

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 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

Altar Server & Intercessor
Jeffrey Hughes

Greeter & Usher
Mona Clites

Lector
Spencer Weig

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, celebrating 167 years of service and worship in Wilmington.

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.
Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

Voluntary	<i>Prelude in C-Major, BWV-547</i>	J.S. Bach
Processional Hymn 523	<i>Glorious things of thee are spoken</i>	Abbot's Leigh

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation & Response **BCP 355**

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity *(said together)*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Gloria S-280	<i>Gloria in excelsis</i>	Robert Powell
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

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

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; Then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
The LORD executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn

*My hope is built on nothing less
Lyrics can be found on page 15 of the bulletin.*

On Christ the Solid Rock

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 13:10-17.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

The Nicene Creed *Please stand.*

BCP 358

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

BCP 388

Celebrant: Standing upright in the grace and mercy of Christ, let us pray for our own needs and the needs of the world, saying, "Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer."

Intercessor: For the mission of the church and the unity of its fellowship. We pray for Rob, our bishop, and Sean our presiding bishop. We pray for Albemarle Deanery in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and for the Church in the Province of South East Asia in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer. Lord, in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: We pray for the peace of the world. That our swords may be beaten into plowshares and our divisions healed. Lord, in your mercy.

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: We pray for all who suffer from war, famine, or natural disaster. Bring them relief, hope, and strength. Lord, in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: We pray for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; for the refugee and the prisoner, the poor and the oppressed, the lonely and the grieving. Lord, in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: We pray for those assembled here today, especially those who are returning to school as students, teachers, volunteers, staff, and administrators. Lord, in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, for the gift of community, and for your mercies new each morning. Lord, in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: We pray for all who suffer, for the sick and infirm, especially, *(the intercessor reads the names of our parish members)*. Are their others? *The people offer their own petitions for the sick.* Lord, in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: We pray for all who have died, that they may have perfect sabbath rest in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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

The Blessing of the Backpacks

Students and educators come forward with their backpacks and bags.

Deacon: God of all wisdom and knowledge, pour out your blessing on the schools represented here today, that they may be lively centers for sound learning and new discovery; and grant that those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing of the Water:

Celebrant: Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, as a reminder of our baptism; and as this water is sprinkled on these students and educators, and on their backpacks, may they be strengthened in memory, reason, and skill. And grant that these tags, carried on their backpacks, may remind them of your love and presence throughout the day as they learn. Amen.

The Celebrant asperges the students, educators, and their belongings as a priest says

Beloved children, God bless, guide, and preserve you in your return to school. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

All: May Jesus, who calls us each by name to follow him, give you the courage and confidence to be his disciples, wherever you may be, at school, at work, and at home. May the gifts God has given you be a source of blessing for you and for others. *Amen.*

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

O for a closer walk with God

Charles Villiers Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy dove, return, sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.
So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

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.

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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace, 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

Angel Voices

Francis Pott

Angel voices ever singing round Thy throne of light, angel harps, forever ringing, rest not day nor night; thousands only live to bless Thee and confess thee Lord of might. Thou who art beyond the farthest mortal eye can scan, can it be that Thou regardest songs of sinful man? Can we feel that Thou art near us and wilt hear us? Yea, we can. Yea, we know Thy love rejoices o'er each work of Thine; Thou didst ears and hands and voices for Thy praise combine; craftsman's art and music's measure for Thy pleasure didst design. Honor, glory, might, and merit Thine shall ever be, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, blessed Trinity: of the best that Thou hast given earth and heaven render Thee.

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

Communion Hymn 707

Take my life, and let it be

Hollingside

Communion Hymn 567

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

St. Matthew

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 688

A mighty fortress is our God

Ein Feste Burg

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Fugue in C-major, BWV547

J.S. Bach

Diaper Bank of Lower Cape Fear Diaper Drive

THIS IS THE FINAL DAY TO DONATE TO THE DIAPER DRIVE!

We gladly accept donations of new and opened packages of baby diapers, feminine hygiene products, and adult incontinence products. Our MOST URGENT needs are for size 4 & 5 diapers, size 4T/5T pullups and baby wipes.

If you would rather give virtually, without doing the shopping yourself, you can simply use the St. Paul's link and diapers will be shipped directly to the Diaper Bank.

<https://a.co/5j04Ovt>

Writing a check? Be sure to include Diaper Drive in the memo line!

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant & Preacher

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Gospeller

The Reverend Deacon Kay Swindell

Assisting

The Reverend Judy Breny

Verger

Leon Tillery

Eucharistic Ministers

Louise Joyner

Suzanne Sramek

Mary Jeffreys Nipper

Altar Server

Cabe Lee

Crucifers

Cabe Lee

Charlie Nipper

Gospel Book Bearer

Mary Jeffreys Nipper

Torchbearers

Jack Aylesworth

Kate Anlyan

Lectors

Suzanne Sramek

Amelia Thomas

Intercessor

Lynda Miller

Greeters

Jessica Shiplett

Cullen Shiplett

Ushers

Pete Hoff

Greg Knepper

Happy Jones

Jeff Jones

Dick Rowe

Altar Guild

Anne Freeling

Sally Pope

Zona Tounsley

Flower Guild

JoAnn Edwards-Norman

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

Lon Anderson

Ron Miller

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Janet Dillon

Bill Garmon

Katherine Ramsey

Richard & Barbara

O'Rourke

Nancy Bobo

Jeffrey Sackrison

Kathy McElroy

Brandon Adkins

Anna Bodily

Jane Carey

Lois Moore

Thomas Freeling

People Requesting Prayer

Aaron Harward

Lisa Wilson

Elise Harney

Mark Poe

Tracy Sorrenti

Whitney

Debbie

Lucille Massemينو

McKenna

John Ablard

Karen Koonts

Jane & Lee Livengood

Charles Moriarty

Richard

Danny Wagstaff

Titus & Finley

Jennifer Bakker

Doug & Ed Crafts

Marie Greene

Neil Bucci

Paul DeSilva

Riley Temple

Kirk Conyers

Ric Ablard

Cornelia Dinnean

Mark Wood

Greg Alexander

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

ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR

This Sunday, August 24

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

9:15am - 12pm Nursery open

9:30am Adult Faith Formation (*Coffee with the Rector*)

10:30am Choral Eucharist with Blessing of the Backpacks (*followed by ice cream social in the Parish Hall*)

11:45am Ice Cream Social & Children and Youth Ministry Fair (*Parish Hall*)

Tuesday, August 26

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

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

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

Wednesday, August 27

12:10pm Holy Eucharist

Thursday, August 28

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

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

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

Friday, August 29

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

Next Sunday, August 31

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

9:15am - 12pm Nursery open

9:30am Adult Faith Formation (*Coffee with the Rector*)

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.



Children & Youth Ministry Fair with Ice Cream Social – TODAY!

following the Blessing of the Backpacks in the Parish Hall.

Today is the day! Join us in the Parish Hall for the Children & Youth Ministry Fair following the 10:30 am service and the Blessing of the Backpacks.

Think of it as an open house—featuring opportunities for connection, learning, worship, and service for every age!

Why join us?

Discover what is available for families with younger children and youth: EYC, Sunday School, Children's Choir, Acolyting, and Nursery Care. Meet our program leaders and learn how your family can get involved. See opportunities where young people can serve—starting in middle school! Imagine your student serving as an acolyte alongside our spiritual leaders.

What to expect:

This event gives families a clear picture of spiritual growth paths—from learning God's Word in Sunday School to lifting voices in Children's Choir, or caring for little ones in the Nursery. It's also a launchpad for older students to serve and grow in leadership. Whether you're new, curious, or ready to get plugged in—come see what God is doing in our Children & Youth Ministry!

Let's equip our next generation to worship, learn, and serve!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Ministry Spotlight: EYC

St. Paul's EYC – Growing Faith, Building Friendships, Serving Others

At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, our EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) Program is a vital part of equipping the next generation for Christian service in the world.

Every week, our young people gather for spiritual formation:

Coffee & Conversations with our Youth Leaders – a time to explore faith, ask big questions, and grow in discipleship. (grade 6 and older)

Throughout the year, we share life together through:

- Monthly outings in the community and parish events like pool parties, picnics, and holiday celebrations.
 - Seasonal retreats where we relax, recharge, and deepen our understanding of God's Word.
 - Annual Mission Trip to Glory Ridge – serving, working, and making a tangible difference in the lives of others.
 - Area-wide Episcopal youth events – connecting with friends and peers in the larger church family.
- We believe faith is lived out through worship, service, and community. Our EYC offers many opportunities for young people to serve in church ministries, volunteer in the community, and grow as disciples of Christ. We welcome all youth – whether you've grown up at St. Paul's or are just beginning your journey with us. Come be part of a community where faith and friendship flourish!

Join us and see what God is doing in the lives of our young people!



Attention Parents & Students!!

September 7th @ 5:00pm in the Parish Hall

Both Parents and Students are encouraged to attend the **EYC kickoff** at St. Paul's. This will be an important time as we will discuss the St. Paul's EYC calendar year, expectations, and open the floor for questions.

Food & beverages will be provided!



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS



St. Paul's in the Community

Pictured is Father Caleb and Steve Bucci presenting this year's check to Steve McCrossan for Nourish NC's Backpack Buddies program. As we have been doing for a while, this year St. Paul's is supporting 18 students at Snipes Academy.

With this year's check our total donation since 2014 is \$91,792!

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving!

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!



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 socks in various sizes for men and women.

Also-

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



Thank you! The Blessing Box Team.

VANCO ONLINE GIVING

36th Annual Conference of Church Music for the Diocese of East Carolina

Last week, the 36th Annual Conference on Church Music for the Diocese of East Carolina was held at Trinity Center. This conference gathers musicians from all over the state to come together and work with a noted choral director. This year's director was the former Canon for Music at Washington National Cathedral, Michael McCarthy.

Our very own Dr. Brendan Conner served as the organist and accompanist for the conference, and choir members Lisa Nichol and John Sullivan attended and served in leadership roles for sectionals and daily prayer services. The conference culminated in a Saturday evensong service sung by the Diocesan Schola Cantorum, and a Sunday morning choral service sung by the conference choir, both held at St. Francis by the Sea in Salter Path.

The 36th Annual Conference on Church Music



FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS EVENSONG

Sunday, September 14, 2025 | 4:00pm

Doors open at 3:30pm

Join us for a beautiful Choral Evensong, a service of evening prayer rooted in the Anglican tradition. Through the uplifting voices of The Choir of St. Paul's, readings from the Scriptures, and ancient hymns, we will contemplate the profound significance of the Holy Cross as a symbol of Christ's sacrifice, redemption, and triumphant resurrection.

FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS EVENSONG

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14, 2025 | 4:00 P.M.
WITH HIGH TEA TO FOLLOW

St. Paul's Episcopal Church | 16 N. 16th St., Wilmington, NC | (910) 762-4578 | www.spechurch.com

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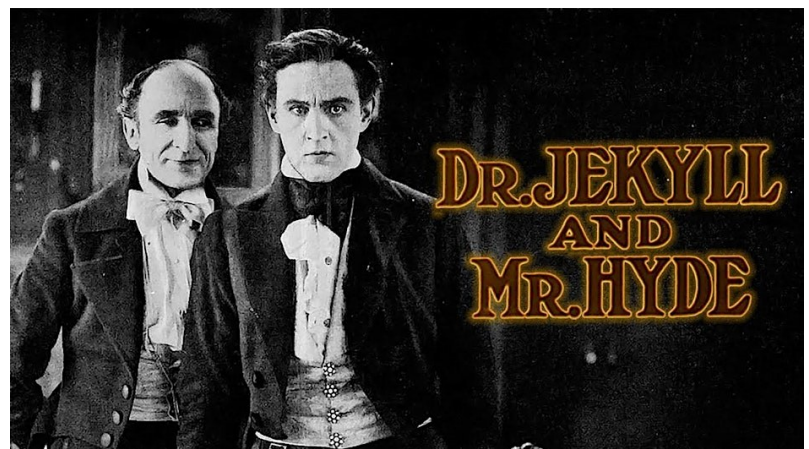
Friday, October 2, 2025 | 7:00pm—9:00pm

Doors open at 6:00pm

Experience the 1920 silent film

'Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde' with live organ accompaniment by acclaimed organist Dorothy Papadakos. Get your tickets today with the link below!

<http://bit.ly/3Hjbn51>



1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je-sus' blood and
 2. When dark-ness veils His love-ly face, I rest on His un -
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood, Sup - port me in the
 4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

1. right - eous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But
 2. chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale, My
 3. whelm-ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, He
 4. Him be found; Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault -

1. whol - ly lean on Je- sus' name.
 2. an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the so - lid Rock, I stand, All
 3. then is all my hope and stay.
 4. less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

Words: Edward Mote (1797-1874)
 Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

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 preschool-fifth grade.

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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