

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY THE KIRKIN' O THE TARTAN

Sunday, February 8, 2026

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Choral Eucharist

OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.

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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 James H. Green

Preacher

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Altar Server & Lector

Louise Joyner

Greeter & Usher

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Prelude

Prelude on Skye Boat Song'

Vernon Hoyle

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

Processional with the Piper

Scotland the Brave

Alba an Aigh

THE WORD OF GOD

The Acclamation and 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.*

Hymn 671

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

New Britain

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

We give you thanks, O Lord our God, for your goodness in bestowing upon this church the gift of the episcopate; and we pray that, joined together in unity with our bishops and nourished by your holy sacraments, we may proclaim the Gospel of redemption with apostolic zeal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a

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

Shout out, do not hold back. Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make

your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-9

Beatus vir

Joseph Barnby

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.
Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

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

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" -- these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 455

O Love of God, how strong and true

Dunedin

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5:13-20.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

The Nicene Creed *Please stand.*

BCP 358

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

Celebrant: As God is made manifest during this season after the Epiphany, let us pray to the Lord saying, Light of Christ, scatter the darkness from your world.

Intercessor: We give thanks to you, O God, for the light that shines in our lives through Christ our Lord. Fill your church with that light, that it may be a light to light all nations, that we may proclaim your presence and your glory. We pray for our bishops, priests, and deacons; for all who have dedicated their lives to you, for all who work in your church today. We remember especially those who have served you faithfully for many years. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Philips, Holly Ridge and Holy Cross, Wilmington. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Province of the Anglican Communion in Hong Kong and Macao. We pray for the growth of the church in our generation. Light of Christ,

People: *scatter the darkness from your world.*

Intercessor: We pray for all nations who have difficult decisions to make and are not sure which way to turn. We pray for all who strive to bring in justice, to free the oppressed, to share with the hungry, to house the homeless and to care for the poor. We pray for leaders who feel they are working in the dark, for all who cannot find answers to the problems before them. Light of Christ,

People: *scatter the darkness from your world.*

Intercessor: We pray that the dark places of our hearts, and all dark deeds, will be done away. That the darkness may be dispersed from our communities, that sin, vice, greed and violence may be done away, that our homes may be places of peace and light. Light of Christ,

People: *scatter the darkness from your world.*

Intercessor: We pray that all who walk in darkness and in the shadow of death may see your light. We remember all who have lost hope, all who have ceased to trust. We pray for all captives, for the hungry and the homeless. We pray for all who are in sickness, especially those in our Parish who need our prayers. (*The intercessor prays for those on our parish prayer list.*) Are there others? (*Silence*) May your healing be known among them. Light of Christ,

People: *scatter the darkness from your world.*

Intercessor: We give thanks that life is eternal. We remember loved ones who have gone before us and are in the fullness of light in your kingdom. We pray that one day we may all walk in that light.

Light of Christ,

People: *scatter the darkness from your world.*

Celebrant: God of grace, God of glory, guide us by your goodness, that we may walk in your ways, seek to do your will, and worship you always; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, One God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: 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.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Welcome and Announcements

The Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Tartan bearers and wearers will please stand.

Almighty God, we, a congregation of your people and the Episcopal Church offer hearty thanks for our Scottish heritage, and all the traditions of auld Scotia that we enjoy. Among these Scottish traits of character are honesty toward all, a love of our kith and kin, a talent for forbearance, and a special brand of rugged individualism. You made us lovers of poetry, song, and the dance. You imbued us with a love of scripture, Your own holy word. You made us a people who value education regardless of our financial or social station. We remember and continue to remember all who lived and died bearing tartans such as these before us this morning. They left to us a tangible and tactile Scottish heritage. We also remember in thanks the members of the Scottish Episcopal Church and their forebears who bequeathed to us the Apostolic succession through Samuel Seabury, the first Bishop of the Episcopal Church in America.

Now, we ask your blessing upon these Tartans. Help us to remember that whatever clan or tribe we belong to, we are indelibly woven into the fabric of your kingdom, and that our truest identity is found there. May our uniqueness and heritage work towards the building up of God's Kingdom. And may we remember that in your service is the perfect freedom that we all seek. Grant, O God, that we too may ever be true to the Faith of our forebearers which has played an inestimable part in the building of this beloved land, in the Name of the Prince of Peace, even Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 10 for the QR code.*

Offertory Anthem

Loch Lomond

Scottish Folk Song
Arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

By yon bonny banks and yon bonny braes, Where the sun shines bright on Loch Lomond, Where me and my true love were ever wont to gae, On the bonny, bonny banks of Loch Lomond.

O you'll take the high road and I'll take the low road and I'll be in Scotland afore ye, But me and my true love will never meet again on the bonny, bonny banks of Loch Lomond.

'Twas there that we parted in yon shady glen, on the steep, steep side of Loch Lomond, where deep in purple hue the Highland hills we view, and the moon coming out in the gloaming.

O you'll take the high road and I'll take the low road and I'll be in Scotland afore ye, But me and my true love will never meet again on the bonny, bonny banks of Loch Lomond.

The wee birdies sing and the wild flow'rs spring, And in sunshine the waters are sleeping, But the broken heart it kens nae second spring again Tho' the woeful may cease from their greeting.

O you'll take the high road and I'll take the low road and I'll be in Scotland afore ye, But me and my true love will never meet again on the bonny, bonny banks of Loch Lomond.

Presentation Hymn 423, vs. 3 & 4 (*please stand*)

St. Denio

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

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 him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant continues with a proper preface.

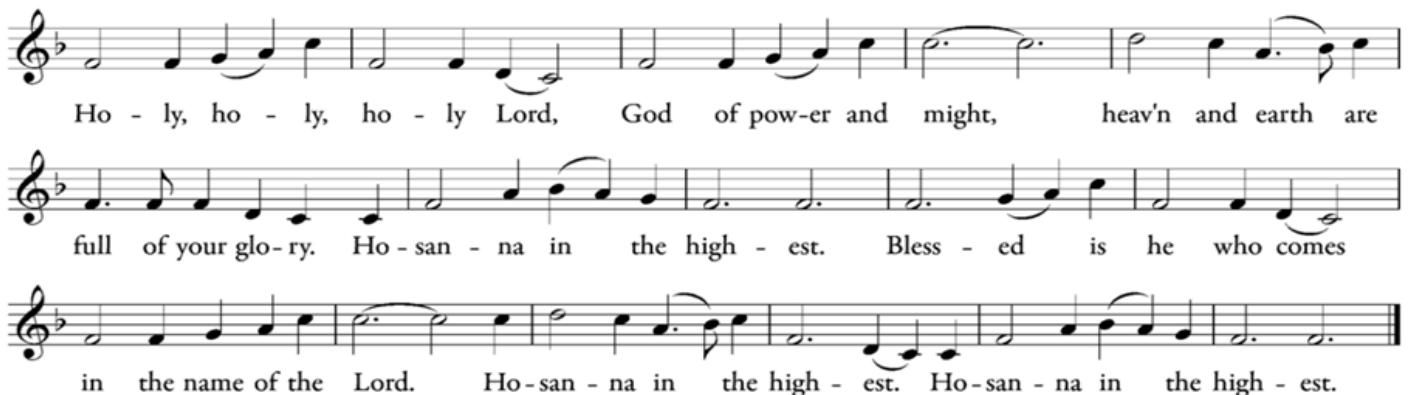
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Land of Rest



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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

One Bread, One Body

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many,
through out the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God

St. Botolph

O Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us, and grant to us your peace.

The Communion of the People

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

Gluten-free wafers are available. Please speak to a priest when you come forward for Communion.

Communion Anthem

We Cannot Measure

Malcolm Archer

We cannot measure how You heal or answer every sufferer's prayer, yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care. Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn, to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past, the fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last. But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find, the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need Your help and some have come to make amends, as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends. Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul, to disentangle peace from pain and make Your broken people whole.

The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns.

Communion Hymn 663

The Lord my God my shepherd is

Crimond

Communion Hymn 488

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Slane

The Post Communion Prayer *(said together)*

BCP 365

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

Highland Cathedral

Michael Korb and Ulrich Roever

The Dismissal

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Prelude on Ye banks and braes'

Vernon Hoyle

VANCO ONLINE GIVING



OPPORTUNITIES TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS

The Blessing Box Ministry

We express our profound gratitude for the abundance of donations received from such a faithful & generous congregation! We are grateful.

Thank you from the Blessing Box team.

St. Paul's Seeking Alarm System Volunteer

St. Paul's is seeking a volunteer to be the primary contact for our Sentinel Security system in case of emergencies. The volunteer will be the first point of contact for Sentinel when the alarm is activated and will need to be able and willing to come to the church at any time, day or night, if the need arises. There are other people on the call list in case the primary contact is unavailable, but this request is for a new primary contact.

Those interested in knowing more about this critical volunteer position should contact Father Lee. 10

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30 AM

Celebrant

The Reverend James H. Green

Preacher

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Assisting

The Reverend Judy Breny

Vergers

Leon Tillery

Dot Erway

Eucharistic Ministers

Jeffrey Hughes

John Fonda

Cabe Lee

Altar Server

Scott Sheble

Crucifers

Scott Sheble

Hazel Lee

Gospel Book Bearer

Amelia Thomas

Torchbearers

Izzy Lee

Jack Aylesworth

Lectors

Lisa Sanders-Park

Missy Kennedy

Intercessor

Lynda Miller

Musicians

Dan Johnson, Piper

Mitch Hebert, Percussion

Greeters

Paula Waterfield

Cynthia Silva

Ushers

Jake Austin

Brad Van Amberg

Alex Silva

Doug Donald

Al Cannon

Flower Guild

Jessica Shiplett

Kate Hoff

Altar Guild

Carolyn Demorest

Dot Erway

Lynda Miller

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

In Our Parish

Earl Craig

Catherine Thompson Allan

Eileen Searle

Lloyd Olsen+

Tammy Pollock

Teddy Kraszeski

JoAnn Summey

John Efthemis

Mack Umphlett

Ashley Eason

Renée Patrick

Beth Richards

Isaac McDowell

Don Curran

Carrie Anderson Kincaid

Bonnie Cawthorne

Susan McGee

Sue Stevenson

People Requesting Prayer

Lisa Wilson

Elise Harney

Tracy Sorrenti

Whitney

Sara, friends & family

Tom Post

Amira Eggers

Neil Bucci

Barbara Moss

Jeff

Jonathan

Peter

Randy Watts

Jerry T.

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 prayer 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 Minister 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.

Carroll Joines
Janet Dillon
Bill Garmon
Katherine Ramsey
Barbara O'Rourke
Richard Banks+
Jeffrey Sackrison
Retha Deaton
Brandon Adkins
Ronald Miller
Gladys & Bob Remillard
Sara Fruechtenicht
Candace Halecki
Norman LaSalle
Maryelle Jones
Peggy Gordon
Lois Moore
Michele Ryan
Kirk Conyers
Mary Lou Homestead
Shannon
Neil Ruan
Lee Tillery
Richard Mulliner
Cummings Mebane
Christopher Faulkner
Johnson Tilghman
Diana Williams
Michelle
Jackson Howard
Sylvia List
Cindy Kitterman

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

This Sunday, February 8

The Kirkin' O' the Tartan

8:00am Holy Eucharist

(Koffee Klatch to follow in the Parish Hall)

9:15am - 12pm Nursery open

9:30am Adult Faith Formation *(Parish Hall)*

9:30am Children's Sunday School *(Upstairs)*

9:30am EYC Coffee & Conversations *(Downstairs)*

10:30am Choral Eucharist with the

Kirkin' O' the Tartan

(Reception to follow in the Parish Hall)

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

4:00-5:30pm Wilmington Area Youth Event

Monday, February 9

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

Tuesday, February 10

7:30am Companions in Faith Book Group *(Online via Zoom)*

9:00am Morning Prayer *(Online via Zoom)*

Wednesday, February 11

12:10pm Midweek Holy Eucharist

(Lunch to follow in Parish Hall)

7:00-8:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 12

8:30am Gentlefolk of Noble Poverty *(Parish Hall)*

9:00am Morning Prayer *(Online via Zoom)*

11:00am ¹Rector's Bible Study *(Parish Hall)*

Friday, February 13

8:00am Mensgroup *(Library)*

Next Sunday, February 15

The Last Sunday After the Epiphany

8:00am Holy Eucharist

(Koffee Klatch to follow in the Parish Hall)

9:15am - 12pm Nursery open

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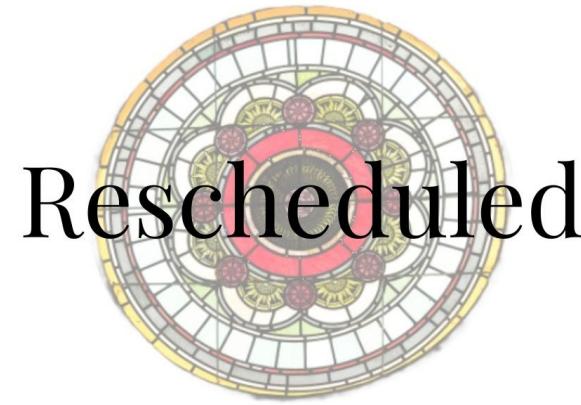
(Reception to follow in the Parish Hall)

12:30-2:45 SPEC Children & Youth Ice Skating *(Polar Ice Skating Rink)*

4:00pm 1858 Circle Choral Evensong *(followed by High Tea in the Parish Hall)*

¹Join Fr. Lee in the Parish Hall as we walk through the Lectionary Readings. Bring your lunch, your perspective, and your Bible.

CHORAL EVENSONG



Rescheduled

to Sunday, February 15, 2026, 4:00 pm
Honoring The 1858 Circle

Preparing for Lent LENTEN REFLECTIONS

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Fighting boredom during the winter storm? Consider writing a Lenten Reflection.
Deadline for submission for 2026 Lenten Reflections is **Friday, February 6!**

WRITERS BLOCK??

The best cure is to stop, take a deep breath, see what idea catches your mind's eye, and write your first – or next – 2026 Lenten Reflection. So far, our writers' attention has been drawn to, among other things, the New York Fire Department, a home aquarium on the beach, birds, close friends, and a menacing white dog.

So, stop and see what's capturing your heart. Then write your thoughts and send your reflection to hs2consulting@aol.com.

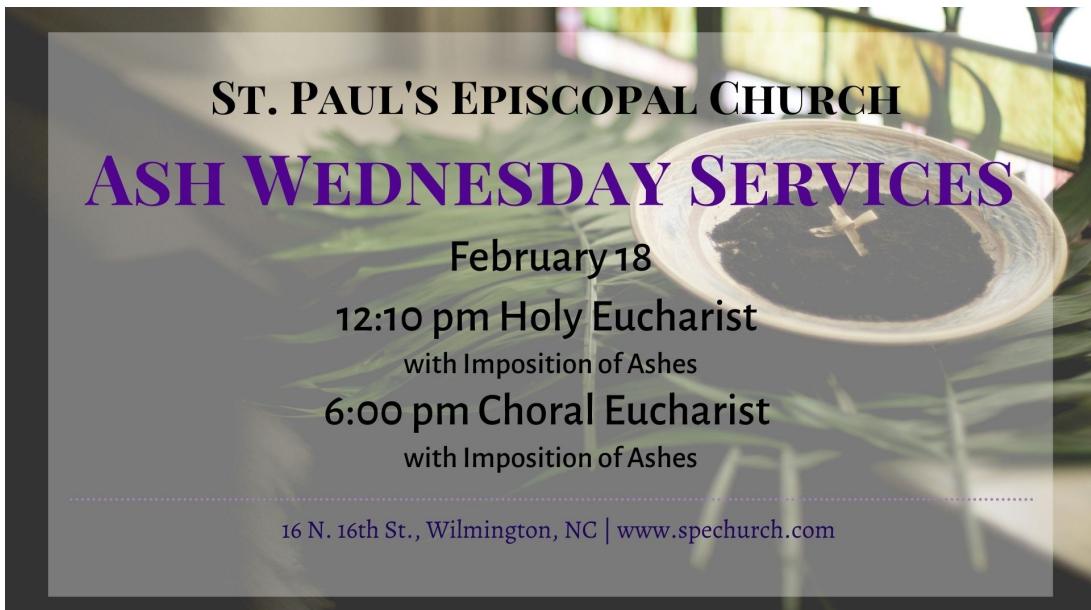
You, too, can be part of this year's engaging and thought-provoking series!
You will never write a reflection until you do your first one. Please, do it today.



**SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER**

February 17, 2026 | 5:30-7 pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

February 18

12:10 pm Holy Eucharist
with Imposition of Ashes

6:00 pm Choral Eucharist
with Imposition of Ashes

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Wednesdays in Lent Famous Preachers in The Church

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WHEN 5:30 P.M. - 7:00P.M.

WHERE PARISH HALL

WHAT SIMPLE SOUP AND
SALAD SUPPER
FOLLOWED BY A
VIDEO SERMON
FROM A FAMOUS
PREACHER
WITH DISCUSSION
AFTER AS TIME
PERMITS

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Adult Faith Formation The Characters in Lent

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WHEN 9:30 A.M., SUNDAYS

WHERE PARISH HALL
Nursery provided

WHAT A LOOK AT THE
BIBLICAL
CHARACTERS
ASSOCIATED WITH
LENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

St. Paul's Episcopal Church + St. Andrew's On-the-Sound Episcopal Church

SUMMER ARTS CAMP

June 22-26, 2026

9am-12pm

- Art, music, movement and daily worship
- Age 4 - Rising 6th grade
- Cost is \$45 per camper
- Daily snack is included
- Culminates with music performance and art show!

CAMP LOCATION:

St. Andrew's On-the-Sound 101 Airlie Rd. Wilmington, NC 28403



SAVE THE DATE!

Glory Ridge | June 28-July 3, 2026

Mark Your Calendars for Glory Ridge this Summer!

Glory Ridge is our annual summer mission trip to Western North Carolina. During the course of a week, young people have the privilege to call Glory Ridge home while they serve the residents of Madison County. Young people go out in teams to home sites approved by the Community Housing Coalition to help specific people and families with home repair. The teams then come back to "the Ridge" to process the day and worship.

Students also have free time throughout the week and whitewater rafting on Wednesday afternoon.

Glory Ridge has transformed many lives.



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 4-11.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): EYC meets Sunday from 9:30-10:15 am in the conference room for 6th grade and older.



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