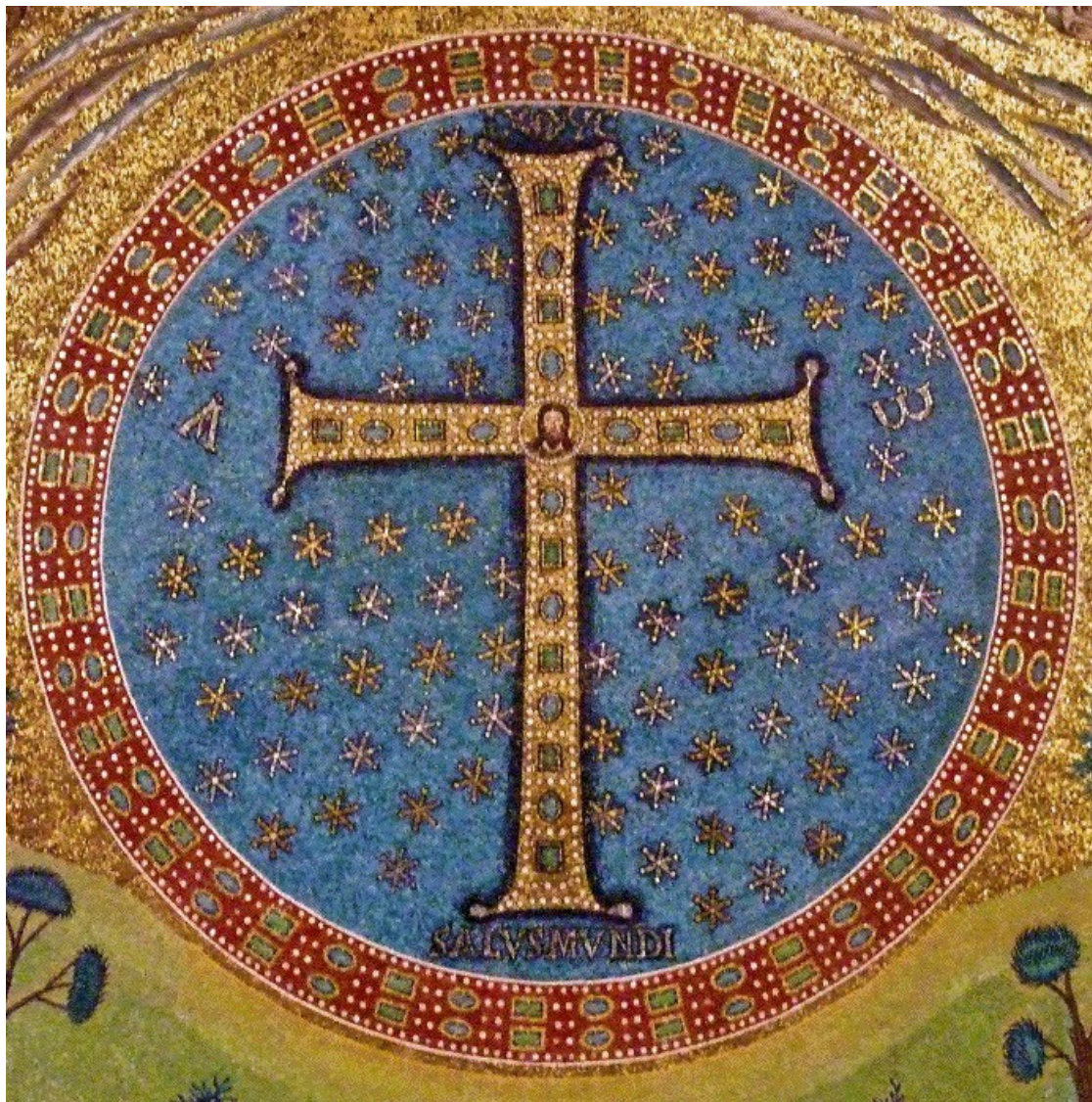


ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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

Our worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.

THE WORD OF GOD

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Lord, have mercy.	
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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 8:00 AM

Celebrant
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Preacher
The Reverend Deacon
Nick Kohlmann

Greeter & Usher
Shar Day

Altar Server & Intercessor
Louise Joyner

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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10:30 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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Voluntary

Andante

William Edward Pitman

Proclamation Hymn

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle

Westminster Abbey

1. Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;
of the mighty conflict sing;
tell the triumph of the victim,
to his cross thy tribute bring.
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer
from that cross now reigns as King.

2. Thirty years among us dwelling,
his appointed time fulfilled,
born for this, he meets his passion,
this the Savior freely willed:
on the cross the Lamb is lifted,
where his precious blood is spilled.

3. He endures the nails, the spitting,
vinegar, and spear, and reed;
from that holy body broken
blood and water forth proceed:
earth, and stars, and sky, and ocean,
by that flood from stain are freed.

Station Collect

The Celebrant sings

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

4. Faithful cross! above all other,
one and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
none in fruit thy peer may be:
sweetest wood and sweetest iron!
sweetest weight is hung on thee.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Acclamation and Response

BCP 299

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*
Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;
People: *There is one hope in God's call to us.*
Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People: *One God and Father of all.*

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Isaiah 45:21-25

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

Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the Lord? There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Saviour; there is no one besides me. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: "To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98:1-4

Cantate Domino

Ivor Atkins

Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

The Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

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

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 490

I want to walk as a child of the light

Houston

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 12:31-36a.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Homily

The Reverend Deacon Nick Kohlmann

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Parents and Godparents: We present Madeleine Josephine to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents: *I renounce them.*

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents: *I renounce them.*

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents: *I renounce them.*

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents: *I do.*

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents: *I do.*

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents: *I do.*

All stand.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in her life in Christ?

People: *We will.*

Celebrant: Let us join with these parents and godparents who are committing this child to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Deacon: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Deacon: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Deacon: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant: Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Procession to the Font

Baptismal Hymn

Come, Holy Spirit

Repton
Text by C.J.L+

Come Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,
Descend to us we pray.
With water may you purify.
With oil, you seal and sanctify.
A new life now begun. A new life now begun.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

Deacon: Madeleine Josephine, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: *Amen.*

Celebrant: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

People: *Amen.*

Celebrant: Madeleine Josephine, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People: *Amen.*

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: *We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.*

The Peace

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

People: *And also with you.*

Welcome & Announcements

*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 12 for the QR code.*

Offertory Anthem

Take up your cross

Ronald Corp

Take up your cross, the Saviour said, if you want to follow me.

I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out my wicked transgressions.

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

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.*

The Celebrant continues with a Proper Preface.

Sanctus and Benedictus

St. Thomas

Moderato *mf*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might,
 Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Memorial Acclamation:

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
All: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast.

Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia.

Detailed description: This block contains the first three staves of the Fraction Anthem. The first staff (measures 1-5) is in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It features a melody starting on a half note D, followed by quarter notes E, F#, G, A, B, C, D, with a triplet of eighth notes G, A, B. The second staff (measures 6-10) continues the melody with a triplet of eighth notes G, A, B, followed by quarter notes C, D, E, F#, G, A, B, C, D. The third staff (measures 11-15) is in treble clef, key of D major, and 2/4 time. It features a melody starting on a half note D, followed by quarter notes E, F#, G, A, B, C, D, with a triplet of eighth notes G, A, B. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.' for the first staff, 'Christ our Pass - o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast.' for the second staff, and 'Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia.' for the third staff.

Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei S-164

Jesus, Lamb of God

Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of the Agnus Dei S-164. It is in treble and bass clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, starting on a half note D, followed by quarter notes E, F#, G, A, B, C, D, with a triplet of eighth notes G, A, B. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.'

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of the Agnus Dei S-164. It is in treble and bass clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, starting on a half note D, followed by quarter notes E, F#, G, A, B, C, D, with a triplet of eighth notes G, A, B. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.'

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

Detailed description: This block contains the third system of the Agnus Dei S-164. It is in treble and bass clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, starting on a half note D, followed by quarter notes E, F#, G, A, B, C, D, with a triplet of eighth notes G, A, B. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:'

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Detailed description: This block contains the fourth system of the Agnus Dei S-164. It is in treble and bass clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, starting on a half note D, followed by quarter notes E, F#, G, A, B, C, D, with a triplet of eighth notes G, A, B. The lyrics are: 'give us your peace, give us your peace.'

The 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

Crux fidelis

Robert Lehman

Faithful Cross! Above all other, one and only noble tree! None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit
thy peer may be: sweetest wood and sweetest iron, sweetest weight is hung on thee.

Communion Hymn 160

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow

Cross of Jesus

Communion Hymn 167

There is a green hill far away

Horsley

The Post Communion Prayer *(said together)*

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 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Engelberg

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Prelude in D-major, BWV 532

J. S. Bach

BAPTISMAL CANDIDATE, PARENTS, & GODPARENTS

Madeleine Josephine Duppín

Parents: Dylan Isaiah Duppín and Aubrey Nicole Duppín

Godparents: Brinn Hassan, Robert Hassan III

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Preacher & Gospeller

The Reverend Deacon
Nick Kohlmann

Assisting

Michael Roberts, Seminarian

Vergar

Leon Tillery

Eucharistic Ministers

Nathan Gaylord
Larry Hartman
Carolyn Demorest

Altar Server

Mary Jeffreys Nipper

Crucifers

Mary Jeffreys Nipper
Izzy Lee

Gospel Book Bearer

Jack Aylesworth

Torchbearers

Hazel Lee
Charlie Nipper

Lectors

Elisabeth Harney
Missy Kennedy

Intercessor

Allen Lee

Thurifer

Scott Sheble

Greeters

Marietta Dolman
Beth Van Amberg

Ushers

Allan Dolman
Bill Petry
Dianne Stansbury
Trish Arnold
Brad Van Amberg

Altar Guild

Sally Pope
Zona Tounsley
Valerie DeJarld

Flower Guild

Marietta Dolman
Lynda Miller

ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Feast of the Holy Cross

8:00am Holy Eucharist (*Koffee Klatch to follow in the Parish Hall*)

9:15am-12pm Nursery open

9:30am Coffee with the Rector (*Parish Hall*)

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

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

10:30am Choral Eucharist with Holy Baptism (*Social Reception to follow in the Parish Hall*)

4:00pm Choral Evensong with Holy Eucharist Rite I

5:30pm EYC Kickoff (*Parish Hall*)

Monday, September 14

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

Tuesday, September 15

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

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

6:30pm EfM Meeting (*Zoom*)

Wednesday, September 16

12:10pm Midday Eucharist (*Lunch following in the Parish Hall*)

7:00pm Choir Practice (*Parish Hall*)

Thursday, September 17

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

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

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

5:30pm-6:30pm Chorister rehearsal

Friday, September 18

8:00am Mensgroup (*Parish Hall*)

Next Sunday, September 20, 2026

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00am Holy Eucharist (*Koffee Klatch to follow in the Parish Hall*)

9:15am-12pm Nursery open

9:30am Coffee with the Rector (*Parish Hall*)

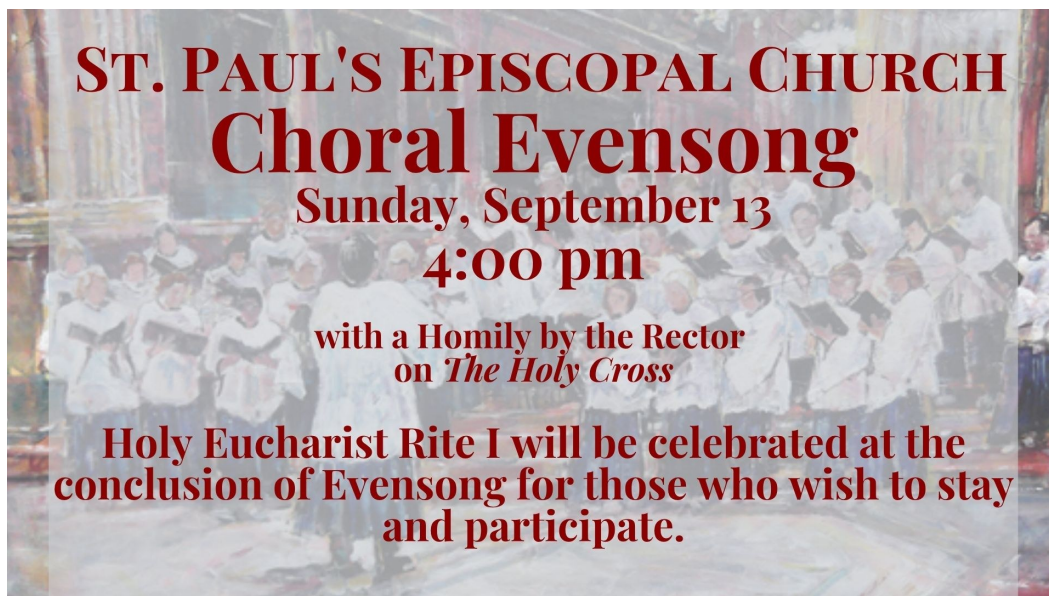
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9:30am Youth Coffee & Conversations (*Downstairs*)

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

5:00-7:00pm WAY @ St. James

HAPPENING THIS AFTERNOON!



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Choral Evensong
Sunday, September 13
4:00 pm
with a Homily by the Rector
on *The Holy Cross*
**Holy Eucharist Rite I will be celebrated at the
conclusion of Evensong for those who wish to stay
and participate.**

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

In Our Parish

Catherine Thompson Allan	Thomas Freeling
Eileen Searle	Bill Garmon
Lloyd Olsen+	Katherine Ramsey
Tammy Pollock	Richard Banks+
Caroll Joines	Jack McElroy
JoAnn Summey	Alix Dorr
John Efthemis	Retha Deaton
Sara Fruechtenicht	Ronald Miller
Louise Joyner	Gladys & Bob Remillard
Ron Miller	Norman LaSalle
Susan McGee	Maryelle & Barry Jones
Carla Ortiz	Ashley Eason
Teddy Kraszeski	Marie Ashworth
Luvette Hickey	Patrick Finn
Lili Fiore	Bill Day
Jeanne Fitzpatrick	Patsy Perhala
Marshall Foster	

People Requesting Prayer

Gayle Fowler	Mary Lou Homestead
Tracy Sorrenti	Michael Stroud
Whitney	Kirk Conyers
Stewart Schall	William
Lyn Keating	Holly
Sylvia List	Lindsay
Leslie Sternstein	Cindy Kitterman
Tina Sorrenti	Gail Keel
Jennifer Vega-Massolio	Cathy Whiteside
Jennifer	Nathaniel Cohen
Ken Beaver	Paula Brown
Jeff Curcio	Alex and squad
Matthew Pasco	Stephanie
David Garmon	Kathryn Biddle
Debbie & Pete Casavant	Susan & Mikey Frederick
Marina & Denise	

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**.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS

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.

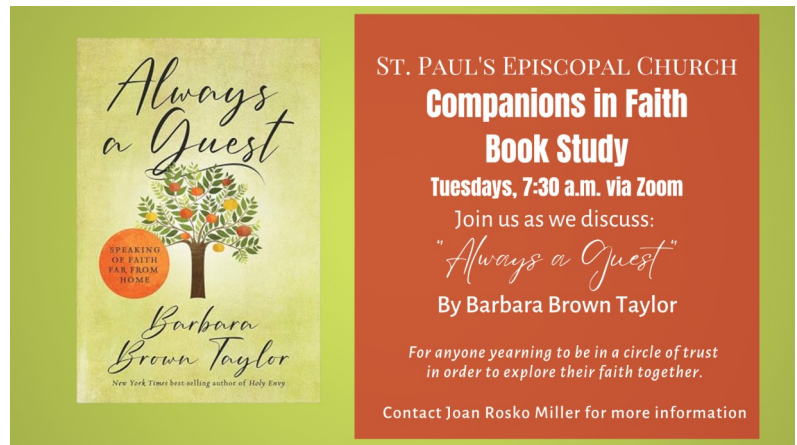
His message of thanks is for **everyone** because of your compassion and generosity for the "least of Mine".

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

~Judith

VANCO ONLINE GIVING





Welcome back!

Join us in the Parish Hall!

Now Happening WEEKLY Until May 2027	Wednesday Lunch Weekly following the 12:10PM Midday Eucharist	
Starting SEPTEMBER 13	Koffee Klatch Weekly following the 8:00AM Holy Eucharist	
Starting SEPTEMBER 13	Social Reception Weekly following the 10:30AM Choral Eucharist	

Worship - Welcome - Witness

Welcome to the New Program Year!
 The start of our new Program Year is officially **TODAY**, and we look forward to beginning another year of worship, fellowship, and community together!

Koffee Klatch — Following the 8:00AM Service
 Grab a bagel or pastry, pour yourself a cup of coffee, and enjoy a relaxed time of fellowship in a small-group setting. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with others and start your Sunday with good conversation.

Social Reception — Following the 10:30AM Eucharist
 Whether you're hoping to greet and visit with longtime friends, meet a fellow parishioner, or welcome a newcomer, everyone is invited. Enjoy a table laden with delicious goodies, along with coffee and punch.

Wednesday Lunches — Following the Midday Eucharist
 Make Wednesdays a day for **worship and fellowship!** Join us each week for the Midday Eucharist, followed by a casual Wednesday lunch. Come share a meal, enjoy good conversation, and get to know others in our parish community. Whether you're a longtime member or new to the parish, there's always a place at the table for you.

Worship - Welcome - Witness
 Come be part of the fellowship and community as we begin a new program year together!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

A Word from our Seminarian

I am grateful for the opportunity to complete my field placement at St. Paul's as part of my ongoing formation and discernment for ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church. During my time here, I hope to learn more about the daily life of a parish while gaining experience in worship, preaching, pastoral care, and community ministry.

I look forward to getting to know the people of St. Paul's, hearing your stories, and sharing in the life of this wonderful community. I am thankful for your warm welcome and for the opportunity to learn, serve, and grow alongside you in the months ahead.

All the best,
Michael Roberts





WEEKLY FORMATION

WORSHIP - WELCOME - WITNESS

ADULT FORMATION

09:30 AM – 10:30 AM

SUNDAYS IN THE PARISH HALL

YOUTH COFFEE & CONVERSATION

09:30 AM – 10:30 AM

SUNDAYS IN THE GYM CONF. ROOM

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

09:30 AM – 10:30 AM

SUNDAYS IN THE CHILDREN'S WING

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

THURSDAYS IN THE PARISH HALL

MORNING PRAYER

09:00 AM – 10:00 AM

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS ON ZOOM

COMPANIONS IN FAITH BOOK CLUB

07:30 AM – 08:30 AM

TUESDAYS ON ZOOM

MENSGROUP

08:00 AM – 09:00 AM

FRIDAYS IN THE PARISH HALL

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 preschool-fifth 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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