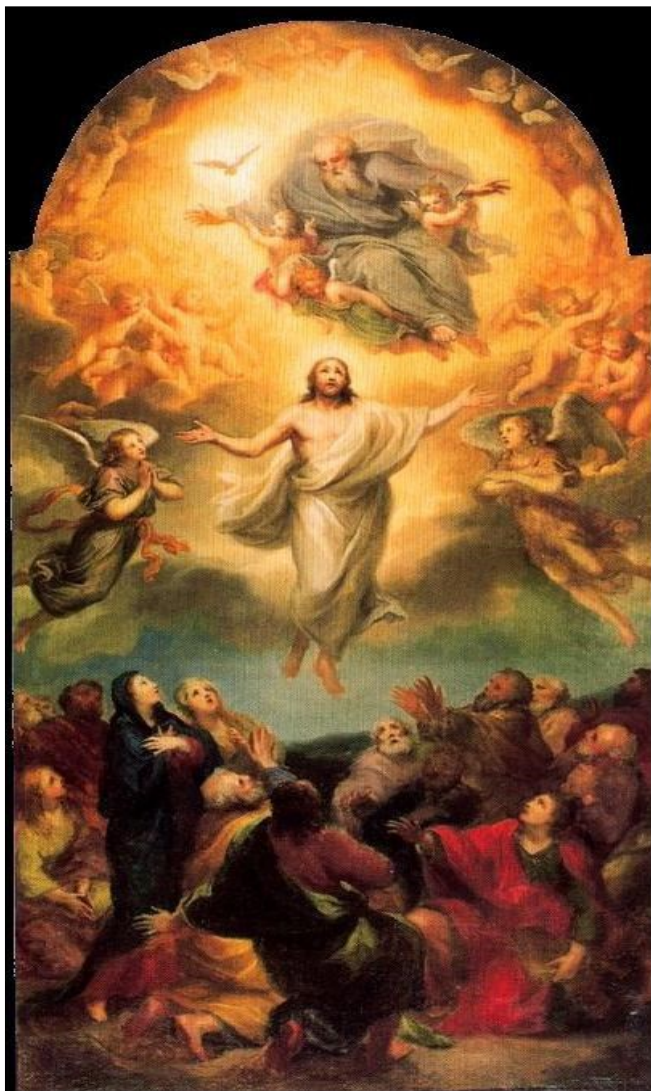


ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025

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

OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, celebrating 166 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 & Preacher
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Altar Server & Intercessor
Herb Gant

Greeter & Usher
Mona Clites

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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. Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.

Voluntary *Andante Sostenuto* Charles-Marie Widor

Processional Hymn 494 *Crown him with many crowns* Diademata

The Opening 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 *(music on p. 10)* *Glory to God* St. Thomas Mass

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97

Dominus regnavit

John Goss

The LORD is King;
let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.
The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.
Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.
Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O LORD.
For you are the LORD,
most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.
The LORD loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

The Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Reader: A Reading from the Revelation to John.

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words: "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 215

See the Conqueror mounts in triumph

In Babilone

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 17:20-26.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Please stand.

The Apostles Creed *(sung together)*

Hymn to Joy

We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being
All created things began.
We believe in Christ the Savior,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
He descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen,
Heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
One in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Savior, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.

Prayers of the People *(Adapted from David Adams' Radiance of His Glory)*

Celebrant: Lord, as we come before you, grant us a glimpse of your glory, praying "Lord of glory, change us and we shall be changed."

Intercessor: Mighty God, as we come before your glory, fill us with your Spirit, renew our vision, restore our faith, refresh your church. Lord, we pray that the whole world may wait upon you and show the gifts of the Spirit. We pray for Rob our bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and the clergy of St. Paul's. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Mary's, Kinston and the Upper Cape Fear Deanery. In our Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Korea. Lord of glory, change us

People: and we shall be changed.

Intercessor: We pray for the leaders of the nations, that they may serve with integrity and justice, that they may be aware that their gifts and power come from you. We pray for world unity and peace; that the kingdoms of the world would become the kingdom of Christ our Lord. Lord of glory, change us

People: and we shall be changed.

Intercessor: Lord, grant that in our homes we may learn to wait upon you, make us sensitive to each other and our needs; as you give us gifts, may we freely share them with others. Lord, teach us all to be gracious and generous. Lord of glory, change us

People: and we shall be changed.

Intercessor: Lord, may the glory of your presence transform our lives. When we are uninspired, may we discover your Spirit in our lives. We bring before you all who are down or distressed, all who are weak and discouraged, for your uplifting, O God. We pray for friends and loved ones who are struggling at this time, who are ill or weary, especially *(the intercessor reads the names of those in our parish who need our prayers)*. Are there others? *(Silence)* Lord of glory, change us

People: and we shall be changed.

Intercessor: We give thanks that when we face death we have hope; you renew us by your spirit and restore us in your love. We pray for all who have passed through death and rejoice in life eternal. Lord of glory, change us

People: and we shall be changed.

Celebrant: Almighty Father, who through your great love raised your Son into glory, help us to know we are not alone, to know we dwell in you and you in us, to know that the ascended Lord is with us always, and that your Spirit comes to guide and strengthen us. We ask this in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. If you would like to give electronically, please turn to page 12 for the QR code.

Offertory Anthem

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Jack Burnam

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call
for songs of loudest praise. I am
bound for the kingdom, will you go
to glory with me? Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord!

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger, inter-
posed his precious blood. I am
bound for the kingdom, will you go
to glory with me? Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord!

O to grace how great a debtor daily
I'm constrained to be; Let thy good-
ness, like a fetter, bind my wander-
ing heart to thee. I am bound for
the kingdom, will you go to glory
with me? Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Praise God all creatures here below.
 Praise God above ye heavenly hosts,
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Risen, Ascended, Glorified!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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

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.

During the season of Easter the people are invited to remain standing.

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

Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover

David Thorne
(arr. Nigel Potts)

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

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

ff
Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia.

Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

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.

The 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

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Karen Lafferty

Text found in the Hymnal #711

The congregation is invited to join in singing the Communion Hymns.

Communion Hymn 318

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

Nyack

Communion Hymn 451

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

Miles Lane

The Post Communion Prayer *(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 people stand.

The Blessing

Processional Hymn

Rejoice! The Lord is King

Darwall's 148th

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!	2 Jesus, the Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love; When He has purged our stains, He took his seat above; Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!	3 His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n: Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!	4 Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come And take His servants up To their eternal home: Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
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The Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of the ascended Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Voluntary

Fanfare

William Mathias

Moderato *ff*

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

f

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

f

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

f

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

mf

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

f

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.

f

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

ff

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

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant & Preacher

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Deacon

The Reverend Deacon Kay Swindell

Assisting

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Leon Tillery

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Sue Sramek

Mary Jeffreys Nipper

Altar Server

Mary Jeffreys Nipper

Crucifers

Mary Jeffreys Nipper

Nathan Gaylord

Gospel Book Bearer

Charlie Nipper

Torchbearers

Kate Anlyan

Amelia Thomas

Lectors

Lindsay Joines

Barbara Bucci

Intercessor

Cynthia Smallwood

Greeters

Midge Silberman

Paula Waterfield

Ushers

Owen Aylesworth

Pete Hoff

Jane Harkness

Kenny Harkness

Jay Stewart

Altar Guild

Anne Freeling

Sally Pope

Zona Tounsley

Flower Guild

Brian Sanders-Park

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

In Our Parish

Earl Craig

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Dale Curran

JoAnn Summey

John Efthemis

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Amber Austin

Cheryle Wade

Reneé Patrick

Carroll Joines

Janet Dillon

Bill Garmon

Katherine Ramsey

Richard & Barbara

O'Rourke

Marie Ashworth

Nancy Bobo

Jeffrey Sackrison

Kathy McElroy

Dawn Wilson

People Requesting Prayer

Tracy Sorrenti

Faye Briggs

Doug Crafts

Aaron Harward

Lisa Wilson

Amanda Orniston

Tom Alderdice

Ed Crafts

The People of Sudan

Mark Poe

Elise Harney

Whitney

Lucille Massemينو

Brandon Adkins

Santiago Pacheco

Rayliene, Sherry, & Ryan

Stanfield

Danny Wagstaff

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**.

ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR

This Sunday, June 1

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

9:15am - 12pm Nursery open

9:30am— Adult Faith Formation

10:30am Choral Eucharist (*followed by light Reception in the Parish Hall*)

11:45am St. Paul's Church Tour (*first Sunday of each month*)

Tuesday, June 3

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

6:00pm-9:00pm EFM (*Parish Hall*)

Wednesday, June 4

12:10pm Holy Eucharist

Thursday, June 5

8:00am-4:30pm St. Paul's Yard Sale

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

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

11:00am NO Rector's Bible Study¹

Friday, June 6

8:00am Mensgroup (*Library*)

8:00am-4:30pm St. Paul's Yard Sale

Saturday, June 7

8:00am-4:30pm St. Paul's Yard Sale

Next Sunday, June 8

The Feast of Pentecost

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

9:15am - 12pm Nursery open

9:30am Adult Faith Formation

10:30am Choral Eucharist (*followed by light Reception in the Parish Hall*)

¹Join Fr. Lee in the Parish Hall for a look at the upcoming readings from our Sunday lectionary. Bring your lunch, your perspective, and your Bible.

From the Archives: A Church Walk

Today after the 10:30 am service we'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.

VANCO ONLINE GIVING



OPPORTUNITIES TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS

The Blessing Box Ministry

We have a big need for food right now!

The cupboard is almost bare. It has not been this low in a very long time. We need food that can be eaten "on the go" without preparation.

Cans with pull tops, paper packaging, protein bars. The Blessing Box team continues to be grateful for everyone's generosity.

Blessings, The BBox Team.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Annual Yard Sale 2025

Dates & Hours:

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM each day
Thursday, Friday and Saturday
June 5-7, 2025

Location: Parish Hall & Parking Lot

**TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY FOR
DONATIONS!**



Youth Week 2025 is happening June 9th - 12th!

Join us for **some or all** of the super fun events happening for St. Paul's Youth Week Summer 2025.

Monday: Kayak Tour to Shark Tooth Island

Tuesday: Wilmington N Color Tour

Wednesday: Jungle Rapids

Thursday: Sharks Baseball Game (Parish Event)

*See Isaac McDowell to get signed up
for the events you want to attend.*

There are also sign-up links in our St. Paul's E-News and SPEC Youth E-news.



Mark your calendar!

Wednesday, June 18, 2025 | 6:00pm-8:00pm

Father Lee in Concert @ Bowstring & Burgers Brewery

Benefit Concert for St. Paul's 2025 Youth Mission Trip

Helping Hands Ministries

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve...We thank you, Lord.

St. Paul's Helping Hands ministry provides a source of care and compassion to those who are bereaved. This outpouring of comfort often takes the form of providing a reception after the funeral.

Whether you enjoy spending time in your kitchen or prefer the pick up and pay aisle of your favorite grocery store, these receptions provide a way for you to offer a tangible sign of love to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

If you'd like to know more, please contact Kathryn Hedgepeth for ways you can serve in this ministry.



Please see Meaghan or Isaac after church in the Parish Hall to purchase tickets!



It's time to secure your child's spot at St. Paul's Summer Arts Camp!

This year we are partnering with St. Andrew's On-the-Sound to bring a fun filled week of creativity and engagement all while learning about letting your light shine!

Camp will be held at St. Paul's June 23-27 from 9:00am-12:00pm daily. We will have separate sessions for Age 4 - Rising 1st Grade and Rising 2nd - Rising 5th Grade like last year.

Please go to www.spechurch.com to sign up!

Glory Ridge July 20-25, 2025

Glory Ridge began almost fifty years ago when a young pastor named George Moore had a vision on a mountain ridge outside of Marshall, NC. In his vision he heard children laughing and playing, singing and worshipping. Since that vision long ago, Glory Ridge has developed into a place where young people and those who accompany them, can go to "make work worship."



During the course of a week, young people have the privilege to call Glory Ridge home while they serve the residents of Madison County. Young people go out in teams to approved home sites to help specific people and families with home repair. The teams then come back to "the Ridge" to process the day and worship. Glory Ridge has transformed many lives over the years. *Get your kids signed up for this event as soon as possible!*

November is National Family Caregiver Month



St. Paul's
Episcopal Church

It is a time to recognize and honor the countless individuals who provide wonderful love, support, and care to their family members, friends, and neighbors facing health challenges. This month aims to raise awareness about caregivers' daily challenges and their resilience. It can be a source of support by reminding them that caring for others starts with caring for themselves.

Want to get involved?

CONTACT FR. SINGER



email:
pastoral-care@spechurch.com

Planning St. Paul's Day for Caregivers

Mark your calendar for June 22, 2025

On Sunday, June 22, 2025, at 11:45 am a group who is helping in the planning of this day will meet in the library. If you would like to be involved with the planning of this day and possibly assist the day of the event, you are invited to attend.

Day for Caregivers Event

Mark your calendar for November 8, 2025.

On Saturday, November 8, 2025, St. Paul's is offering a Day for Caregivers, a day of fellowship, relaxing and fun activities, and a meal to help caregivers enjoy a time away from the pressures and anxiety of caregiving.

If you have any questions, please contact Father Singer

Email: [pastoral-care @spechurch.com](mailto:pastoral-care@spechurch.com) or call 252-268-1981

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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