

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
10:30 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Our worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 8:00 AM

Celebrant
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Preacher
The Reverend Deacon
James Green

Altar Server & Lector
Jeffrey Hughes

Greeter & Usher
Stephanie Schlosser

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Voluntary

All glory be to God on high

Friedrich Zachau

Processional Hymn 494

Crown him with many crowns

Diademata

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 for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. It begins with the tempo marking 'Andante' and the dynamic 'mf'. The first staff contains measures 1 through 6, with the lyrics 'Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy,'. The second staff starts at measure 7 and includes the lyrics 'Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.' with a forte 'f' dynamic marking. The third staff begins at measure 11 and concludes the phrase 'Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.' with a mezzo-piano 'mp' dynamic marking. The score uses various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

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

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

Deus noster refugium

George Mcfarran

God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
"Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."
The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

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

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

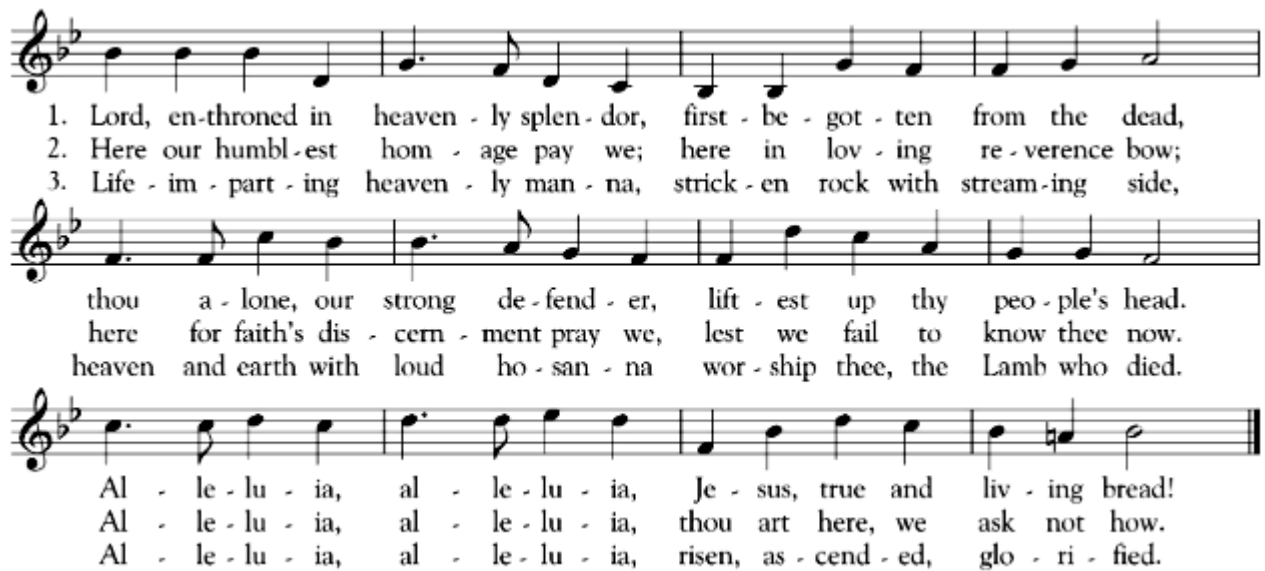
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Lord enthroned in heavenly splendor

St. Helen



1. Lord, en-throned in heaven - ly splen - dor, first - be - got - ten from the dead,
2. Here our humbl - est hom - age pay we; here in lov - ing re - verence bow;
3. Life - im - part - ing heaven - ly man - na, strick - en rock with stream - ing side,
thou a - lone, our strong de - fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head.
here for faith's dis - cern - ment pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.
heaven and earth with loud ho - san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, thou art here, we ask not how.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, risen, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 23:33-43.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed *Please stand*

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *(adapted from Common Worship: Times and Seasons)*

Deacon: Jesus our exalted King has been given all authority. Let us seek his intercession, that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer saying, “Lord, graciously hear us.”

Intercessor: Jesus Christ, great high priest, living forever to intercede for us: pray for your Church, your broken body in the world. For Rob our bishop, Sarah, our bishop-elect, Sean our presiding bishop, and for all clergy and ministers. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church & Galilee Mission, Creswell, and St. Luke’s & St. Anne’s, Roper. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. Lord, hear us.

People: *Lord, graciously hear us.*

Intercessor: Jesus Christ, King of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high: pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule. We pray for The Reverend Captain Daniel Stroud as he graduates from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and embarks on a career as a Chaplain in the British Army. We pray for all countries marred by oppression, war, and violence. Lord, hear us.

People: *Lord, graciously hear us.*

Intercessor: Jesus Christ, Son of man, drawing humanity into the life of God: pray for your brothers and sisters in need, distress or sorrow remembering especially *(The intercessor reads aloud the names of those on the parish prayer list.)* Are there others? *(Silence)* Lord, hear us.

People: *Lord, graciously hear us.*

Intercessor: Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to your glory through your death and resurrection: pray for the dead, especially Alice Calder, Dale Curran, Greg Alexander, and Lucille Massemينو, that they may trust in your promises. Lord, hear us.

People: *Lord, graciously hear us.*

Intercessor: Jesus Christ, Lord of all things, ascended far above from the heavens and filling the universe: pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service. Lord, hear us.

People: *Lord, graciously hear us.*

Celebrant: Jesus Christ, first-fruits of the new creation, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, until you bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 Vestments

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. The maker of heaven and earth.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Let us pray,

Everliving God, whose power is limitless, we place before you, with our praise and thanks, these tokens of your servant's ministry and dignity. Grant that James, who has been called to leadership in your Church, and bears these signs, may faithfully serve you and share in the fullness of your life-giving Spirit; through the high priest and good shepherd of us all, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

I bless these vestments in the name of the +Father, and of the +Son, and of the +Holy Spirit. *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 15 for the QR code.

Offertory Anthem

Lift up your heads

William Mathias

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

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.

Sanctus and Benedictus S-125

Proulx



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

Fraction Anthem S-154

Christ our Passover

BCP 364
David Hurd



Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei S-164

Jesus, Lamb of God

Schubert



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.

Communion Anthem

All glory be to God on high

Johann Cruger

All glory be to God on high, who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, the strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, and peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness! We praise, we worship Thee, we trust, and give Thee thanks forever, O Father, that Thy rule is just and wise, and changes never. Thy boundless pow'r o'er all things reigns, done is whate'er Thy will ordains: Well for us that Thou rulest. O Jesus Christ, Thou only Son of God, Thy heav'nly Father, who didst for all our sins atone and Thy lost sheep dost gather. Thou Lamb of God, to Thee on high from out our depths we sinners cry, have mercy on us, Jesus! Thou rulest. O Holy Ghost, Thou precious gift, Thou Comforter unfailing, O'er Satan's snares our souls uplift and let thy pow'r availing avert our woes and calm our dread. For us the Saviour's blood was shed; we trust in Thee to save us.

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

Communion Hymn 380

From all that dwell below the skies

Old 100th

Communion Hymn 382

King of glory, King of peace

General Seminary

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 477

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Engelberg

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Allegro di molto

Camille Saint-Saëns

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Preacher

The Reverend Deacon
James Green

Assisting

The Reverend Judy Breny

Vergers

Dot Erway
Leon Tillery

Eucharistic Ministers

Carol Field
Carolyn Demorest
Royster Hedgepeth

Altar Server

Bennett Sanders-Park

Crucifers

Bennett Sanders-Park
Royster Hedgepeth

Gospel Book Bearer

Cabe Lee

Torchbearers

Carol Field
Carolyn Demorest

Lectors

Sally Pope
Kathryn Hedgepeth

Intercessor

Louise Joyner

Thurifier

Nathan Gaylord

Greeters

Cynthia Smallwood
Midge Silberman

Ushers

Jeff Jones
Happy Jones
Jane Harkness
Kenny Harkness
Brad Van Amberg

Altar Guild

Carolyn Demorest
Dot Erway
Lynda Miller

Flower Guild

Marietta Dolman
Kate Hoff

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
Retha Deaton	

People Requesting Prayer

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

Departed

Alice Calder
Dale Curran
Greg Alexander
Lucille Massemينو

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

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*)

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 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, Wilmington*)

Tuesday, November 25

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

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

Wednesday, November 26

12:10pm Holy Eucharist (*No Post Eucharist lunch today!*)

1:00 Parish Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 27

Church and Parish Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

Friday, November 28

Church and Parish Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

Next Sunday, November 30, 2025

The First Sunday of Advent

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

9:15am - 12pm Nursery open

9:30am-10:15am Parishwide Advent Wreath Making (*Parish Hall*)

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

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



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

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!

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 on the left and a title page of the Messiah manuscript on the right. The 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
St. Paul's Episcopal Church | 16 N. 16th St., Wilmington, NC | (910) 762-4578 | www.spechurch.com

Handel's Messiah

Tickets available on Eventbrite here:

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

The First Sunday



Wreath making in the Parish Hall
November 30 | 9:30am

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 am. in the Parish Hall—all are welcome to create a wreath and take part in this meaningful tradition!

More info to follow!

A Call for Greenery!

If you are able, please bring magnolia, pine, cedar or other Christmas greens for the parishwide Advent wreath-making event on **Sunday, November 30 during faith formation hour**. A tarp for the greenery will be available in the Parish Hall beginning Monday, November 24. Thank you in advance for your help with this cherished tradition!

St. Paul's Annual Packing Event!



DATE CHANGE!

Join us on January 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 January 7th, **no action is needed**. However, if you signed up already and **cannot** attend on January 7th, please contact the Parish Administrator or Steve Bucci.*



KIDS!
JOIN US FOR A

parents' morning out

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
9AM TO 12PM

ST. PAUL'S PARISH HALL

Parents can enjoy a morning out while the kids are having fun making crafts, decorating cookies, playing games, and more!

MORNING SNACK PROVIDED

Available for Sunday School age kids (Pre-School - 5th grade)

EYC: see Meaghan if you'd like to volunteer

Parents please RSVP to Meaghan at speckids@spechurch.com by Monday, Dec. 1

VANCO ONLINE GIVING

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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