

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 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 167 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

Gospeller
The Reverend Deacon
James Green

Greeter & Usher
Shar Day

Altar Server & Reader
Herb Gant

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

Voluntary

Berceuse, Op. 77, No. 3

Alexandre Guilmant

Processional Hymn 559

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Dulce Carmen

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation & Response

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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 S-280

Gloria in excelsis

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people of Israel, "The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

Richard Farrant

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

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

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you, we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 660

O Master, let me walk with thee

Maryton

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 10:25-37.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

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 Form IV in the Book of Common Prayer)*

BCP 388

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Rob, our bishop and Sean, our presiding bishop and for all the clergy and people in this gathering. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ Church, New Bern. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of North India (United). *(Silence)*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for all who serve our country at home or abroad, especially Andrew Deierlein. *(Silence)*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *(Silence)*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us. *(Silence)*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially, *(the intercessor reads the names of our parish members)*. We pray for all victims of natural disasters and those who work to help them. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *(Silence)*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *(Silence)*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

Deacon: 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 & Announcements

Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. Today's loose offering will go to support the Rector's Discretionary Fund. If you would like to give electronically, please turn to page 12 for the QR code.

Offertory Anthem

Teach me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes,
and I will keep them unto the end,

Presentation Hymn 432, vs 4

O praise ye the Lord!

Laudate Dominum

O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured
all ages along!
For love in creation,
for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

BCP 367

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

Mathias

Ho - ly, 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.

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Memorial Acclamation:

All: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

One bread, one body

One Bread, One Body

From Lift Every Voice and Sing II

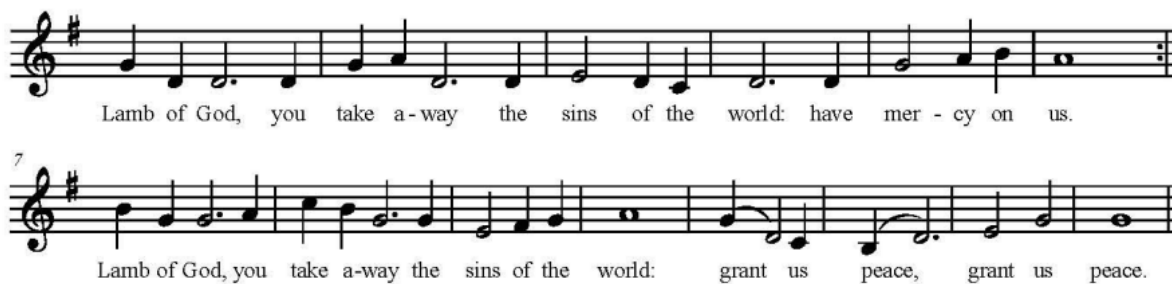
One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all,
one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And we, though man y,
through out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

Senchur



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

Bread of the World

John Abdenour

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
by Whom the words of life were spoken, and in Whose death our sins are dead.
Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be Thy feast to us the token, that by Thy grace our souls are fed.

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

Communion Hymn 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

Communion Hymn 602

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Chereponi

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 Blessing

Processional Hymn 657

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Minuetto, Op. 77, No. 4

Alexandre Guilmant

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant

The Reverend A. Michael Singer

Preacher

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Deacon

The Reverend Deacon James Green

Verger

Leon Tillery

Eucharistic Ministers

Louise Joyner

Carol Field

Dot Erway

Altar Server

Bennett Sanders-Park

Crucifers

Bennett Sanders-Park

Louise Joyner

Gospel Book Bearer

Izzy Lee

Torchbearers

Amelia Thomas

Jack Aylesworth

Lectors

Elisabeth Sanders-Park

Joan Rosko Miller

Intercessor

Sally Pope

Greeters

Martha Silberman

Ruth Gates

Ushers

Doug Donald

Jake Austin

Greg Knepper

Owen Aylesworth

Ernest Patrick

Altar Guild

Amber Austin

Gail Gallaher

Leon Tillery

Flower Guild

Lynda Miller

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

In Our Parish

Earl Craig

Alice Calder

Eileen Searle

Lloyd Olsen+

Tammy Pollock

Dale Curran

JoAnn Summey

John Efthemis

Mack Umphlett

Ashley Eason

Reneé Patrick

Susan Bowers

Lon Anderson

Lois Moore

Carroll Joines

Janet Dillon

Bill Garmon

Katherine Ramsey

Richard & Barbara

O'Rourke

Nancy Bobo

Jeffrey Sackrison

Kathy McElroy

Brandon Adkins

Anna Bodily

Jerry West

Jane Carey

People Requesting Prayer

Aaron Harward

Lisa Wilson

Elise Harney

Mark Poe

Tracy Sorrenti

Whitney

Debbie

Lucille Massemينو

McKenna

Danny Wagstaff

Titus & Finley

Jennifer Bakker

Doug & Ed Crafts

Marie Greene

Neil Bucci

Paul DeSilva

Jason Gerganus

Military Personnel

Andrew Deierlein

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**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Are you called to serve at St. Paul's? There are so many ways to bring your gifts to our parish!

Vestry Vacancy

The vestry intends to fill a member vacancy (Class of 2026) due to the resignation of one of its members because of relocation. The term will be for 1.5 years with the possibility of renewing for a full 3-year term. Per St. Paul's Bylaws Section 5.4, the Vestry invites suggestions of possible candidates to be sent to the Clerk of the Vestry, Anne O'Dell, by **Sunday, August 3, 2025 at 5 pm**. The clerk's email address is asb3080@gmail.com.

Ministry Spotlight : St. Fiacre Garden Guild

Join the St. Fiacre Garden Guild!

Do you have a green thumb—or simply a heart for God's creation? Our St. Fiacre Garden Guild is seeking volunteers to help maintain and beautify the church grounds. Named for St. Fiacre, the seventh-century Irish monk and patron saint of gardeners, this ministry cares for our landscaping through activities like fertilizing, transplanting, trimming, mulching, and more.

What We Do:

- Regular care of flower beds, shrubs, and trees
- Planting seasonal flowers and herbs
- Soil preparation, fertilizing, weeding, pruning, and mulch work
- Transplanting and upkeep to keep our campus vibrant and welcoming

This is **big work**—quite literally! Our beautiful gardens flourish only with many hands joining together in fellowship and purpose. Whether you can spare an hour or several, your service will make a meaningful difference.

When & Where:

- We meet on weekly on Thursdays in the Parish Hall at 8:30 am

Why Join:

- Serve both God and the community through stewardship of creation
- Gather in friendship and shared purpose

Interested?

Please contact Patt Scherer at pscherer8@aol.com. All ages and skill levels are welcome—training and guidance are provided. Come be a part of this growing ministry and help nurture both our gardens and our spirits!

St. Fiacre Garden Guild



Beautifying the grounds of
St. Paul's Episcopal Church



ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR

This Sunday, July 13

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

9:15am - 12pm Nursery open

9:30am Adult Faith Formation (*Summer History Series*)

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

Tuesday, July 15

7:30am Companions in Faith Book Club (*Zoom*)

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

Wednesday, July 16

12:10pm Holy Eucharist

Thursday, July 17

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

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

11:00am Rector's Bible Study¹ (*Parish Hall*)

Friday, July 18

8:00am Men's Group (*Library*)

8:30-10:30am Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Packing (*MHC*)

Saturday, July 19

10am-2pm Crafters' Meetup (*Parish Hall*)

Next Sunday, July 20

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

8:00am Glory Ridge Mission Team Blessing and send off

9:15am - 12pm Nursery open

9:30am Adult Faith Formation (*Summer History Series*)

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.

Office Volunteers Needed

We have moved to the Ormond Center and continue to need volunteers to function as receptionists in the church building. The volunteer will sit in the "old" office, answer phones and buzz people in. Would you be willing to help? Click on the QR code to view the calendar and to sign up. Thank you!



VANCO ONLINE GIVING



OPPORTUNITIES TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS

The Blessing Box Ministry

We are grateful for your ongoing generosity. For the summer we are expanding our request for donations to include T-SHIRTS.

Also-

For canned food items please donate:
pull top cans only.

Thank you! The Blessing Box Team.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Diaper Bank of Lower Cape Fear

Drive for Diapers

The Diaper Bank of Lower Cape Fear, located just down the street from St. Paul's at 915 S. 16th Street, does some amazing things from such a tiny building! They are a local non-profit organization working to distribute diapers, period products and adult incontinence products to families in need.

In 2024 they supplied over 400,000 diapers, 110,000 adult incontinence items and 119,000 period products. The Diaper Bank conducts drives and offers the opportunity for groups to do packings.

St. Paul's plans to partner with them this year!

Stay tuned as we plan a "drive for diapers" coming up later this summer. We will collect products, accept cash donations, and offer direct contact with Amazon, allowing shipments to the Diaper Bank facility.

Weekly Companions in Faith Book Club

We are a group of people who gather to support each other on our faith journey. We decide on books and movies that spark meaningful discussions. Personal reflection and sharing help deepen our relationship with God and community. Depending on the length of the book selected, a chapter or two is read each week. We meet via Zoom on **Tuesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30am**. For more information and to participate, please contact Judy Breny at (716) 908-2169 or Joan Rosko Miller at (910) 398-0301. We welcome all.



Contact Sally Pope for more information!

sapope@nc.rr.com



Glory Ridge Youth Mission Trip July 20-25, 2025

To our congregation, please be in prayer for our leaders, youth, and all who are attending the Youth Mission Retreat. We are requesting prayer for travel mercies and safety during our week. We ask your prayers that we are bold to share our faith and the love of Christ in all we do throughout this trip.

FAITH FORMATION

SUMMER HISTORY SERIES FROM THE ARCHIVES

THE ARTS OF FAITH AND TRADITION

WHEN/WHERE

SUNDAYS, 9:30 AM
JUNE 29-JULY 27
PARISH HALL

WHO

LED BY ST. PAUL'S ARCHIVIST
ELLEN WEIG

WHAT

JUNE 29: ST. PAUL'S CHURCHES:

Architectural Visions, History, and Stories

JULY 6: CHANGING LANDSCAPES:

Outside, Inside, and All Around

JULY 13: MUSIC AND LIGHT:

Organ Notes and Stained Glass Journeys

JULY 20: MEMORIALS AND MEMORIES:

Gifts of Heritage, Legacy, and Remembrance

JULY 27: SYMBOLS AND IMAGES:

Visual Metaphors of Our Faith and Tradition

Sunflowers and Ukraine

The sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine. Those bright, happy blooms, always turning to face the sun, seem ideal symbols for the beleaguered but undaunted people of Ukraine.

In 2022 we made available prayer cards and packets of sunflower seeds for you to take home and plant in your garden. As you began to see their growth, you were asked to remember the people of Ukraine and the ongoing war in that country following the invasion of Russia. Three years have gone by and yet Russia is still at war with Ukraine.

Today we have packets of sunflower seeds and prayer cards available for you to take home, and again plant in your garden. The sunflowers will again be a constant reminder to you and others of the suffering faced by the people of Ukraine, and of all countries of the world still at war.

As your sunflowers bloom this summer, I encourage you to post photos of them on your favorite social media apps letting people of Ukraine and others at war know they are not forgotten.

Grow some sunflowers this summer. Plant them with your children, grandchildren, and neighbor children, telling them why, this year especially, sunflowers are symbols of hope.





Students and educators of all ages are invited to bring their backpack or bookbag for a blessing!

Inspired by Episcopal Tradition, our parish offers this blessing each year to support our students and educators at the beginning of the school year. Join us to receive a prayer of blessing for you and your tools as you begin a new year of growth. We'll offer special prayers for wisdom, peace, and God's guidance over your backpack, bookbag, briefcase, laptop bag, or any carrier of your learning tools.

Whether carrying textbooks or computers, supplies or toolkits, we welcome *all* ages—child, teen, adult, and lifelong learner—to participate. Don't miss this meaningful way to mark the start of the school year with prayer and community!

If you'd like to invite a friend, bring an instrument of learning, or simply be part of the support, we'd love to see you there.

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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