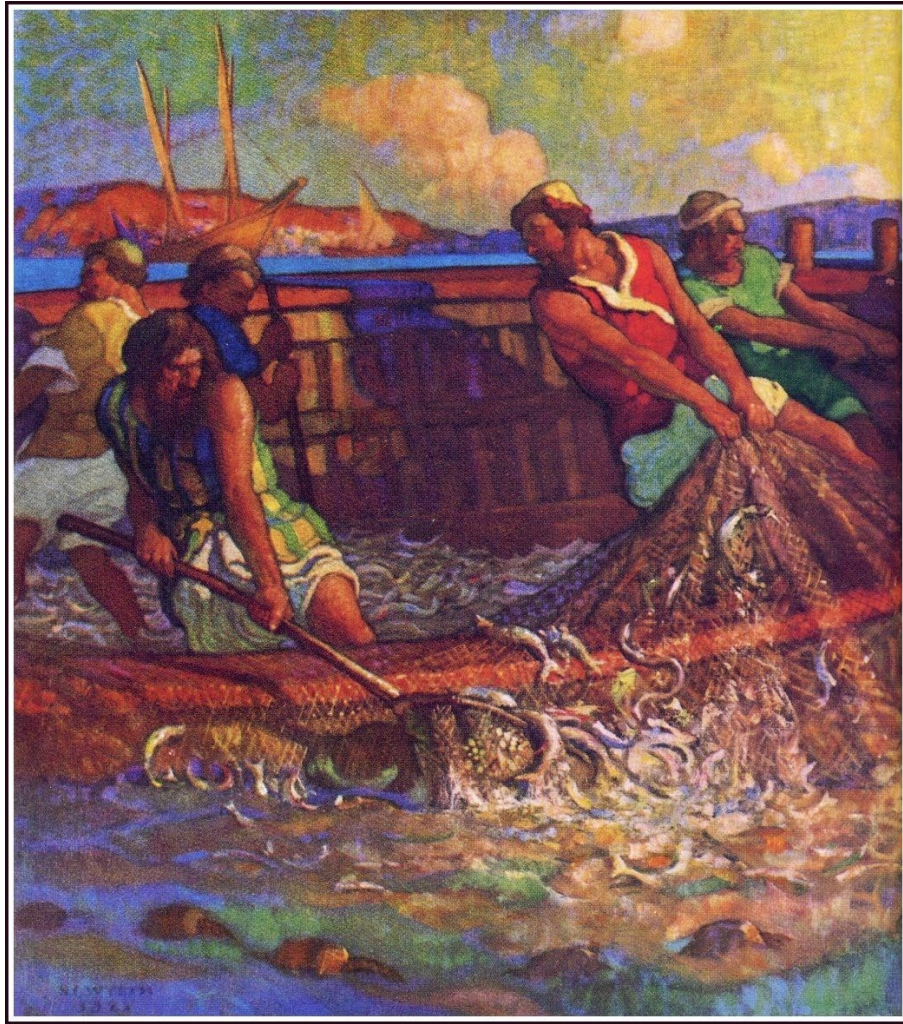


ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

WORSHIP – WELCOME – WITNESS

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, celebrating 168 years of service and worship in Wilmington.

8:00 AM HOLY 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
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Altar Server & Lector
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Greeter | Usher
Tom Gerow

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Other hymns will be marked accordingly. Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

Voluntary	<i>Prelude on Slane</i>	Healey Willan
Processional Hymn 388	<i>O worship the King, all glorious above</i>	Hanover

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation and Response

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: *And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity *(said together)*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Gloria S-280	<i>Glory to God in the Highest (Music on page 12)</i>	Robert Powell
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Reader: A Reading from the First Book of Kings.

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him,

“Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 119:129-136

Mirabilia

Joseph Barnby

Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple
I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.
Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.
Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.
Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.
My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

The Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

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

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.**People:** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.**People:** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.***The Homily****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**Deacon:** With Solomon and the great sages of our lineage, let us now turn our hearts to God and seek true wisdom, saying O God, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the leaders of religious communities and congregations throughout the earth, especially Sarah, our bishop; Sean, our presiding bishop; and the clergy of St. Paul's as they journey towards truth and clarity, we pray for God's wisdom:

People: *O God, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: We pray for God's people throughout the world; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Paul's in the Pines, Fayetteville. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church in Tanzania. We pray for the Church and we pray for God's wisdom:

People: *O God, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: For government officials and civil authorities during this time of global unrest, we pray for God's wisdom:

People: *O God, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: For the sick, especially (*the intercessor reads the names of those in our parish that need our prayers*). Are there others? (*Silence*) For the victims of incurable disease, for those chained by depression, fear, and addiction, and for those who minister to them, we pray for God's wisdom:

People: *O God, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: For the youth of our age in their search for the pearl of identity, we pray for God's wisdom:

People: *O God, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: For all mothers and fathers who woke today without food for their children, we pray for God's wisdom:

People: *O God, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: For those who seek and never find, for those who travel without purpose, and for those blind to the needs of others, we pray for God's wisdom:

People: *O God, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: For those who have died, and those who mourn, we pray for God's comfort:

People: *O God, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Astonish us once again, O God, and bring forth from the storeroom of your heart the abundance of wisdom, grace, and love. May all who ask for your prayers know your love, and may we give testimony to your grace in our lives. In the name of Christ we pray. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People:

Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

The Peace

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

People: *And also with you.*

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

Richard Shephard

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

*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 14 for the QR code.*

Presentation Hymn

Doxology with Alleluias

Laast uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

BCP 367

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.

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus and Benedictus LEVAS 255

(organ)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, _____

_____ ho - ly, ho - ly, _____ ho - ly Lord God _____ of hosts, _____ Heav-en and

earth _____ are _____ filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. _____ Bless-ed is he who _____ comes in the name _____ of the Lord, _____

_____ of the Lord. _____ Ho - san - na _____ in the

high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The people stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 for ever. *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 S-169

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Invitation to Communion

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

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

Senchur

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion of the People

Communion of both kinds is offered at the Altar Rail and the Baptistry. If you do not wish to receive communion please cross your arms for a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available at every station.

Communion Anthem

Panis Angelicus

César Franck
(Bob Workmon)

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum; Dat panis cœlicus figuris terminum: O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum pauper, servus et humilis. Te trina Deitas unaque poscimus: Sic nos tu visita, sicut te colimus; Per tuas semitas duc nos quo tendimus, Ad lucem quam inhabitas. Amen.

(English translation)

Thus Angels' Bread is made the Bread of man today: the Living Bread from heaven with figures dost away: O wondrous gift indeed! The poor and lowly may upon their Lord and Master feed. Thee, therefore, we implore, O Godhead, One in Three, so may Thou visit us as we now worship Thee; and lead us on Thy way, That we at last may see the light wherein Thou dwellest aye. Amen.

Communion Hymn 314

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen

Adore devote

Communion Hymn 448

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Deus tuorum militum

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 Hymn 594

God of grace and God of glory

Cwm Rhondda

The Dismissal

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Voluntary

God be praised and blessed

Heinrich Scheidemann

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30AM

Celebrant & Preacher

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Gospeller

The Reverend Deacon Nick Kohlmann

Assisting

The Reverend Deacon Kay Swindell

Verger

Leon Tillery

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Louise Joyner | Scott Sheble | Dot Erway

Altar Server

Bennett Sanders-Park

Crucifers

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Gospel Book Bearer

Dot Erway

Lectors

Louise Joyner | Joan Rosko Miller

Intercessor

Barbara Bucci

Vestry Person of the Day

Brad Van Amberg

Ushers

Cynthia Smallwood | Trish Arnold

Kathryn & Royster Hedgepeth | Don Bobo

Greeters

Barbara Bucci | Ruth Gates

Flower Guild

Michele Ryan | Alice Cavin

Altar Guild

Carolyn Demorest | Dot Erway | Lynda Miller

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, July 26

The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00am Holy Eucharist (*no Koffee Klatch*)

9:15am-12pm Nursery open

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

10:30am Choral Eucharist (*Light Reception to follow in the Parish Hall*)

Tuesday, July 28

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

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

Wednesday, July 29

12:10pm Midday Eucharist (*No lunch until fall*)

Thursday, July 30

8:30am GNP + St. Fiacre Garden Guild Work Day

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

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

Friday, July 31

8:00am Mensgroup (*Parish Hall*)

Next Sunday, August 2

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9:15am-12pm Nursery open

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

10:30am Choral Eucharist (*Light Reception to follow in the Parish Hall*)

11:45am Church Tour of St. Paul's (*following the Choral Eucharist*)

YOUTH WEEK AUGUST 3-6, 2026



The graphic features a stylized sun with rays at the top. Below it, the text "Youth Week Summer 26" is written in a large, orange, cursive font. The background is a light orange color with a blue wavy line at the bottom representing water. The text for each day of the week is listed below the title in a smaller, orange, sans-serif font.

August 3rd: Day Trip to Conway, SC (Isaac's Parents)!

August 4th - Service Project with 2Share & Lower Cape Fear Diaper Bank + lunch!

August 5th - Downtown Wilmington Church Tours + lunch & games!

August 6th - Play @ The Miracle League Field with ACCESS of Wilmington + lunch & games.

Contact: Isaac@spechurch.com for more info!



Diaper Bank of Lower Cape Fear Diaper Drive

We are making it very easy to participate!

Starting today, you will notice a bin outside the Sanctuary where we will be collecting diapers of all shapes and sizes. We gladly accept donations of new and opened packages of baby diapers, feminine hygiene products, and adult incontinence products.

If you would rather give virtually, without doing the shopping yourself, you can simply use the St. Paul's link and diapers will be shipped directly to the Diaper Bank. <https://a.co/00K5mzul>

Writing a check? Be sure to include **Diaper Drive** in the memo line!

Contact Steve Bucci for more info:
sbucci@hotmail.com



The St. Fiacre Garden Guild meets each Thursday morning at 8:30am in the Parish Hall. Volunteers work together to beautify the gardens and grounds around our campus. It is a wonderful way to enjoy nature and connect with God through his creation. No green thumb or any experience is needed!

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Vanco Online Giving



ST. PAUL'S BLESSING BOX

I was filling the blessing box with bottles of water because of the extreme heat. I noticed there already was water & snacks someone donated. As I was doing this, a delivery truck drove by. The driver waved & yelled, "*Keep up the good work!!!*".

I waved and thanked him. His message of thanks is for **everyone** because of your compassion and generosity for the "least of Mine".

I am so grateful to be a member of St Paul's. Amen.
~Judith

In Our Parish

Catherine Thompson Allan	Thomas Freeling
Eileen Searle	Bill Garmon
Lloyd Olsen+	Katherine Ramsey
Tammy Pollock	Jaime Bellamy
Caroll Joines	Richard Banks+
JoAnn Summey	Jeffrey Sackrison
John Efthemis	Retha Deaton
Sara Fruechtenicht	Ronald Miller
Louise Joyner	Gladys & Bob Remillard
Ron Miller	Norman LaSalle
Susan McGee	Maryelle Jones
Carla Ortiz	Ashley Eason
Teddy Kraszeski	Marie Ashworth
Luvette Hickey	Jerry West
Lili Fiore	Bil Day

People Requesting Prayer

Elise Harney	Mary Lou Homestead
Tracy Sorrenti	Michael Stroud
Whitney	Kirk Conyers
Stewart Schall	Johnson Tilghman
Lyn Keating	Holly
Sylvia List	Lindsay
Leslie Sternstein	Cindy Kitterman
Tina Sorrenti	Gail Keel
Shelley Tucker	Cathy Whiteside
Jennifer	

About the Prayer List

Included in our prayers are the names of those for whom prayer has been requested by a parishioner or family member. The reason for being listed is kept confidential. All parish prayer requests are listed on the prayer list for one month. ***The complete list of those in need of our prayers are remembered weekly at our 12:10 pm Wednesday Eucharist with Healing Prayers.*** If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list please reach out to Fr. Caleb Lee or make a prayer request online at our website, www.spechurch.com.

Hospitalization or Pastoral Issues

Please notify us if you or a family member is hospitalized and/or in need of a pastoral call or visit. Please speak with Fr. Caleb or call the church office at **(910) 762-4578.**

Sharing Holy Communion

If illness prevents you or a loved one from joining us for regularly scheduled services, Fr. Caleb or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor can share Holy Communion either in your home or at a health care facility. Please speak to Fr. Caleb or contact the church office at **(910) 762-4578.**

ST. PAUL'S 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 6 mos. - age 5.

Sunday School: Sunday School meets from 9:30-10:15 am upstairs in the Children's Wing for ages pre-K to 5th grade.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): EYC meets Sunday from 9:30-10:15 am in Meeting Room A downstairs for 6th grade and older.



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The Reverend Deacon Nick Kohlmann, Curate

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Lynne Rooks, Finance Manager

Jeanne Fitzpatrick, Church Administrator

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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