

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 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
The Reverend A. Michael Singer

Gospeller & Preacher
The Reverend Deacon
James Green

Greeter & Usher
Linda Collette

Altar Server & Reader
Louise Joyner

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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

Sarabande

Gerald Near

Processional Hymn 435

At the name of Jesus

King's Weston

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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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: Genesis 18:1-10a

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

Domine, quis habitabit?

John Goss

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

The Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

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

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Liebster Jesu

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 10:38-42.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Deacon James Green

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 V in the Book of Common Prayer)*

BCP 389

Celebrant: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Intercessor: For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor: For Rob, our bishop, for Sean, our presiding bishop, for all bishops and other ministers. For St. John's, Wilmington and for St. Joseph's, Fayetteville, in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. For the Church of Pakistan (United) in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer and for all the holy people of God in this congregation and everywhere, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor: For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth. We pray for our young people and adults who are accompanying them in their work at Glory Ridge this week, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor: For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor: For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, especially, *(the intercessor reads the name of our parish members)*; Are there others? For refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor: For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor: For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

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. If you would like to give electronically, please turn to page 13 for the QR code.

Offertory Anthem

Make me a channel of your peace

Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of your peace; where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord; and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Chorus

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace; where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light; And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Chorus

Make me a channel of your peace; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive; and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Chorus

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



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.

Fraction Anthem

One bread, one body

One Bread, One Body

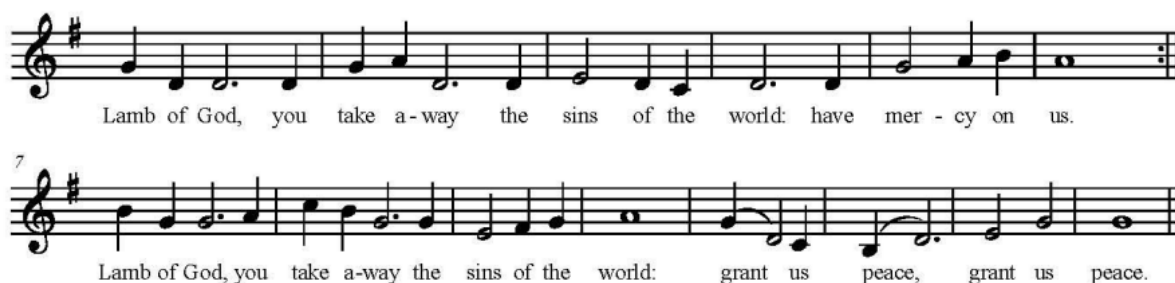
From Lift Every Voice and Sing II

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

A Song of Wisdom

Charles Villiers Stanford

(Hayley Jones, Catriona MacLean, Isabel Roman, Anneliese Vass)

I came forth from the mouth of the most high, and covered the earth as a mist; I dwelt in high places, and my throne is in the pillar of the cloud. Alone I compassed the circuit of heav'n, and walked in the depth of the abyss in the waves of the sea and in all the earth in every people and nation, I got a possession; with all these I sought rest: And I took root in a people that was glorified, in the portion of the Lord's own inheritance. I was exalted like a cedar in Libanus, and as a cypress on the mountains of Hermon: I was exalted like a palm tree on the sea shore, and as a fair olive tree in the plain. And my branches are branches of glory and grace, and my flow'rs are the fruit of glory and riches. Come unto me, ye that are desirous of me and be ye filled with my fruits. And I came out as a stream from a river, I said I will water my garden, and will water abundantly my garden bed, and lo, my stream became a river and my river became the sea, for my thoughts are filled from the sea and my counsels from the great deep.

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

Communion Hymn 314

Humbly I adore thee,

Adoro devote

Communion Hymn

What a friend we have in Jesus

Converse

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en Cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - ledge to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 We should ne - ver be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sa - vior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in Prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in Prayer.

All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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 344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

Sicilian Mariners

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Tuba Tune

C.S. Lang

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant

The Reverend A. Michael Singer

Deacon & Preacher

The Reverend Deacon James Green

Verger

Nathan Gaylord

Eucharistic Ministers

Carol Field

Sue Sramek

Royster Hedgepeth

Altar Server

Scott Sheble

Crucifers

Scott Sheble

Royster Hedgepeth

Gospel Book Bearer

Carol Field

Lectors

Cynthia Smallwood

Barbara Bucci

Intercessor

Kathryn Hedgepeth

Greeters

Martha Silberman

Cynthia Smallwood

Ushers

Dot Erway

Merrilie Crafts

Bill Richards

David Fowle

Don Bobo

Altar Guild

Barbara Banks

Barbara Bucci

Cathy Cherry

Flower Guild

Beth Richards

Michele Ryan

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

Carroll Joines

Janet Dillon

Bill Garmon

Katherine Ramsey

Richard & Barbara

O'Rourke

Nancy Bobo

Jeffrey Sackrison

Kathy McElroy

Brandon Adkins

Anna Bodily

Jane Carey

Lois Moore

People Requesting Prayer

Aaron Harward

Lisa Wilson

Elise Harney

Mark Poe

Tracy Sorrenti

Whitney

Debbie

Lucille Massemينو

McKenna

Riley Temple

Danny Wagstaff

Titus & Finley

Jennifer Bakker

Doug & Ed Crafts

Marie Greene

Neil Bucci

Paul DeSilva

John Ablard

Ric Ablard

Kirk Conyers

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**.

Military Personnel

Andrew Deierlein

Departed

Jason Gerganus

ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR

This Sunday, July 20

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

8:00am Glory Ridge Mission Trip Blessing & Commission

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 22

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

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

Wednesday, July 23

12:10pm Holy Eucharist

Thursday, July 24

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

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

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

Friday, July 25

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

Next Sunday, July 27

The Seventh 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*)

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

A Word from the Rector

8 youth and 6 adults from St. Paul's are on their way to Glory Ridge this morning for a week of worship, hard work, and loving our neighbor. We are grateful for the financial support you have so graciously provided, and we ask that you include us in your prayers this week. Please pray for safety on the road and throughout the week on our job sites, and that we may grow in our faith and in relationships with one another.

See you next Sunday,

Caleb+

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

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.

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 and various sizes of SOCKS for men and women.

Also-

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

Thank you! The Blessing Box Team.

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.

St. Fiacre Garden Guild



Beautifying the grounds of
St. Paul's Episcopal Church



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 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS



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.

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.

- - - Father Michael Singer

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!



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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