

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 AM BAPTISMAL 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

BCP 355

The Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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The Dismissal

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 8:00 AM

Celebrant

The Reverend A. Michael Singer

Preacher

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Greeter & Usher

Tom Gerow

Altar Server & Lector

Herb Gant

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

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Voluntary	<i>Prelude on Cwm Rhondda</i>	Alan Viner
Processional Hymn 594	<i>God of grace and God of glory</i>	Cwm Rhondda

HOLY BAPTISM

The Opening Acclamation & Response **BCP 299**

Celebrant:	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People:	And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
Celebrant:	There is one Body and one Spirit;
People:	There is one hope in God's call to us.
Celebrant:	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People:	One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Celebrant:	Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Reader:	The Word of the Lord.
People:	Thanks be to God.

Hear this, all you peoples;
 hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
 you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
 and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
 I will incline my ear to a proverb *
 and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
 Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
 when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
 and boast of their great riches?
 We can never ransom ourselves, *
 or deliver to God the price of our life;
 For the ransom of our life is so great, *
 that we should never have enough to pay it,
 In order to live for ever and ever, *
 And never see the grave.

The Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

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

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 516

Come down, O Love divine

Down Ampney

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 12:13-21.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, `

`What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, `I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, `Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, `You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

This morning we welcome Sienna Marie Almonte into Christ's Church by Holy Baptism.

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Parents and Godparents: We present Sienna Marie Almonte to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Rector: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Rector: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Rector: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Rector: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Rector: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Rector: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Rector: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Rector: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

All stand.

Rector: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in her life in Christ?

People: We will.

Rector: Let us join with these parents and godparents who are committing this child to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

- Celebrant:** Do you believe in God the Father?
People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
Rector: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
- Celebrant:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Rector: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People: I will, with God's help.
Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People: I will, with God's help.
Rector: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People: I will, with God's help.
Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People: I will, with God's help.
Rector: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

- Celebrant:** Let us now pray for Sienna Marie who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
Intercessor: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor: Open her heart to your grace and truth.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor: Send her into the world in witness to your love.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Come Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,
 Descend to us we pray.
 With water may you purify.
 With oil, you seal and sanctify.
 A new life now begun. A new life now begun.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Rector: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Rector: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Rector: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

Sienna Marie, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*
 Then a Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying
Sienna Marie, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*
 Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Baptismal Welcome

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.
Celebrant and People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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 13 for the QR code.

My Lord, what a mornin', when the stars begin to fall.
 You will hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground,
 Lookin' to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.
 You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground,
 Lookin' to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.
 You will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground,
 Lookin' to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

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

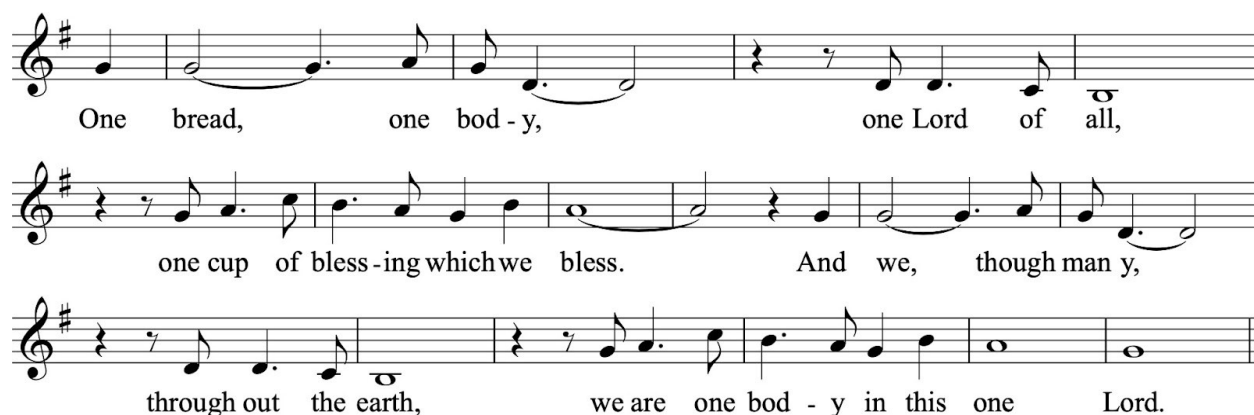
BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

One bread, one body

One Bread, One Body

From Lift Every Voice and Sing II

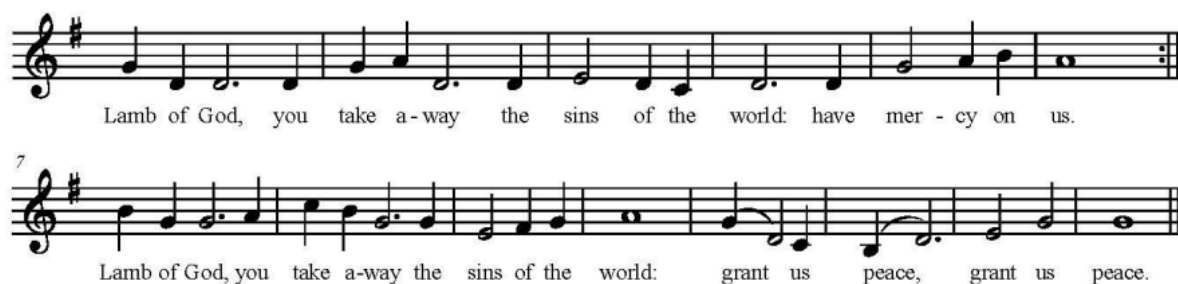


Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

Senchur



The Communion of the People

Communion stations are available at the altar rail and in the Baptistry. To receive the consecrated Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please assist the chalice as it is offered; or, having consumed the Bread, you may return to your seat. We believe Christ fully present in either element. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please speak to a priest when you come forward for Communion

Communion Anthem

Day by Day

Martin How

Day by day, dear Lord, of Thee three things I pray.
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly, day by day.

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

Communion Hymn 324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Picardy

Communion Hymn 408

Sing praise to God

Mit Freuden zart

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 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Engelberg

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Praeludium Overture

Johann Kittel

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant

The Reverend A. Michael Singer

Crucifers

Cabe Lee

Izzy Lee

Greeters

Paula Waterfield

Cynthia Silva

Preacher & Minister of Baptism

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Gospel Book Bearer

Mary Jeffreys Nipper

Gospeller

The Reverend Deacon Kay Swindell

Torchbearers

Amelia Thomas

Kate Anlyan

Ushers

Jane Harkness

Kenny Harkness

Trish Arnold

Jerry West

Mark Tedesco

Verger

Leon Tillery

Lectors

Sara Pope

Teresa Singer

Altar Guild

Carolyn Demorest

Dot Erway

Lynda Miller

Eucharistic Ministers

Nathan Gaylord

Dot Erway

Ruth Gates

Intercessor

Allen Lee

Altar Server

Cabe Lee

Flower Guild

Brian Sanders-Park

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

In Our Parish

Earl Craig	Carroll Joines
Alice Calder	Janet Dillon
Eileen Searle	Bill Garmon
Lloyd Olsen+	Katherine Ramsey
Tammy Pollock	Richard & Barbara
Dale Curran	O'Rourke
JoAnn Summey	Nancy Bobo
John Efthemis	Jeffrey Sackrison
Mack Umphlett	Kathy McElroy
Ashley Eason	Brandon Adkins
Reneé Patrick	Jane Carey
Lon Anderson	Lois Moore
	Ron Miller

People Requesting Prayer

Aaron Harward	Danny Wagstaff
Lisa Wilson	Titus & Finley
Elise Harney	Jennifer Bakker
Mark Poe	Doug & Ed Crafts
Tracy Sorrenti	Marie Greene
Whitney	Neil Bucci
Debbie	Paul DeSilva
Lucille Massemينو	Riley Temple
McKenna	Kirk Conyers
John Ablard	Ric Ablard
Karen Koonts	

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**.

ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR

This Sunday, August 3

The Eighth 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 Baptismal Eucharist (*followed by light Reception in the Parish Hall*)

11:45am St. Paul's Church Tour

Tuesday, August 5

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

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

Wednesday, August 6

12:10pm Holy Eucharist

Thursday, August 7

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

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

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

1:00-4:00pm EYC Jungle Rapids Outing

Friday, August 8

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

Next Sunday, August 10

The Ninth 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*)

11:45am Fr. Singer Farewell Reception (*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

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 **TODAY at 5 pm**. The clerk's email address is asb3080@gmail.com.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: HOSPITALITY



What Our Teams Do

Early Sunday Breakfast Crews: Prepare and serve breakfast following the 8am Eucharist. (September-May)
Volunteers are assigned to a rotating schedule, serving every 8-10 weeks.

Sunday Reception Teams: Served after the 10:30am Eucharist. The members of this ministry serve on a rotating team to provide refreshments. (Year-round)

Wednesday Lunch Crews: Works in teams of two to prepare and serve lunch after the midweek Eucharist. (September-May)

Special-Event Crews: For picnics, bingo, baptisms, and other happenings, these volunteers set up venues, serve food, offer guidance, and clean up—ensuring every detail reflects thoughtfulness and care.

Serve With Us

Join the Hospitality Teams to share in God's heart for welcome and community! Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or just curious, there are a lot of ways to get involved.

No advanced training is needed—just bring a joyful heart, a welcoming smile, and a willingness to be part of something bigger. If you'd like to know more—or sign up—connect with Margaret Haughey or Lois Moore. Our Hospitality Teams don't just host events—they build community, support growth, and embody Christ's love in every hello, meal, and shared moment. We're grateful for each member and look forward to growing this ministry together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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.

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.

Diaper Bank of Lower Cape Fear Diaper Drive

The St. Paul's Diaper Drive is LIVE!

Steve Bucci, the coordinator will speak to some of the details this morning and he can also be contacted with questions at sbucci@hotmail.com

You will notice a bin outside the Sanctuary where we will be collecting diapers of all shapes and sizes. We gladly accept donations of new and opened packages of baby diapers, period 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/5j04Qvt>



Priority Needs
Size 5 Diapers
Adult Medium Pullons

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

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 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.

Celebrating The Reverend A. Michael Singer

We will celebrate Father Michael Singer on **Sunday, August 10** as he departs St. Paul's for his new call as Interim Rector at St. Andrew's On-the-Sound. To honor and give thanks for his ministry among us, we will be collecting free will offerings to gift him with a purse on that day. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's with 'Father Singer' in the memo line. Checks can be put in the offering plate, mailed, made online, or dropped off at the office during open summer hours.



FAREWELL

FR. SINGER



**FESTIVE SOCIAL IN THE PARISH HALL
AUGUST 10, 2025**

Next Sunday, August 10th: Please be sure to follow the crowd to the Parish Hall to celebrate & wish Fr. Michael best wishes on his new ministry across town at St. Andrew's On-the-Sound after the 10:30 service!

Pizza in the Parish Hall

Join the Hedgepeth's in the Parish Hall for a pizza lunch on **August 13th** following the midday Eucharist. Pizza, salad and ice-cream will be served so we can relax and enjoy a short time of fellowship together.



PIZZA IN THE PARISH HALL

**AUGUST 13, 2025
FOLLOWING THE MIDDAY
EUCARIST**

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!





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!

Children & Youth Ministry Fair – Sunday, August 24

following the Blessing of the Backpacks in the Parish Hall.

Families, mark your calendars! On Sunday, August 24, our parish will host a Children & Youth Ministry Fair following the 10:30 am service and the Blessing of the Backpacks in the Parish Hall. 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:

Tables staffed by program leaders giving out info, signup forms, and inviting families to chat.

Previews of each ministry's weekly rhythm so families know what to expect in the fall.

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!

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

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

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



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