

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

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 EUCHARIST RITE II ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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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

Server and Lector
Herb Gant

Greeter and Usher
Linda Collette

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The hymns can be found in the blue 1982 Hymnal. Other hymns will be marked accordingly.
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Voluntary

Psalm 23

Ad Wammes

Processional Hymn 143

The glory of these forty days

Erhalt uns, Herr

THE WORD OF GOD

The Penitential Order

BCP 351

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: *God's mercy endures forever.*

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.*

Celebrant: Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'" Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. — *Luke 15:1-7*

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 352

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.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

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

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 542

Christ is the world's true light

St. Joan

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 9:1-25.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the

Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”

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

<p>We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit</p>	<p>he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.</p> <p>For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.</p> <p>On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>He has spoken through the Prophets.</p> <p>We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.</p> <p>We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.</p> <p>We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.</p>
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The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: We pray to you, O Lord, for courage to give ourselves to you this Lent, saying, “give us strength and hear our prayer.”

Intercessor: Give your Church the courage to give up her preoccupation with herself and to give more time to your mission in the world. May the blood and water flowing from the side of Jesus bring forgiveness to your people and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Emmanuel, Farmville and Church of the Good Shepherd, Fayetteville. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya. Lord, meet us in the silence.

People: *Give us strength and hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Give your world the courage to give up war, bitterness, and hatred, and to seek peace. May the shoulders of the risen Jesus, once scourged by soldiers, bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world.

Lord, meet us in the silence.

People: *Give us strength and hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife, and jealousy in our families, neighborhoods, and communities. May the presence of the risen Jesus, his body once broken and now made whole, bring peace and direction as we live with one another.

Lord, meet us in the silence.

People: *Give us strength and hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Give us the courage to give up our selfishness as we live for others, and to give time, care, and comfort to the sick, especially *(the intercessor reads the names of those in our parish that need our prayers)*. Are there others? *(Silence)* May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch, and the light of his presence fill their rooms.

Lord, meet us in the silence.

People: *Give us strength and hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Give us the courage to give up our fear of death and to rejoice with those who have died in faith. May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus, once nailed to the cross, walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their agony, and walk with us and all your Church through death to the gates of glory.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

People: *Give us strength and hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you": Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

People: *And also with you.*

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

The King of love my Shepherd is

Robert Lee

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never, I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul He leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me, and on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me. And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

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 11 for the QR code.

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

Rockingham

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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:

Sanctus and Benedictus S-114

Holy, Holy, Holy

Healey Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
 Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
 - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

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

Fraction Anthem

Paschal Victim, bread of life

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich



The Prayer of Humble Access *(said together)*

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

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

Agnus Dei S-158

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Communion of the People

Communion Anthem

Lead me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Communion Hymn 7

Christ whose glory fills the skies

Ratisbon

The Post Communion Prayer**BCP 366***(The people stand or kneel.)*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing**Processional Hymn 646***The King of love my Shepard is*

Dominus regit me

The Dismissal**Celebrant:** Let us bless the Lord.**People:** *Thanks be to God.***Voluntary***Christ who makes us blessed, BWV 620*

J.S. Bach

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS at 10:30 AM**Celebrant & Preacher**

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Assisting

The Reverend Deacon Kay Swindell

Verger

Leon Tillery

Eucharistic Ministers

Dot Erway

John Fonda

Cabe Lee

Altar Server

Mary Jeffreys Nipper

Crucifers

Mary Jeffreys Nipper

Amelia Thomas

Gospel Book Bearer

Charlie Nipper

Torchbearers

James Bear Thompson

Izzy Lee

Lectors

Lynda Miller

Missy Kennedy

Intercessor

Joan Rosko-Miller

Vestry Person of Day

Leon Tillery

Ushers

Ron Morgan

Doug Donald

Jerry West

Rob Nipper

Ernest Patrick

Greeters

Luvette Hickey

Joan Rosko Miller

Flower Guild

Lynda Miller

JoAnne Edwards-Norman

Altar Guild

Amber Austin

Leon Tillery

Pam Garmon

Condolences

Our condolences are with Barbara O'Rourke and her family as they mourn the death of her sister, Amy Lynne Jones VanStory.

A Reception to celebrate Lynne's life will be held at:
St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parish Hall
March 28, 2026 at 1:00pm.

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

The Blessing Box

A message from the Blessing Box Ministry with our deepest gratitude and request for your understanding. Our local street people who we serve right now do not have the resources to cook and prepare food.

Donation suggestions include:

- PB&J sandwiches in baggies
- Pull top cans of soup or beans
- Drinks and snacks
- Soap and facecloths

We thank you for helping us display the radical hospitality of St. Paul's in our neighborhood.

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

In Our Parish

Catherine Thompson Allan	Michele Ryan
Eileen Searle	Bill Garmon
Lloyd Olsen+	Katherine Ramsey
Tammy Pollock	Barbara O'Rourke
Caroll Joines	Richard Banks+
JoAnn Summey	Jeffrey Sackrison
John Efthemis	Retha Deaton
Sara Fruechtenicht	Ronald Miller
Candace Halecki	Gladys & Bob Remillard
Beth Richards	Norman LaSalle
Carrie Anderson Kincaid	Maryelle Jones
Bonnie Cawthorne	Peggy Gordon
Susan McGee	Joseph Farri
Sue Stevenson	Carla Ortiz
Ron Miller	

People Requesting Prayer

Joe Prutzman	Kirk Conyers
Elise Harney	Mary Lou Homestead
Tracy Sorrenti	Shannon
Whitney	Peter
Sara, friends & family	Lee Tillery
Neil Bucci	Diana Williams
Jeff	Michelle
Randy Watts	Jackson Howard
Jerry T.	Sylvia List
Matt	Cindy Kitterman
Tom & Susie Marta	Amira Eggers
Kate Maclay	Irish & Matthew Moulden
Michael Stroud	Richard Mulliner
Laurel	Johnson Tilghman
Mary Monall	

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. 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.

Vanco Online Giving



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Choral Evensong
Sunday, March 22
5:00 pm

with a Homily by the Rector
on *Preparing for Holy Week*

Holy Eucharist Rite I will be celebrated at the conclusion of Evensong for those who wish to stay and participate.

ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, March 15

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

(Reception to follow in the Parish Hall)

3:00-5:00pm Children, Youth, & Families Bowling

Tuesday, March 17

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

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

Wednesday, March 18

12:10pm Holy Eucharist *(Lunch to follow in Parish Hall)*

5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper *(Parish Hall)*

7:00-8:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 19

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

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

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

Friday, March 20

8:00am Mensgroup *(Library)*

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

Saturday, March 21

10:00am-2:00pm Crafters' Meetup *(Parish Hall)*

Next Sunday, March 22

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

(Reception to follow in the Parish Hall)

2:00-4:00pm Lower Cape Fear Deanery Youth Event

(St. Mark's)

5:00pm Choral Evensong

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

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Want to get involved?



SIMPLE LENTEN SUPPERS

Seeking soup & salad makers,
bread bakers & buyers,
plus extra help!



- SOUP
- SALAD
- BREAD
- EXTRA HELP

SIGN UP

February 25-March 25, 2026

Seeking soup & salad makers, bread bakers & buyers!
We also need extra help for serving and cleaning up.

Individuals, families and ministry groups
are encouraged to assist!

ARRIVAL: 5:15 PM

BREAK BREAD TOGETHER: 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

PROGRAM: 6:00 - 7:00 PM

CLEAN UP: 7:00 PM - 7:15 PM

Please review the available slots and submit your name to provide soup, salad, bread, or additional help. Your faithful willingness to help Parish Life with our famous hospitality and fellowship events is very much appreciated.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084BADAB2AA46-soup/132267000#/>

now collecting

EASTER EGGS & CANDY

Please consider donating (filled) plastic eggs or bags of individually wrapped candy for our Annual Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.

Place donations in the labeled bins at either entrance any Sunday starting March 15th. Collection will end on Palm Sunday. Thank you for supporting our Children & Youth!

POSSIBLE FILLER IDEAS INCLUDE: SMALL CANDY, STICKERS, COINS, LITTLE TOYS, BIBLE VERSES, ETC!
CHOCOLATE TENDS TO MELT OUTSIDE SO AVOID IF POSSIBLE! THANK YOU!



Palm Cross Making Party

Join the Flower Guild in the Parish Hall



No experience needed.
Instructions provided.

Thursday, March 26th, 10-11 am

ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Wednesdays in Lent
Famous Preachers
in
the Church

16 N. 16th St., Wilmington, NC
www.spechurch.com

WHEN	5:30 P.M. - 7:00P.M.
WHERE	PARISH HALL <small>*NURSERY PROVIDED</small>
WHAT	SIMPLE SOUP AND SALAD SUPPER FOLLOWED BY A VIDEO SERMON FROM A FAMOUS PREACHER WITH DISCUSSION AFTER AS TIME PERMITS

*IF CHILDCARE IS NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT MEAGHAN THOMAS AT SPECKIDS@SPECHURCH.COM

ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Adult Faith Formation
The Characters in Lent

16 N. 16th St., Wilmington, NC
www.spechurch.com

WHEN	9:30 A.M., SUNDAYS
WHERE	PARISH HALL <small>*Nursery provided</small>
WHAT	A LOOK AT THE BIBLICAL CHARACTERS ASSOCIATED WITH LENT

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - The Sunday of the Passion

March 29

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist with Hymns

10:00 am - Liturgy of the Palms, beginning in the Parish Hall

10:30 am - Choral Eucharist

Monday in Holy Week

March 30

12:10 pm - Stations of the Cross *with Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday in Holy Week

March 31

12:10 pm - Stations of the Cross *with Holy Eucharist*

Wednesday in Holy Week

April 1

12:10 pm - Holy Eucharist *with lunch to follow*

Maundy Thursday

April 2

7:00 pm - The Liturgy for Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

April 3

12:10 pm - A Choral Liturgy for Good Friday

Holy Saturday

April 4

7:00 pm - The Great Vigil of Easter

(First Eucharist of Easter)

Easter Sunday

April 5

The Feast of the Resurrection

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist with Hymns

10:00 am - Easter Musical Prelude and the Flowering of the Cross begin

10:30 am - Festival Choral Eucharist

*The usual coffee hour/ reception on Easter will be **light snacks & lemonade** while the Childrens' Easter Egg Hunt occurs.*



Gift Form 2026

You are invited to honor or remember loved ones with the gift of flowers and music for our Easter services. Completed forms can be emailed to admin@spechurch.com, **or** dropped off at the church office. You can also donate Easter flowers and music using the Vanco service on our website at <https://spechurch.com/online-giving/>.

Please email or turn this form into the church office.
Deadline is Monday, March 30, 2026 | admin@spechurch.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Bulletin Dedication:

Note (circle one or both): In Memory of *and/or* In Honor of:

Donation (*circle one or both*): Flowers / Music

Amount \$ _____ Cash Check # _____ Date _____

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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