

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 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 EUCHARIST RITE II ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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### SERVICE PARTICIPANTS at 8:00 AM

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**Celebrant**  
The Reverend James H. Green

**Server and Lector**  
David Tousignant

**Intercessor**  
Spencer Weig

**Preacher**  
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

**Greeter and Usher**  
Mona Clites

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# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## 10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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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**

*Prelude in E♭*

Gustav Merkel

**Processional Hymn 522**

*Glorious things of thee are spoken*

Austria

### 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:** Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

**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

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### The First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

**Reader:** A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
 For the Lord is a great God, \*  
 and a great King above all gods.  
 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
 and the heights of the hills are his also.  
 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
 and his hands have molded the dry land.  
 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
 For he is our God,  
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!  
 Harden not your hearts,  
 as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
 at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
 when they tempted me.  
 They put me to the test, \*  
 though they had seen my works.  
 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
 "This people are wayward in their hearts;  
 they do not know my ways."  
 So I swore in my wrath, \*  
 "They shall not enter into my rest."

### **The Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11**

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand.*

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 4:5-42.

**People:** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

**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

*adapted from Form IV*

BCP 388

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

**Celebrant:** Let us pray for the Church and for the world saying “Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.”

**Intercessor:** Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Rob our bishop, Sean our presiding bishop, and Sarah, our bishop-elect. We pray for the ministry of the Clergy of St. Paul’s, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church, Elizabeth City, and Holy Innocents, Seven Springs. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East.

*Silence*

**People:** Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for the United States, the people of Israel, Iran, Gaza, and throughout the Middle East. We ask for your protection on all members of the armed services, and for peace in our global community.

*Silence*

**People:** Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially *(the intercessor reads the names of those in our parish who need our prayers)*; Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Are there others?*

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Lynne Van Story, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

**The Lenten Collect** *(said together)*

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The Peace**

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

**People:** *And also with you.*

**Announcements**

**Offertory Anthem**

*Like as the hart*

Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night: while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

*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.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP 361

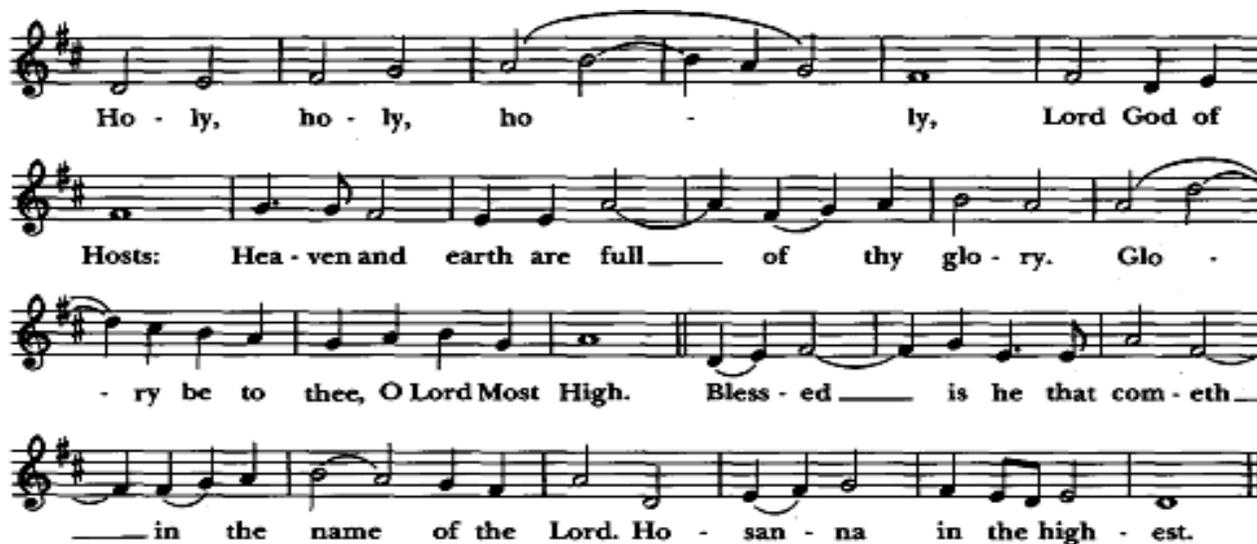
**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** *And also with you.*  
**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.  
**People:** *We lift them to the Lord.*  
**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People:** *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

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  
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



Pas - chal vic - tim, bread of life, Giv - er of e - ter - nal peace,



Christ for us is sac - ri - ficed; There - fore let us keep the feast. R. C. Donehue+

**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**

*I waited for the Lord*

Felix Mendelssohn

Duet by Annabelle Arends and Isabel Roman

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me, he heard my complaint.  
O blessed are they that hope and trust in him.

**Communion Hymn 439**

*What wondrous love is this*

Wondrous Love

**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***I heard the voice of Jesus say*

Kingsfold

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest;  
and in your weariness lay down  
your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink, and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul  
revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my Star, my Sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till pilgrim days are done.

**The Dismissal****Celebrant:** Let us bless the Lord.**People:** *Thanks be to God.***Voluntary***Modus ludendi pleno organo pedaliter*

Samuel Scheidt

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

The Reverend James H. Green

**Preacher and Gospeller**

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

**Assisting**

The Reverend Judy Breny

**Verger**

Leon Tillery

**Altar Server**

Bennett Sanders-Park

**Crucifers**

Bennett Sanders-Park

Ruth Gates

**Gospel Book Bearer**

Kate Anlyan

**Torchbearers**

Amelia Thomas

Jack Aylesworth

**Lectors**

Sara Pope

Elisabeth Sanders-Park

**Intercessor**

Allen Lee

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Nathan Gaylord

Sue Sramek

Ruth Gates

**Vestry Person of Day**

Tori Cannon

**Ushers**

Dot Erway

Merrilie Crafts

Greg Knepper

Allan Dolman

David Fowle

**Greeters**

Marietta Dolman

Beth Van Amberg

**Flower Guild**

Lynda Miller

JoAnne Edwards-Norman

**Altar Guild**

Carolyn Demorest

Dot Erway

Lynda Miller

**Vanco Online Giving**

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## ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

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### 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	Joe 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

### 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](http://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.

### The Departed

Lynne Van Story



**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**Choral Evensong**  
Sunday, March 22  
5:00 pm  
16 North 16th St., Wilmington, NC | [www.spechurch.com](http://www.spechurch.com)



**CAUTION! STAIR RESTORATION**

As we continue to prepare for major renovations to our historic campus, we are doing some much needed restorative work to the stairwell/fire escape on the northeast side of the building. These stairs are the ones that have the best access to the kitchen.

Please take notice that this stairwell will be **inoperable the week of March 9 - March 14**. The stairs will be cordoned off to eliminate access to them during their restoration. Members of the congregation are asked to use other entry and exit doors for the next week.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR

### Today, Sunday, March 8

#### The Third 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)*

10:30am Choral Eucharist

*(Reception to follow in the Parish Hall)*

11:45 Tour of St. Paul's

### Monday, March 9

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

6:00pm Vestry Meeting *(Parish Hall)*

### Tuesday, March 10

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

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

### Wednesday, March 11

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 12

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

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

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

### Friday, March 13

8:00am Mensgroup *(Library)*

### Next 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  
*(Cardinal Lanes Beach Bowl)*

<sup>1</sup>Join 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

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#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084BADAB2AA46-soup/132267000#/)

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

## LENT AND EASTER AT ST. PAUL'S



### 2026 Foster Pantry Easter Baskets

St. Paul's is partnering with the Foster Pantry to provide Easter Baskets to 50 foster children in our area.

There are children of a variety of ages being supported in foster care. You can sign up to provide a basket with age appropriate treats and fun items

### Easter Basket Ministry Sign Up

Sign up in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 service **TODAY!**

Please drop off your baskets by Sunday 3/22 at 12:00pm.

Questions can be directed to Cecelia Peers or Michael Jonik.

*Thank you for your support of this special ministry!*

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!

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  
\*NURSERY PROVIDED

**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

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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

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## FORMATION IN LENT

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### Wednesdays in Lent

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

**5:30 pm** - Lenten Soup Supper

**6:00 pm -7:00 pm** - Adult program

### Famous Preachers in the Church

*Each week we will watch a sermon from a famous preacher in the church and have discussion*

**7:00 pm - 8:30 pm** - Adult Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday Adult Formation in Lent @ 9:30 am

#### The Characters in Lent - Parish Hall

*A look at the biblical characters associated with Lent*

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All are encouraged to follow the daily reflections in our Lenten Reflections Book:

### Wander and Ponder

### Lenten Reflections

*Please enjoy St. Paul's Lenten Reflections via subscribing to our E-news or in booklet form at either entrance to the church.*

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### Sundays

**8:00am** Holy Eucharist

*Followed by Koffee Klatch*

**10:30am** Choral Eucharist

*Followed by reception*

### Wednesdays

**12:10pm** Holy Eucharist

*Followed by community lunch*

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## ST. PAUL'S WELCOMES YOU

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### **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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The Right Reverend Robert Skirving, Bishop

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee, Rector

The Reverend James H. Green, Associate Priest

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Meaghan Thomas, Children's Ministry Coordinator

Isaac McDowell, Associate for Youth and Parish Life

Christian Bridges, Sunday Sexton

### **St. Paul's 2026 Vestry**

Barbara Ellington Banks, Rector's Warden

Mait DuBois, People's Warden

Anne O'Dell, Clerk

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