and Preacher**  
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee  
**Server and Lector**  
David Tousignant  
**Greeter and Usher**  
Tom Gerow

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## 10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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The hymns can be found in the blue 1982 Hymnal. Other hymns will be marked accordingly.  
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**Voluntary** *Solemn Prelude on a Theme of Thomas Tallis* Gerald Near

**Processional Hymn 671** *Amazing Grace* New Britain

### THE WORD OF GOD

**The Penitential Order** **BCP 351**

**Celebrant:** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People:** God's mercy endures forever.

### 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.*

**Celebrant:** Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying this, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.' - *Luke 18:9-14*

**The Confession of Sin and Absolution** **BCP 352**

**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*

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**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

### The First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

**Reader:** A Reading from the Book of Joshua.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 32

*Beati quorum*

John Stainer/Ludwig van Beethoven

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.  
You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.  
"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.  
Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."  
Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.  
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

### **The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

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

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **Gradual Hymn 603**

*When Christ was lifted from the earth*

St. Botolph

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32.**

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it,

and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

## The Nicene Creed *(Please stand)*

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

*Adapted from the Ormonde Plater Archive Year C*

**Celebrant:** Let us offer prayers to God who has made us a new creation in Christ saying,  
"Lord have mercy."

**Intercessor:** For the holy catholic church throughout the world, sharing in the death and resurrection of Christ. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Francis, Goldsboro & St. Augustine's, Kinston and in The Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. We pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** *Lord, have mercy.*

- Intercessor:** For Rob our bishop, Sean our presiding bishop, and for the clergy of St. Paul's and all who minister in Christ.  
We pray to you, O Lord.
- People:** *Lord, have mercy.*
- Intercessor:** For all who are preparing for confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation.  
We pray to you, O Lord.
- People:** *Lord, have mercy.*
- Intercessor:** For all the peoples of the earth and for their leaders. We pray for all military personnel and their families, at home and abroad.  
We pray to you, O Lord.
- People:** *Lord, have mercy.*
- Intercessor:** For all who are oppressed, sick, or afflicted, especially *(the intercessor reads the names of those in our parish who need our prayers)*. Are there others? *(Silence)* We pray to you, O Lord.
- People:** *Lord, have mercy.*
- Intercessor:** For our families, friends, companions, and all those we love. We pray that your loving presence enter into family situations that need reconciliation and healing.  
We pray to you, O Lord.
- People:** *Lord, have mercy.*
- Intercessor:** For the dying and the dead, especially Mary Bradley and Virginia Dubois. We pray to you, O Lord.
- People:** *Lord, have mercy.*
- Celebrant:** Blessed are you, God of the Israelites, who gives your people food and drink. Receive the prayers we offer this day and invite us to the feast of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

### The Lenten Collect *(said together)*

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### The Peace

- Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People:** And also with you.

### Announcements

#### Offertory Anthem

*O pray for the peace of Jerusalem* Herbert Howells

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.  
They shall prosper that love thee.  
Peace be within thy walls  
And plenteousness within thy palaces.

*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*

Rockingham

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**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. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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:

**Sanctus and Benedictus S114**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Healey Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

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**

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.

**Fraction Anthem**

*Paschal Victim, bread of life*

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

Musical notation for the first line of the Fraction Anthem. It consists of a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The lyrics are: Pas - chal vic - tim, bread of life, Giv - er of e - ter - nal peace,

Musical notation for the second line of the Fraction Anthem. It consists of a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The lyrics are: Christ for us is sac - ri - ficed; There - fore let us keep the feast. R. C. Donchue+

## The Prayer of Humble Access *(said together)*

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## Invitation to Communion

### Agnus Dei S 158

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

## Communion of the People

### Communion Anthem

*Panis Angelicus*

César Franck

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum; Dat panis cœlicus figuris terminum:  
O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum pauper, servus et humilis.  
Te trina Deitas unaque poscimus: Sic nos tu visita, sicut te colimus;  
Per tuas semitas duc nos quo tendimus, Ad lucem quam inhabitas. Amen.

*Thus Angels' Bread is made the Bread of man today: the Living Bread from heaven  
with figures dost away: O wondrous gift indeed! the poor and lowly may  
upon their Lord and Master feed.*

*Thee, therefore, we implore, O Godhead, One in Three, so may Thou visit us  
as we now worship Thee; and lead us on Thy way, That we at last may see  
the light wherein Thou dwellest aye. Amen.*

### Communion Hymn 448

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

Deus tuorum militum

### Communion Hymn 686

*Come thou fount of every blessing*

Nettleton

*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

BCP 366

*The people stand or kneel*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

### Processional Hymn 559

*Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us*

Dulce Carmen

## The Dismissal

**Celebrant:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

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**SERVICE PARTICIPANTS at 10:30 AM**


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**Celebrant**

The Reverend A. Michael Singer

**Preacher**

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

**Gospeller**

The Reverend Kay Swindell

**Vergers**

Dot Erway

Leon Tillery

**Altar Server**

Zoë Frederiksen

**Crucifers**

Zoë Frederiksen

Scott Sheble

**Gospel Book Bearer**

Ruth Gates

**Torchbearers**

Carol Field

Kate Anlyan

**Lectors**

Missy Kennedy

Teresa Singer

**Intercessor**

Carol Field

**Eucharistic Ministers**

John Fonda

Sue Sramek

Ruth Gates

**Ushers**

Norman Lasalle

Greg Kutrow

Jane Harkness

Kenny Harkness

Jay Stewart

**Greeters**

Maryelle Jones

Paula Waterfield

**Flower Guild**

All Members

**Altar Guild**

Barbara Banks

Barbara Bucci

Cathy Cherry

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**ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST**


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**In Our Parish**

Earl Craig

Alice Calder

Eileen Searle

Lloyd Olsen+

Tammy Pollock

Dale Curran

JoAnn Summey

John Efthemis

Mack Umphlett

Ashley Eason

Renée Patrick

Carroll Joines

Janet Dillon

Bill Garmon

Bob Crafts

Katherine Ramsey

Richard &amp; Barbara

O'Rourke

Suzanne Joyce &amp; Family

Kira Conner

Joyce Connelly

**People Requesting Prayer**

Tracy Sorrenti

Rebecca Tousignant

Faye Briggs

Ed Crafts

Aaron Harward

Lisa Wilson

Michelle Long

Shannon Lockamy

Suzanne Benton

Elise Harney

Catherine Alligood

Sloan Turner

Kirk Conyers

Robin Keene

Lucille Massamino

**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. 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

**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.

**The Departed**

Mary Bradley

Virginia Dubois

**Vanco Online Giving**

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## ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR

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### **This Sunday, March 30**

#### **The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**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*)

### **Monday, March 31**

**Parish Office Closed** (*Staff moving to Ormond Center*)

### **Tuesday, April 1**

**9:00am** Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

**6:15-8:30pm** EfM (*Parish Hall*)

### **Wednesday, April 2**

**12:10pm** Holy Eucharist (*Lunch to follow in Parish Hall*)

**6:00-7pm** Simple Supper and Evening Prayer with homily from David Fredriksen (*Parish Hall*)

**7:00-8:30pm** Adult Choir Rehearsal (*Parish Hall*)

### **Thursday, April 3**

**8:30am** GNP & St. Fiacre Meeting (*Parish Hall*)

**9:00am** Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

**11:00am** Rector's Bible Study<sup>1</sup> (*Parish Hall*)

### **Friday, April 4**

**8:00am** Mensgroup

### **Next Sunday, April 6**

#### **The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**8:00am** Holy Eucharist (*Breakfast to follow in Parish Hall*)

**9:15am - 12pm** Nursery open

**9:30am** Formation for All Ages

**9:30am** Time with the Bishop (*info TBD*)

**10:30am** Choral Eucharist with Confirmation, Reception, and Renewal (*Reception to follow in Parish Hall*)

**11:45am-12:30pm** Children's Choir Rehearsal (*Music Suite*)

**5:00pm** Choral Compline

<sup>1</sup>Join 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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## ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **The Bishop is Coming next Sunday**

The Bishop is coming on Sunday, April 6, for a service of Confirmation, Reception, and Renewal.

We look forward to this service and a special formation time with Bishop Skirving.

*Please note that the loose offering next Sunday will go towards the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.*

### **Hoggard High Spring Orchestra Concert**

Hoggard High School Orchestra presents their Spring Concert

Tuesday, April 8th, 7:00pm (*doors open at 6:30pm*)

### **Caring for Caregiver Luncheon**

There was a good and thoughtful response to our first gathering to discuss a day of Caring for Caregivers.

The next planning session will be April 13, 2025 in the library at 11:50am.

### **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.**

The cost for the weekend is approximately \$250 for adults & much less for children and youth.

We need to get a head count to reserve space. Be sure to mark your calendars and sign up at the link provided to reserve your spot.

<https://forms.gle/YJeH28QRBEeWj6HN9>



### Easter Flowers & Music Gift Form 2025

You are invited to honor or remember loved ones with the gift of flowers and music for our Easter services. Forms are located at both church entrances, and can be put in the offering plate, emailed to [admin@spechurch.com](mailto:admin@spechurch.com), or dropped off at the church office.

*You can also donate Easter flowers and music using the Vanco service on our website by scanning the Vanco QR code on page 11.*

**Deadline is Monday, April 14, 2025.**

## Save the Dates!

### Parish Picnic

May 4, 2025

Long Leaf Park - More info to follow

### 2nd Annual St. Paul's Yard Sale

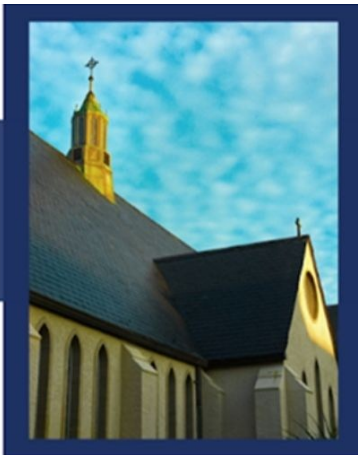
June 5-7, 2025

### Summer Arts Camp

June 23-27, 2025

### Glory Ridge 2025

July 20-25, 2025

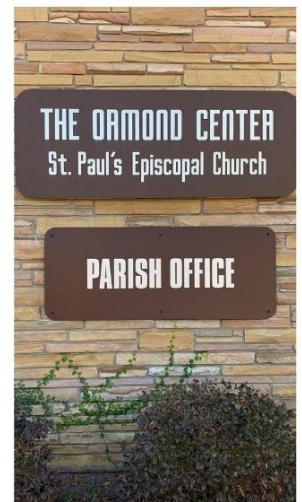


## A "SIGN" OF THE TIMES

Faith in Action: Building Our Future  
A Capital Campaign to  
Renew & Restore St. Paul's

We have been steadily working towards our goal of renewing and restoring St. Paul's. The most current "sign" of our progress is the sign at the Ormond Center which signifies where our new administrative offices will soon be. When the renovations begin we want our church staff settled in their new offices. Plans are in place to move there on March 31, 2025.

The Capital Campaign continues! We are currently at \$2.1 million of our \$2.5 million goal of Phases 1 and 2. For more information or to give, please go to <https://spechurch.com/capital-campaign/>





## 2025 Easter Basket Ministry

Thank you St. Paul's!

All 60 Easter baskets for local children in foster care have been sponsored.

Please remember to wrap your basket with cellophane, add the tag with the age range and gender, and turn in your filled basket by TODAY 3/30 to the parish hall.

Baskets will be delivered the week of 3/31 to the Foster Pantry. If you have any questions, please contact Cecelia Peers or Michael Jonik.

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## Thank you from Father Singer

A special thank you to the adult volunteers who helped Father Singer with pretzel making on March 16 with children and adults from Sunday School.

*A few have asked for the pretzel recipe:*

### Soft Pretzel Recipe

1 cake yeast dissolved into 1½ cups warm water

Add 1 teaspoon salt and 1 Tablespoon sugar

Blend in 4 cups of flour

Knead dough until smooth (best to let the yeast work by covering the dough for 45 minutes)

Cut into small pieces

Roll into ropes and twist into desired shape

Place on well-greased cookie sheet

Brush pretzel with beaten egg and sprinkle with coarse salt

Bake at 425 degrees for 12 - 15 minutes

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# EASTER EGGS & CANDY

Please consider donating (filled) plastic eggs or bags of individually wrapped candy for our Annual Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.

Place donations in the labeled bins at either entrance any Sunday starting March 23rd .  
Collection will end on Palm Sunday. Thank you for supporting our Children & Youth!

POSSIBLE FILLER IDEAS INCLUDE: SMALL CANDY, STICKERS, COINS, LITTLE TOYS, BIBLE VERSES, ETC!

CHOCOLATE TENDS TO MELT OUTSIDE SO AVOID IF POSSIBLE! THANK YOU!



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## A SIMPLE LENT

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### 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*

Want to bring soup or salad? Sign up on the front page of our website.

### Sunday, April 6

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

*Bishop Rob Skirving to preside and preach*

**5:00pm** Choral Compline

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### Sundays

**8:00am** Holy Eucharist

*Followed by breakfast*

**10:30am** Choral Eucharist

*Followed by reception*

### Wednesdays

**12:10pm** Holy Eucharist

*Followed by community lunch*

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ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & ST. ANDREW'S ON-THE-SOUND

# SUMMER ARTS CAMP

**JUNE  
23-27**

**9:00 AM-  
12:00 PM**

AGE 4  
THROUGH  
RISING 5TH  
GRADE



ART  
MUSIC  
MOVEMENT  
SNACK

Don't wait. Spaces are limited. Signup at [www.spechurch.com](http://www.spechurch.com)

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## ST. PAUL'S WELCOMES YOU

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**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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## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### Clergy and Staff

The Right Reverend Robert Skirving, Bishop

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee, Rector

The Reverend A. Michael Singer, Pastoral Associate

Brendan Conner, Organist and Director of Music

Lynne Rooks, Finance Manager

Jeanne Fitzpatrick, Church Administrator

Meaghan Thomas, Children's Ministry Coordinator

Isaac McDowell, Associate for Youth and Parish Life

Christian Bridges, Sunday Sexton

### St. Paul's 2025 Vestry

Carol Field, Rector's Warden

Steve Haughey, People's Warden

Anne O'Dell, Clerk

Scott Sheble, Treasurer

Barbara Ellington Banks | Steve Bucci | Tori Cannon | Karen Day | Cecelia Peers

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