

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
10:30 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

WORSHIP – WELCOME – WITNESS

Finally...Signs of Renovation!



Pictured here (left to right): Father Lee, Jake Lindley, and Mait Dubois

What a glorious sight to see! Pictured here with the Rector and People's Warden is Jake Lindley, site supervisor for all the renovations that will occur at St. Paul's. Jake has a remarkable reputation for customer satisfaction and expertise in the field. He has already been working with St. Paul's for over 9 months preparing for our renovations.

Preconstruction work has begun in the narthex for the welcomed addition of a much anticipated restroom. Please note that access to the west (16th St) side of the narthex is unavailable at this time.

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Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

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Celebrant & Preacher
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Altar Server & Lector
Herb Gant

Gospeller
The Reverend Deacon Nick Kohlmann

Greeter | Usher
Linda Collette

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

Voluntary

Prelude in G

Henry Smart

Processional Hymn 9 (vs. 1,2,4-6)

Not here for high and holy things

Morning Song

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 Kyrie

Lord, have mercy

St. Thomas

The musical score for 'The Kyrie' is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 2/2 time. It begins with a tempo marking of 'Andante' and a dynamic of 'mf'. The first staff contains the first line of music, ending with a comma. The second staff begins with a measure rest marked '7', followed by the second line of music, ending with a comma. The third staff begins with a measure rest marked '11', followed by the third line of music, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 'Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.' Dynamics include 'mf' at the beginning and end, and 'f' in the middle section.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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: Jonah 3:10-4:11

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

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing

to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 145:1-8

Exaltabo te, Deus

Stephen Elvey

I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

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

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in

Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn 660

O Master, let me walk with thee

Maryton

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 20:1-16.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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:** O Lord, you are gracious and full of compassion; you are slow to anger and of great kindness. You know our hearts and minds, for you faithfully bore them in your son Jesus Christ. Hear now our prayers that we humbly lift up to you praying, Lord, hear our prayer.
- Intercessor:** For your one, holy, apostolic church, and those who serve her in every corner of the world. We pray especially for Sarah, our bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, and the clergy of St. Paul's, that they all may be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. Let us pray together:
- People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For every church and congregation that gathers to worship you today; that they may continue in the apostle's teachings and the breaking of bread together. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Holy Trinity, Fayetteville, and St. Andrew's, Columbia. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Australia. Let us pray together:
- People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For this nation and all who call it their home. Help guide the hearts and minds of our elected officials towards justice and peace for all people and help all of us to be faithful stewards of your creation. Let us pray together:
- People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For those who are sick in body, mind, or soul. Pour out your healing power upon them and give them your holy comfort. We pray especially for *(the intercessor reads the names of those in our parish who need prayer)*. Are there others? *(Silence)* Let us pray together:
- People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For the hungry, the homeless, the incarcerated, and all those who live on the edges of our society. Help us to seek them out and draw them in as Jesus did in his earthly ministry. Let us pray together:
- People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For all who have died in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, especially Jack McElroy, and those who mourn and miss them here on earth. Help us to know that there will come a day when we will all stand together in your glory. Let us pray together:
- People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Celebrant:** Gracious God, help us to see this day that to live in service of you is perfect freedom, and only in you can joy everlasting be found. We humbly beseech you to hear these prayers and intercessions today and fulfill them in the timing that you alone know is best. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. 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.*

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Anthem

God of still waiting

Alfred Fedak

God of still waiting, God of deep longing,
God of the heart's true rest: hold us in fathomless peace, guard us with unwaning love.
Spirit of promise, Spirit of purpose,
Spirit of ceaseless prayer: bathe us in life full and free, kindle our wonder and hope.
Word who comes to us, word who lives with us,
word who disturbs and heals: silence our chattering fears, waken our unconscious faith.
Word true and faithful, hope-bringing Spirit,
God of enfolding love: come in your fullness and grace, work through our lives for your praise.

*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 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.*

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

Moderato *mf*

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

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

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

St. Thomas Mass

f Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.
 6 *mf* Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
 11 *ff* Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation to Communion

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

Agnus Dei S-164

Lamb of God

Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your 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

I will arise

Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms, in the arms of my Saviour,
Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above, praise the mount,
I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace,
streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms, in the arms of my Saviour,
Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

Communion Hymn 655

O Jesus, I have promised

Nyland

Communion Hymn 482

Lord of all hopefulness

Slane

The Post Communion Prayer *(said together)*

BCP 365

The people stand or kneel.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Processional Hymn 541 (vs. 1, 3-5)

Come, labor on

Ora Labora

The Dismissal

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Voluntary

Finale Jubilante

Healey Willan

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

Eucharistic Ministers

Dot Erway | Louise Joyner | Carolyn Demorest

Altar Server

Bennett Sanders-Park

Crucifers

Bennett Sanders-Park | Eve Frederiksen

Gospel Book Bearer

Carolyn Demorest

Lectors

Robert Acker | Sally Pope

Intercessor

Mike Roberts

Vestry Person of the Day

Steve Bucci

Ushers

Jeff Jones | Happy Jones | Jane Harkness

Kenny Harkness | Ernest Patrick

Greeters

Luvette Hickey | Joan Rosko Miller

Flower Guild

Susan Butler | Alice Cavin

Altar Guild

Carolyn Demorest | Dot Erway | Lynda Miller

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

This 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*)

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

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

Tuesday, September 22

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

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

6:30pm EfM Meeting (*Zoom*)

Wednesday, September 23

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

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

Thursday, September 24

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 25

8:00am Mensgroup (*Parish Hall*)

Saturday, September 26

1:00pm Jack McElroy Celebration of Life

Next Sunday, September 27, 2026

The Feast of Michael and All Angels

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*)

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This Sunday!

COMMUNITY MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT:

NOURISH NC

Gather in the Parish Hall to welcome Steve McCrossan, Executive Director of Nourish NC, and hear from him the good work going on with a community organization we love and support.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

9:30AM | St. Paul's Parish Hall



In Our Parish

Catherine Thompson Allan	Thomas Freeling
Eileen Searle	Bill Garmon
Lloyd Olsen+	Katherine Ramsey
Tammy Pollock	Richard Banks+
Caroll Joines	Susan Bowers
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	Al Cannon

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	Wilson & Barbara Snyder
Jackie Fuller	Jay Bossert
Mya Gainey	

Departed

Jack McElroy

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.**

John O'Connor McElroy

November 24, 1947 - September 15, 2026

Our deepest sympathies are with the McElroy and Thomas families as they mourn the death of their beloved, Jack. A funeral service celebrating Jack's life will be held at St. Paul's on Saturday, September 26 at 1:00 PM.

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



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



October 4, 2026
SAVE THE DATE!

More details to follow about the
Blessing of the Animals.

OTHER FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

The book cover for "Always a Guest" by Barbara Brown Taylor. It features a tree with fruit and the text "SPEAKING OF FAITH FAR FROM HOME". Below the title, it says "Barbara Brown Taylor" and "New York Times best-selling author of Holy Eury".

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
**Companions in Faith
Book Study**
Tuesdays, 7-30 a.m. via Zoom
Join us as we discuss:
"Always a Guest"
By Barbara Brown Taylor

For anyone yearning to be in a circle of trust
in order to explore their faith together.

Contact Joan Rosko Miller for more information

A poster for "Morning Prayer Online" featuring a green ivy plant on a dark wooden background. The text "MORNING PRAYER ONLINE" is in large white letters. Below it, it says "Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 a.m. via Zoom".

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



Youth Shoutout: Cullen Shiplett & Mary Jeffreys Nipper

St. Paul's is incredibly proud of **Cullen Shiplett and Mary Jeffreys Nipper**, both of whom are serving as upfront leadership at **Happening 85** later this month at the Trinity Center!

As upfront leadership, Mary Jeffreys and Cullen work behind the scenes months in advance to prepare for Happening. Cullen in his role as Chaplain of Happening 85, oversees the Happening prayer team and leads liturgy throughout the weekend. Mary Jeffreys, in her role as Rector of Happening 85, is responsible for facilitating the entire Happening weekend and is the point person for this 3-day youth experience!

Both of these students have exemplified outstanding commitment, work ethic, and leadership during this experience and we can't wait to see what God has in store for them in the future!

Partnering in Grace: Harrelson Center Tour



Tour the Jo Ann Carter Harrelson Center

Wednesday, October 21st

2:00 p.m.

20 North 4th Street

Wilmington, NC

Join St. Paul's guided tour of the Harrelson Center which is home to over 20 humanitarian nonprofit organizations offering...

Hope, Opportunity & Empowerment

www.HarrelsonCenter.org

RSVP

Church Office

910-762-4578

Additional information/questions: Merrilie Crafts

merriliec@gmail.com

At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, our call to serve Wilmington extends through our partnership with **The Harrelson Center and The Help Hub**. Join us on Wednesday, October 21st for a guided campus tour to see firsthand how our shared support delivers vital housing and emergency financial aid.

When: Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Where: The Harrelson Center

RSVP: Contact the church office to reserve your spot!

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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