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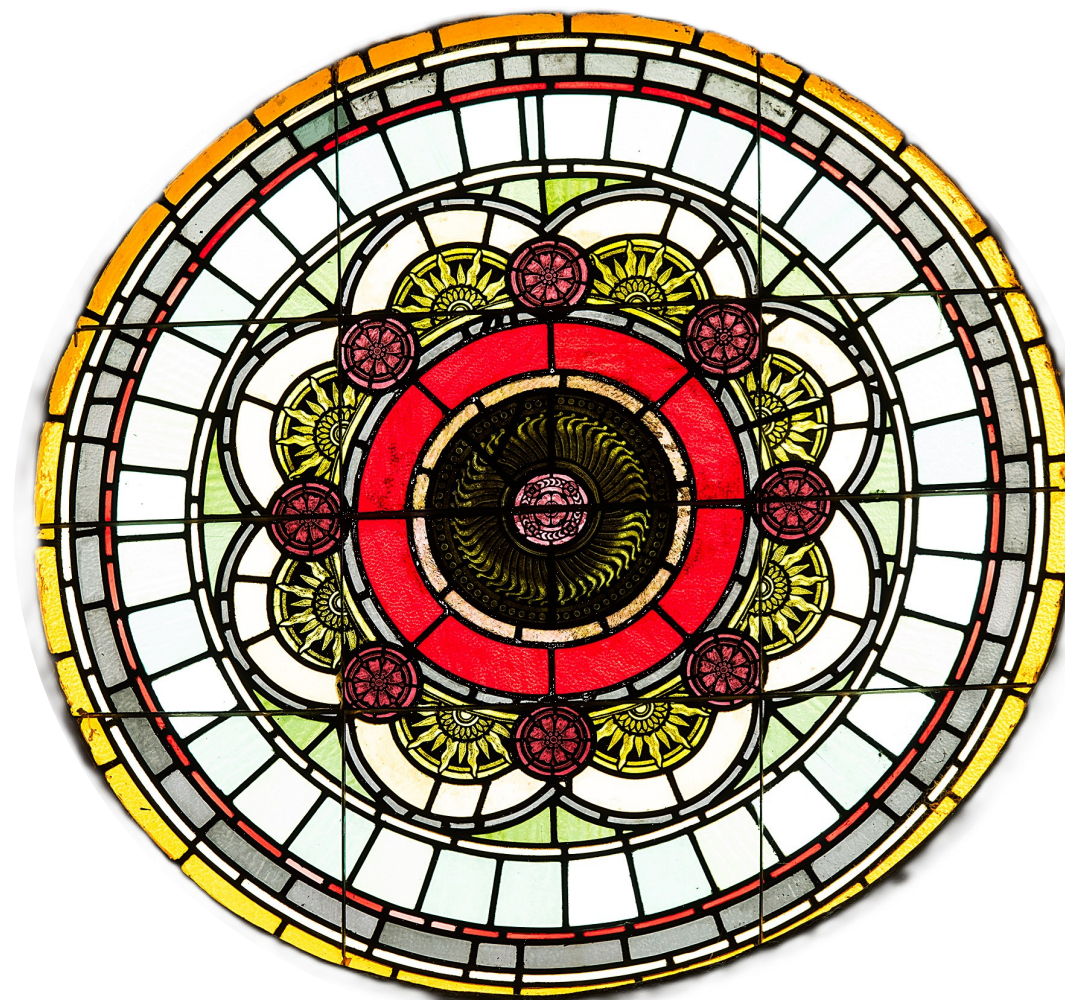
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ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



CHORAL EVENSONG

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026
4:00 PM

OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.

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The 1858 Circle



St. Paul's was established in 1858 by The Rt. Rev. Thomas Atkinson, Bishop of North Carolina. Bishop Atkinson had a bold vision; he believed in an expansive, inclusive church, united in its mission to carry the Gospel to all people. For over 160 years, the people of St. Paul's have shared this vision and sustained the church through their faith and generosity.

The 1858 Circle was created to honor those who have continued this legacy of faith-filled generosity by remembering St. Paul's in their estate plans. Planning a gift now to benefit St. Paul's in the future is a meaningful way for individuals and families to continue their support of St. Paul's beyond their lifetimes. It is a confident expression of hope for the future and, for many, an important celebration of their relationship with God and the sacred work that is done through St. Paul's. A planned gift enables St. Paul's to build its Endowment Fund and more completely fulfill its mission by developing its ministries beyond what is possible through its annual operating funds.

We invite you to join **The 1858 Circle** and make a planned gift to St. Paul's. Like Bishop Atkinson, we believe the world needs disciples dedicated to serving one another with Open Doors, Open Hearts, and Open Hands. For more information on

Planned Giving at St. Paul's please go to <https://spechurch.com/planned-giving-at-st-pauls/>.

Tonight we enthusiastically welcome the following generous benefactors into the 1858 Circle.

Wade Toth
Barbara and Richard+ Banks
Lucy and Norman LaSalle
Frank and Marcia Wolf

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The Choir of St. Paul’s

ST. PAUL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Welcome to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, celebrating 167 years of service and worship in Wilmington.
Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.

Voluntary *Master Tallis’s Testament* Herbert Howells

As the bell rings please stand

Processional Hymn *Our Father, by whose servants* Aurelia

1 Our Father, by whose servants Our house was built of old, Whose hand hath crowned her children With blessing manifold, For Thine unfailing mercies Far-strewn along our way, With all who passed before us, We praise Thy name today.	3 They reap not where they labored; We reap what they have sown; Our harvest may be garnered By ages yet unknown. The days of old have dowered us With gifts beyond all praise; Our Father, make us faithful To serve the coming days.
2 The changeful years unresting Their silent course have sped, New members ever bringing In members steps to tread; And some are long forgotten, Long spent their hopes and fears; Safe rest they in Thy keeping, Who changest not with years.	4 Before us and beside us, Still holden in Thine hand A cloud unseen of witness, Our elder members stand: One family unbroken, We join, with one acclaim, One heart, one voice uplifting To glorify Thy name.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Preces Plainsong

Officiant:	O Lord open thou our lips,
Choir:	And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
Officiant:	O God make speed to save us,
Choir:	O Lord make haste to help us.
Officiant:	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Choir:	As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end, Amen.
Officiant:	Praise ye the Lord.
Choir:	The Lord’s Name be praised.

Please be seated.

Psalm 99 *Dominus regnavit* George Garrett

The Lord is King; let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion; *
 he is high above all peoples.
Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
 he is the Holy One.
"O mighty King, lover of justice,
 you have established equity; *
 you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
 and fall down before his footstool; *
 he is the Holy One.
Moses and Aaron among his priests,
 and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
 they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
 they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
 you were a God who forgave them,
 yet punished them for their evil deeds.
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
 and worship him upon his holy hill; *
 for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Please stand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Please be seated.

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

Reader: A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Now if the ministry of death, chiselled in letters on stone tablets, came in glory so that the people of Israel could not gaze at Moses’ face because of the glory of his face, a glory now set aside, how much more will the ministry of the Spirit come in glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, much more does the ministry of justification abound in glory! Indeed, what once had glory has lost its glory because of the greater glory; for if what was set aside came through glory, much more has the permanent come in glory! Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing

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A Legacy of Faith-Filled Generosity

In 2023, St. Paul’s established the 1858 Circle to commemorate members and friends of St. Paul’s who have included St. Paul’s in their estate plans.

2023:

David Heath & Naomi Kleid
Richard Rhoads
Merry Ann & Larry Wright

2024:

Bill & Elaine Anlyan	Mark Tedesco
Karen Day	David Tousignant
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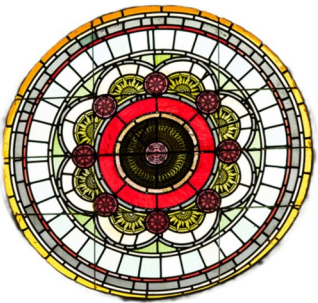
2025:

Wade Toth
Barbara and Richard+ Banks
Lucy and Norman LaSalle
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We give thanks for all who have made gifts
and bequests to St. Paul’s.

For information about joining The 1858 Circle, please contact:

Father Lee: rector@spechurch.com
or
Spencer Weig: spencer.weig@gmail.com



The Gause Family Rose Window was given in memory of founding members Samuel and Caroline Gause (1858) by their children in 1888.

Closing Prayers

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 24

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

St. Clement

The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Finale Jubilante

Healey Willan

the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Reader:: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Magnificat (choir)

Thomas Morley

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For He hath regarded: the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is His Name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent empty away. He rememb’ring His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel: as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever. (Luke 1:46-55)

Please stand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Second Lesson: Luke 9:18-27

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, ‘Who do the crowds say that I am?’ They answered, ‘John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered, ‘The Messiah of God.’ He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone, saying, ‘The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.’ Then he said to them all, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.’

Reader:: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Nunc dimittis (choir)

Thomas Morley

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel. (Luke 2:29-32)

Please stand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Apostles’ Creed *(sung together)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Responses Plainsong

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
Choir: And with thy Spirit.
Officiant: Let us pray.
Choir: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

The Lord’s Prayer *(choir)*

Our Father, who art in Heav’n, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heav’n. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

The Suffrages

Officiant: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us,
Choir: And grant us thy salvation.
Officiant: O Lord, save the State,
Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Officiant: Endue thy ministers with righteousness,
Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant: O Lord save thy people,
Choir: And bless thine inheritance.
Officiant: Give peace in our time O Lord,
Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou O God.
Officiant: O God, make clean our hearts within us,
Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

A Collect for Aid against Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The Anthem *O How Amiable are Thy Dwellings* Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. They will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home

The Homily The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

The Induction of New Members to The 1858 Circle

Please stand.