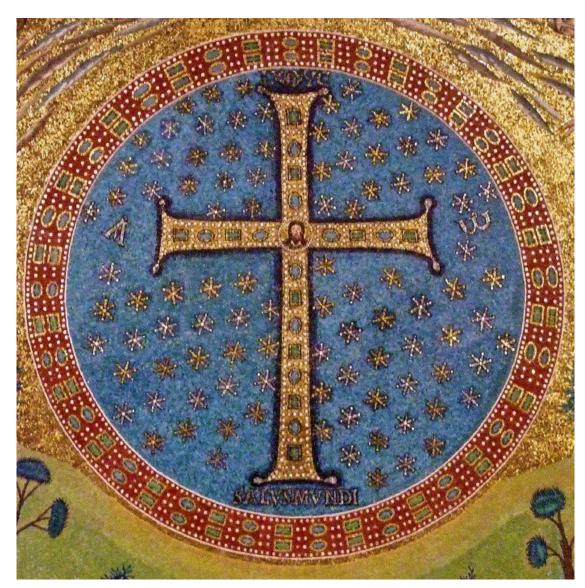
# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
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## THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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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CelebrantPreacherGreeter & UsherThe Reverend Caleb J. LeeThe Reverend DeaconShar DayJames Green

Altar Server & Intercessor

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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**Voluntary** Adagio Felix Mendelssohn

Processional Hymn The royal banners forward go

Truro

The hymn can be found on page 15 of the bulletin.

#### 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 for ever. Amen.

**Celebrant:** When I am lifted up:

**People:** I will draw the whole world to myself.

## 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-278

Glory to God in the highest

Mathias

S-278 can be found towards the front of the blue 1982 Hymnal.

#### The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

#### Please be seated.

## The First Reading: Isaiah 45:21-25

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

Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the Lord? There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Saviour; there is no one besides me. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: "To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

Sing to the Lord a new song, \*

for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm \*

has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; \*

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

## The Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

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

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

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

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 471

We sing the praise of him who died

Breslau

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 12:31-36a.

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

**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

**Deacon:** As we proclaim Christ crucified, let us pray to the God of healing for the salvation of all peoples

saying, "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

Intercessor: For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place. For Rob, our bishop, for Sean,

our presiding bishop and the clergy of St. Paul's. For all who follow the cross and all who seek life in Christ. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Grace Episcopal & Christ the King Lutheran Church, Whiteville, and The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry. In our Anglican cycle of

prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church in South America. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Intercessor:** For the leaders of the nations and for peace among the peoples of the earth. For all whose cross

this day is war, political unrest, and recovery from natural disaster. We pray especially for the

people of Ukraine, Russia, Gaza, and Israel. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For all who are sick, especially those in our parish who need our prayers (the intercessor reads aloud

the names of those in our parish that need our prayers). Are there others? (Silence) For the troubled and the

bereaved, and all who suffer in silence. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the dying and the dead, especially, Nancy Bobo, that for them the cross of Christ has become

the tree of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Celebrant:** God of ancient Israel, who was lifted up as the Son of Man on the cross, hear the prayers we offer

this day and grant eternal life to all who put their trust in you; 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

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 14 for the QR code.

#### Offertory Anthem

O Saviour of the World

John Goss

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us: Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

#### **Presentation Hymn**

Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

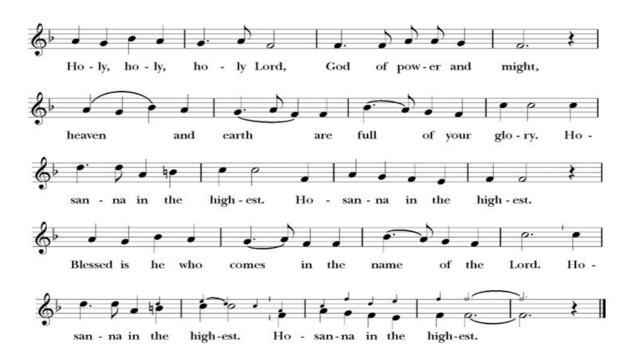
## The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

**BCP 361** 

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.



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

#### **Memorial Acclamation:**

**All:** Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

## The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

#### Fraction Anthem

#### Festival Eucharist

Craig Phillips



Choir: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast.

All: Refrain



## 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**

Take up your cross

Ronald Corp

Take up your cross, the Saviour said, if you want to follow me. I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out my wicked transgressions.

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

#### Communion Hymn 160

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow

## **Communion Hymn 167**

There is a green hill far away

Horsley

Cross of Jesus

## 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 450

All hail the power of Jesus' name

Coronation

The Dismissal

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

Voluntary Allegro assai vivace Felix Mendelssohn

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

#### Celebrant

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

#### Preacher

The Reverend Deacon James Green

#### Assisting

The Reverend Judy Breny

#### Verger

Nathan Gaylord

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Scott Sheble Jeffrey Hughes Carolyn Demorest

#### Altar Server

Bennett Sanders-Park

#### Crucifers

Bennett Sanders-Park Amelia Thomas

#### Gospel Book Bearer

Kate Anlyan

#### **Torchbearers**

James Bear Thompson Jack Aylesworth

#### Lectors

Louise Joyner Lynda Miller

#### Intercessor

Lisa Sanders-Park

#### Thurifer

Leon Tillery

#### Greeters

Barbara Bucci Ruth Gates

#### Ushers

Dick Rowe Shannon Rowe Rob Nipper Jerry West Brad Van Amberg

#### Altar Guild

Barbara Banks Barbara Bucci Cathy Cherry

#### Flower Guild

Brian Sanders-Park

#### ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

#### In Our Parish

Earl Craig Carroll Joines Janet Dillon Alice Calder Eileen Searle Bill Garmon Lloyd Olsen+ Katherine Ramsey Tammy Pollock Richard & Barbara Dale Curran O'Rourke JoAnn Summey Jeffrey Sackrison John Efthemis Kathy McElroy Mack Umphlett Brandon Adkins Ashley Eason Anna Bodily Reneé Patrick Jane Carev Lon Anderson Thomas Freeling Ron Miller Lou Wilson Al Butler, Jr. Layne Dupree Maryelle Jones

## People Requesting Prayer

Aaron Harward Danny Wagstaff Lisa Wilson Titus & Finley Elise Harney Iennifer Bakker Mark Poe Doug & Ed Crafts Tracy Sorrenti Marie Greene Whitney Neil Bucci Debbie Paul DeSilva Riley Temple Lucille Massemino McKenna Kirk Convers Ric Ablard Iohn Ablard Karen Koonts Cornelia Dinnean Jane & Lee Livengood Mark Wood Charles Moriarty Greg Alexander Ferguson Family Renee Lee Patterson Lupas Constantia Mihai L. & D. Richard

## Departed

Alma Dancy

Nancy Bobo

## 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

## In Memoriam Nancy Brown Bobo

May 31, 1950-August 30, 2025

Our thoughts and prayers are with Don Bobo and family as they mourn the death of their beloved Nancy. A celebration of Nancy's life is scheduled for Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 10:30am. memorial Donations may be made to the St. Paul's Capital Campaign Fund.

#### Flower Guild

Meeting reminder for Friday, September 26, 2025 at 11:00am in the Parish Hall!

#### ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR

## Sunday, September 14

## The Feast of the Holy Cross

**8:00am** Holy Eucharist (Koffee Klatch with light breakfast to follow in Parish Hall)

9:15am - 12pm Nursery open

9:30-10:15am Formation for all ages

Adults BCP 101 (Parish Hall)

Children's Sunday School (Children's Wing Upstairs) EYC (Gym Conference Room)

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

**11:45am-12:30pm** Children's Choir (Music Suite) **4:00pm** Holy Cross Choral Evensong (followed by High Tea)

4:00pm-6:00pm EYC Outing

## Tuesday, September 16

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

9:00am Morning Prayer (Zoom) 6:15pm-8:30pm EfM (Parish Hall)

## Wednesday, September 17

**12:10pm** Holy Eucharist (followed by lunch in the Parish Hall)

7:00pm-8:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

#### Thursday, September 18

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

9:00am Morning Prayer (Zoom)

11:00am Rector's Bible Study<sup>1</sup> (Parish Hall)

#### Friday, September 19

8:00am Men's Group (Library)

**8:00am-10:00am** Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Packing *(MHC)* 

#### Next Sunday, September 21

## The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**8:00am** Holy Eucharist (Koffee Klatch with light breakfast to follow in Parish Hall)

9:15am - 12pm Nursery open

9:30-10:15am Formation for all ages

Adults BCP 101 (Parish Hall)

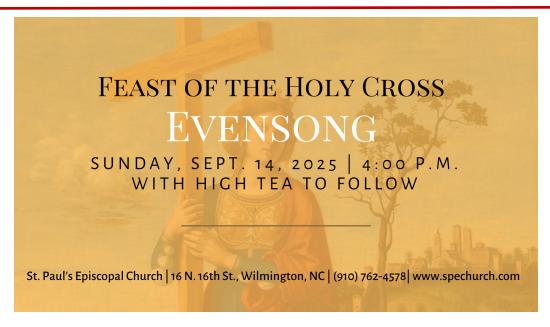
Children's Sunday School (Children's Wing Upstairs)

EYC (Gym Conference Room)

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

11:45am-12:30pm Children's Choir (Music Suite)

<sup>1</sup>Join Fr. Lee in the Parish Hall as we study the Book of Genesis. Bring your lunch, your perspective, and your Bible.

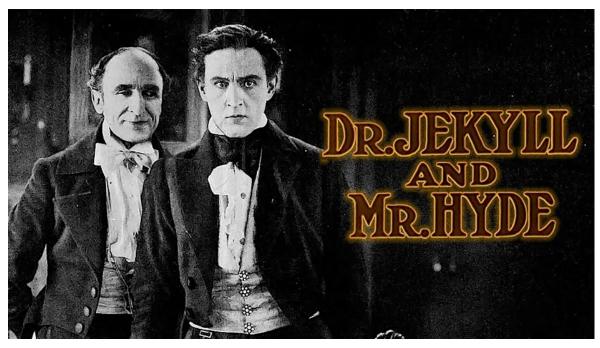


#### FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS EVENSONG

This evening | 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.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS



HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Friday, October 10, 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!

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# ST. PAUL'S MINISTRY FAIR

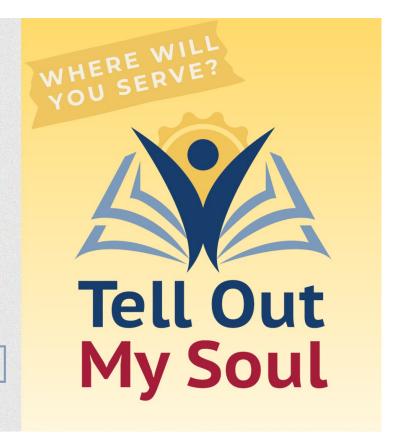
**HAPPENING OCTOBER 12TH!** 

in the Parish Hall

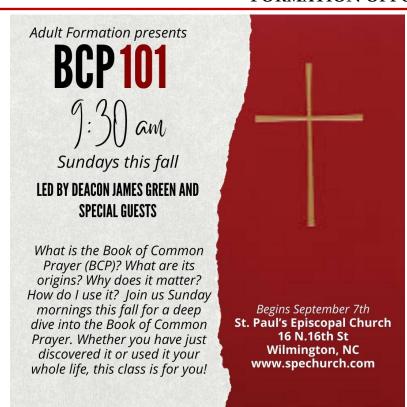
FOLLOWING THE 10:30AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

Get inspired. Get Connected. Find your calling.

STEWARDING YOUR SPIRTUAL GIFTS

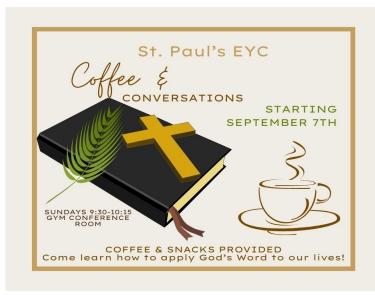


#### FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

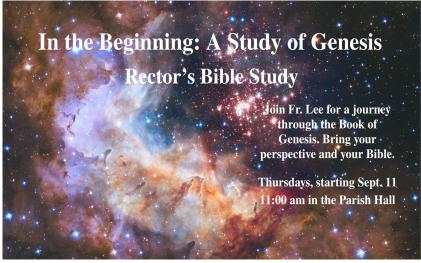


## Adult Formation Bible Study on the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Join us as we begin an exciting series exploring the Book of Common Prayer. Our new deacon, James Green, will lead us in diving deeper into the history, theology, and spiritual practices that shape our common life of worship. Come and learn how this treasured resource continues to guide our faith today.







#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

## **Caring for Caregivers**

A reminder that there will be a meeting on **Sunday, September 28th,** for all those volunteering for the day of Caring for Caregivers happening at St. Paul's on Saturday, **November 8, 2025**.

The gathering will be held at 11:50am in the library of St. Paul's. Father Singer will be in attendance. Please, gather some food and drink at the reception following the 10:30 am Eucharist then join us in the library. At this meeting, we will finalize plans for the day. Reservations for those wishing to attend the luncheon will begin on October 1st.

Look for more details in the weeks to come.



## 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

#### VANCO ONLINE GIVING

## September Update from the Blessing Box

The Blessing Box Team is well aware the need for food is great. We are discovering there is a constant flow of need for food supplies. We are finding, as often as the BBox storage shelves are stocked with supplies, within the week our supplies are quickly being depleted. Our team also purchases food with donated cards from Food Lion.

We offer our continued gratitude for the contributions from our church community.

Thank you! The Blessing Box Team.



## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**



#### 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.



#### ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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#### Clergy and Staff

The Right Reverend Robert Skirving, Bishop
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee, Rector
The Reverend Deacon James Green, Transitional Deacon
Dr. Brendan Conner, Organist and Director of Music
Lynne Rooks, Finance Manager
Jeanne Fitzpatrick, Church Administrator
Meaghan Thomas, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Isaac McDowell, Associate for Youth and Parish Life
Christian Bridges, Sunday Sexton

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