

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST STEWARDSHIP SEASON

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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 & Lector
Louise Joyner

Greeter & Usher
Linda Colette

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Voluntary

Master Tallis's Testament

Herbert Howells

Processional Hymn 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

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.

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 Kyrie

St. Thomas Mass

The musical score for the Kyrie is written in 2/2 time, key of D major (two sharps). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with the tempo marking 'Andante' and the dynamic 'mf'. The lyrics 'Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy,' are written below the notes. The second staff begins with the dynamic 'f' and the lyrics 'Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.' The third staff begins with the dynamic 'mf' and the lyrics 'Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.' The score ends with a double bar line.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

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

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

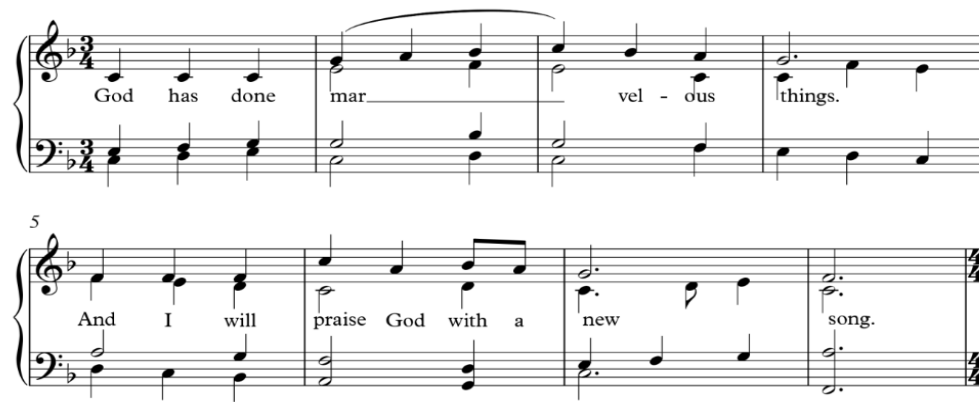
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Responsory

Psalm 98

Earth and All Stars
Arr. By Caleb Lee and Nigel Potts

Refrain (sung first by Cantor, then by all)



The Cantor sings the verse, and the congregation sings the refrain.

1 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.
(Refrain)

2 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.
(Refrain)

3 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.
(Refrain)

4 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.
(Refrain)

5 Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.
(Refrain)

The Second Reading: Second Thessalonians 3:6-13

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

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate.

For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 371

Thou, whose almighty word

Moscow

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 21:5-19.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

The Apostles Creed *Please stand.*

Hymn to Joy

We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being
all created things began.
We believe in Christ the Savior,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen,
Heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
One in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Savior, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.

Prayers of the People

Deacon: As we prepare to bring our gifts to the altar, let us raise our voices in prayer and praise, thanking God for the opportunity to Tell Out Our Souls in Joy.

Intercessor: We pray for the mission of the Church: to be reconciled to Christ and to one another. We give thanks for N., our Bishop-elect, Rob, our Bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury designate and all the Clergy of St. Paul's. We pray for the Diocese of East Carolina during this season of new hopes, new joys, and new possibilities. Tell Out My Soul,

People: *The Greatness of the Body of Christ.*

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for our nation and for all nations; for all refugees, for an end to terror and war, and for a spirit of goodwill. We pray for our national institutions that they will work together for justice, equity, and peace. Tell Out My Soul,

People: *The Greatness of the Prince of Peace.*

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church, and the ways we change the world with our gifts. In this season of stewardship, we pray especially for the ministries of St. Paul's. Tell Out My Soul,

People: *The Greatness of our Love.*

Intercessor: I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair. We pray for caregivers and healers who care for those we love. Please pray for those on our parish prayer list, especially *(the intercessor reads the names from the parish prayer list)* Are there others? *(Silence)* Tell Out My Soul,

People: *The Greatness of our Compassion.*

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn. We pray especially for Alice Calder, Dale Curran, and Greg Alexander. Tell Out My Soul,

People: *The Greatness of Eternal Life in Christ.*

Intercessor: May we be inspired to share the gifts we have been given with our neighbors and our Church as we Tell Out Our Soul,

People: *The Greatness of the Lord.*

Celebrant: Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with you and the world you have made, 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 15 for the QR code.*

Offertory Anthem

I was glad

C.H.H. Parry

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

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.

Sanctus and Benedictus S-125

Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 36

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei S-164

Jesus, Lamb of God

Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Communion of the People

Communion 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.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; and, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; and, with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; and with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee; separate from sin, I would And cherish all things good, and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee; 'gainst all weapons hell can wield be thou my strength and shield' let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

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

Communion Hymn 635

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Wer nur den lieben Gott

Communion Hymn 679

Surely it is God who saves me

Thomas Merton

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 637

How firm a foundation

Lyons

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Tuba Tune

C.S. Lang



St. Paul's 2025 Annual Packing Event!

DATE CHANGE!

Join us on **December 7TH, 5:00 pm** at the Nourish NC Warehouse at 3606 Market Street for our annual St. Paul's packing event.

Here's the link to sign up!

<https://bit.ly/nourishnc2025>

You will also be able to sign up at church-see Steve Bucci. Limited to 50 people.

*If you have **ALREADY** signed up and **can attend** on December 7th, **no action is needed**. However, if you signed up already and **cannot** attend on December 7th, please contact the Parish Administrator or Steve Bucci.*

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant & Preacher
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Gospeller
The Reverend Deacon
James Green

Assisting
The Reverend Deacon
Kay Swindell

Vergers
Nathan Gaylord
Leon Tillery

Eucharistic Ministers
Cabe Lee
John Fonda
Carolyn Demorest

Altar Server
Bennett Sanders-Park

Crucifers
Bennett Sanders-Park
Eve Frederiksen

Gospel Book Bearer
Hazel Lee

Torchbearers
Jack Aylesworth
Amelia Thomas

Lectors
Sue Sramek
Allen Lee

Intercessor
Lisa Sanders-Park

Greeters
Barbara Bucci
Ruth Gates

Ushers
Pete Hoff
Greg Knepper
Jerry West
Rob Nipper
Ernest Patrick

Altar Guild
Sally Pope
Zona Tounsley

Flower Guild
Susan Butler

ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR

Sunday, November 16, 2025

The Twenty-Third 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-Coffee with the Rector (*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*)

Tuesday, November 18

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

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

6:00pm-8:30pm EfM Year-End Celebration (*Parish Hall*)

Wednesday, November 19

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

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

Thursday, November 20

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

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

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

Friday, November 21

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

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

Saturday, November 22

11:00am Alice Calder Celebration of Life

Next Sunday, November 23, 2025

The Last Sunday After Pentecost

Christ the King

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-Coffee with the Rector (*Parish Hall*)

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EYC (*Gym Conference Room*)

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

11:45am-12:30pm No Children's Choir (*Music Suite*)

12:00pm St. Paul's Fall Feast (*Parish Hall*)

5:00pm UNCW Choral Event (*Sanctuary*)

7:00pm The Ordination of James Green (*St. John's Episcopal Church*)

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

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

In Our Parish

Earl Craig	Carroll Joines
Catherine Thompson Allan	Janet Dillon
Eileen Searle	Bill Garmon
Lloyd Olsen+	Katherine Ramsey
Tammy Pollock	Richard & Barbara
Michael Singer+	O'Rourke
JoAnn Summey	Jeffrey Sackrison
John Efthemis	Jane Carey
Mack Umphlett	Thomas Freeling
Ashley Eason	Ronald Miller
Renée Patrick	Gladys & Bob Remillard
Maryelle Jones	Sara Fruechtenicht
Ron Miller	Tom Matthews
Paula Waterfield	Alix Dorr
Beth Richards	Jim Edwards
Lynda Miller	Brandon Adkins

People Requesting Prayer

Lisa Wilson	Kirk Conyers
Elise Harney	Mary Lou Homestead
Tracy Sorrenti	Shannon
Whitney	Neil Ruan
Sara, friends & family	Lee Tillery

Departed

Alice Calder
Dale Curran
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**.

Alice Robinson Calder

August 27, 1953-October 14, 2025

Our hearts and prayers are with Keith and his family at the passing of their beloved, Alice.

**A Celebration of Life is planned for
November 22, 2025 at 11:00am.**

*Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord; And let light
perpetual shine upon her.*

A WORD FROM THE RECTOR

I am pleased to announce that the vestry has selected Chambliss & Rabil Construction as the general contractor for St. Paul's renovation project. This is an exciting and significant step forward in our efforts to improve accessibility to and within our spiritual home for all individuals.

Our Construction Committee deserves a big round of applause. Mona Clites, William Gwathmey, Darren Jones, and Rob Nipper, all parishioners with extensive experience in the building industry, were tasked with helping us select a general contractor. In consultation with Gray Hudson, our architect, they worked diligently over the past several months and presented their findings at a special meeting of the vestry on October 26. The committee recommended Chambliss & Rabil, believing them to be the best fit for St. Paul's based on their established local presence, exemplary safety record, effective communication protocols, and demonstrated expertise in renovating active facilities.

The vestry unanimously approved the committee's recommendation, and if all goes according to plan, construction is expected to begin next summer.

I remain grateful for your faithfulness and generosity in support of this project.

Faithfully,
Caleb+

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, November 30

Advent Lessons & Carols

5:30 pm in the Sanctuary | Free admission

Tuesday, December 9

Hoggard High School Orchestra

7:00 pm in the Sanctuary | Free admission

Friday, December 12

Handel's "Messiah"

7:30 pm in the Sanctuary | \$15/ticket online or at the door

Sunday, December 21

Christmas Lessons & Carols

5:30 pm in the Sanctuary | Free admission

Monday, December 22

Tallis Chamber Orchestra

7:30 pm in the Sanctuary | Free admission

A poster for Handel's Messiah. It features a portrait of George Frideric Handel in an oval frame on the left. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color with faint, repeating text of "MESSIAH" and "HANDEL". The main text is centered and reads: "HANDEL'S MESSIAH", "The Choir of St. Paul's and the NC Baroque Orchestra", "FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025", "7:30pm | Doors open at 6:45pm", "TICKETS ON SALE NOW", and "St. Paul's Episcopal Church | 16 N. 16th St., Wilmington, NC | (910) 762-4578 | www.spechurch.com".

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Handel's Messiah

Tickets available on Eventbrite here:

<http://bit.ly/4gYZLRT>





St. Paul's is hosting IPUL Fuente de Vida Group

The United Latin American Pentecostal Church is utilizing our Chapel and old Rector's Office on Monday evenings for worship, formation, and fellowship. This is a new arrangement made through a connection between Father Lee and the rector of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Burlington, NC, who has hosted this group for many years in their parish hall. IPUL has planted a church in Wilmington, and we are happy to host them.

The Ordination of James Green *to the Sacred Order of Priests*

By the grace of God
and with the consent of the People
The Right Reverend Robert Stuart Skirving,
Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina will ordain

James Harold Green

To the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic
Church on Sunday, the twenty- third of November
two thousand and twenty-five
at seven in the evening

St. John's Episcopal Church
1219 Forest Hills Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

Your prayers and presence are requested

Clergy – cassock, surplice, red stole



Silent Advent Craft Auction November 23 – November 30 Parish Hall

Get into the spirit of Advent and holiday giving at our **Silent Advent Craft Auction**, featuring beautiful **handmade garments and goods** created by our talented parishioners!

Stop by the **Parish Hall** between **November 23 and November 30** to browse the display and place your bids. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share in the joy of giving — and perhaps take home a one-of-a-kind treasure!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS



Annual Parish Fall Feast

Experience the warm hospitality of St. Paul's and celebrate the season by joining our joyful gathering in the Parish Hall immediately following the 10:30am Choral Eucharist!

Main Course

(provided by St. Paul's Parish Life Ministry)

Locally sourced pulled pork BBQ and BBQ chicken

Please bring ONE of the following based on the first letter of your last name!

A-H SALAD
I-P DESSERT
Q-Z SIDE DISH

For further information about the Fall Feast or to inquire about Parish Life volunteer opportunities, please contact:

Margaret Haughey: (919)656-4240
or

Lois Moore: (919)352-2276

ST. MARKS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY PRESENTS

A Thanksgiving Meal Provided for
Those in the Community

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

When: Saturday, November 22, 2025
11:30 am – 2:30 pm

Where: St. Mark's Episcopal Church
600 Grace St, Wilmington, NC



For more information, please contact:
Marjorie Armstrong – 910.540.3143
Sandra Spool – 910.512.3355 or Betty Fulton – 910.352.3735
Yolanda Warren or Barbara Armstrong

Menu Includes: Turkey, Ham, Vegetables, Bread, Drink and Dessert

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE!

Make your pledge online at
<https://spechurch.com/annual-pledge-giving/>

or

Submit your pledge by Sunday, November 16

*Pledge materials have been mailed and can also be found
at both entrances to the church.*

As of Wednesday, November 12, we have received 86 pledges totaling \$413,470. Of the 86 pledges received, 15 are new pledges. We have received approximately 20% more in pledges than the same time last year (~\$71,000 higher than this time last year).

If we keep going at this rate, many of our anticipated budget needs will be within reach.
St. Paul's Stewardship Season is coming to a close, but you can still make your pledge!

We are deeply grateful for all who have already done so. Your commitment sustains our ministries and community life. If you haven't yet participated, please prayerfully consider making your contribution today.

A Cherished St. Paul's Tradition

In The Episcopal Church, Advent wreath-making is a beloved way to mark the beginning of the Advent season. The wreath—a circle of evergreen branches—reminds us of God's eternal love and the promise of new life. Four candles placed around the wreath symbolize the growing light of Christ as Christmas draws near. Each Sunday in Advent, one candle is lit to mark the weeks of hope, peace, joy, and love. This simple, beautiful tradition helps us prepare our hearts in anticipation and hope for the coming of Christ.

Join us for our Advent Wreath-Making event on Sunday, November 30 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall—all are welcome to create a wreath and take part in this meaningful tradition!

More info to follow!



OPPORTUNITIES TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS

Update from the Blessing Box

The Blessing Box appreciates your continued support and generosity. However, please note that when donating canned goods, we are accepting "pull top" only. There is a constant need for food supplies and we offer our continued gratitude for your help in meeting some of those needs in our community.

Thank you! The Blessing Box Team

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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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