

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

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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.

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 8:00 AM

Celebrant & Preacher
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Gospeller
The Reverend Deacon
Nick Kohlmann

Greeter & Usher
Tom Gerow
Mona Clites

Altar Server & Intercessor
Carol Field

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

Berceuse

Louis Vierne

Processional Hymn 282

Christ, the fair glory

Caelites plaudant

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation & Response

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Celebrant: O angels of the Lord, bless the Lord.

People: *Praise God and magnify Him 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.*

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest

St. Thomas Mass

Music can be found on page 10 of the bulletin

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; 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: Genesis 28:10-17

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then

Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 103:19-22

Benedic, anima mea

John Stainer

The LORD has set his throne in heaven, *
and his kingship has dominion over all.

Bless the LORD, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding, *
and hearken to the voice of his word.

Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, *
you ministers of his who do his will.

Bless the LORD, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion; *
bless the LORD, O my soul.

The Second Reading: Revelation 12:7-12

Reader: A Reading from the Revelation to John.

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 625

Ye holy angels bright

Darwall's 148th

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 1:47-51.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

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 alone are king of all creation and have dominion over all the heavens and the Earth. Help us and hear us as we seek to do your will here on Earth as we pray together saying Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For your one, holy, apostolic church, and all her many members across 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, great and small, that gathers to worship you today. That their worship may be faithful, joyful, and pleasing in your sight. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Grace Church, Lewiston-Woodville, and all Retired Clergy of the Diocese of East Carolina. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of Bangladesh. Let us pray together:

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: For our nation and all the nations of the world. That all the people of the world may work for the common good of all creation and hold fast to the truth that every person was created in your image. Let us pray together:

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: For the sick and the suffering in all of their afflictions. Make them whole in body, mind, and soul through your mighty power. We pray especially for *(the intercessor reads aloud the names of those in our parish who need our prayers)* Are there others? *(Silence)* Let us pray together:

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: For those who, we in our ignorance or in our blindness often forget. For the homeless, the hungry, those in prison, and those who live in loneliness. Send your holy comfort upon them and help us to be agents of love and compassion to them. 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. You have won the victory over death and the grave, help us to live in the assurance of this promise in the midst of our sorrow. Let us pray together:

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: O God you have charge over Michael and all angels and have wisdom that surpasses all the prophets and the law. Hear us, we humbly pray as we lift our common concerns up to you and fulfill these petitions as may be best for us. In Jesus Christ's name we pray. Amen

The Confession of Sin

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 & 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

How shall I sing that majesty?

J.R. Daniels

1.How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire? Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heavenly choir. Thousands of thousands stand around thy throne, O God most high; ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise; but who am I?

2.Enlighten with faith's light my heart, inflame it with love's fire; then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir. I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with all my fire and light; yet when thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.

3.Thy brightness unto them appears, whilst I thy footsteps trace; a sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold thy face. They sing, because thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me; for where heaven is but once begun there alleluias be.

4.How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep! Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep. Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere; thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.

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

Sanctus and Benedictus

St. Thomas Mass

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.

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
Adapted by Nigel Potts

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

Agnus Dei S-164

Jesus, 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.

The Communion of the People

Communion 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

Sanctus, from Missa Secunda

Hans Leo Hassler

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus, Deus Sábaoth. Pleni sunt cæli et terra glória tua.
Hosánna in excélsis.

(English translation)

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The congregation is invited to join in singing the Communion Hymns.

Communion Hymn 324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Picardy

Communion Hymn

Angel voices ever singing

Angel Voices



1. An - gel - voi - ces ev - er sing - ing round thy throne of light,
2. Thou who art be - yond the far - thest mor - tal eye can scan,
3. Yea, we know that thou re - joic - est o'er each work of thine;
4. In thy house, great God, we of - fer of thine own to thee;
5. Hon - or, glo - ry might and me - rit thine shall ev - er be,

an - gel - harps for - ev - er ring - ing, rest not day nor night;
can it be that thou re - gard - est songs of sin - ful man?
thou didst ears and hands and voi - ces for thy praise de - sign;
and for thine ac - cep - tance prof - fer all un - wor - thi - ly
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!

thou-sands on - ly live to bless thee and con - fess thee Lord of might.
can we know that thou art near us, and wilt hear us? Yea, we can.
crafts-man's art and mu - sic's mea - sure for thy plea - sure all com - bine.
hearts and minds and hands and voi - ces in our choic - est psal - mo - dy.
Of the best that thou hast giv - en earth and hea - ven ren - der thee.

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 618

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Lasst uns erfreuen

The Dismissal

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Voluntary

Darwall's 148th

Percy Whitlock

THE GLORIA

Gloria

Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne

Moderato *ff*

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.

f

Glo-ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,

11

Heav'n - ly King, Al migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we...

16

f

praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the

21

mf

High-est. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa-ther. Lord God,

27

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

31

You are seat-ed at the righthand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

36

f

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est. For you a-lone are the

41

Ho - ly one, You a - lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the most high,

46

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the Glo-ry of God the

50

ff

Fa - ther. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant & Preacher

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Gospeller

The Reverend Deacon Nick Kohlmann

Assisting

The Reverend Deacon Kay Swindell

Michael Roberts

Verger

Leon Tillery

Eucharistic Ministers

Scott Sheble | Suzanne Sramek | Nathan Gaylord

Altar Server

Bennett Sanders-Park

Crucifers

Bennett Sanders-Park | Jack Aylesworth

Gospel Book Bearer

Eve Frederiksen

Lectors

Suzanne Sramek | Barbara Bucci

Intercessor

Teresa Singer

Vestry Person of the Day

Frank Wolf

Ushers

Isaac Kuykendall | Ashley Kuykendall | Ron Morgan

John Fonda | David Fowle

Greeters

Barbara Bucci | Valerie DeJarld

Flower Guild

Kate Hoff | Beth Richards

Altar Guild

Amber Austin | Leon Tillery | Pam Garmon

ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR

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*)

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

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

Tuesday, September 29

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

9:00am Morning Prayer (*Zoom*)

6:30pm EfM Meeting (*Zoom*)

Wednesday, September 30

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

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

Thursday, October 1

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, October 2

8:00am Mensgroup (*Parish Hall*)

Next Sunday, October 4, 2026

The Nineteenth 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*)

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

4:00pm Blessing of the Animals

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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 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 Gaaney	Joel and son

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**.

VANCO ONLINE GIVING



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

On September 29 from 6–8 PM, One Christian Network is bringing together local housing leaders, organizations, people with lived experience, and the faith community to help us better understand the housing crisis in our area, and more importantly, how we can respond.

The Housing Resource Fair opens at 5 PM, with the main Summit beginning at 6 PM at the First Baptist Activity Center in Wilmington.

Faith & Housing Crisis Summit September 29, 6–8 PM

Housing Resource Fair opens at 5 PM
First Baptist Activity Center
1939 Independence Blvd., Wilmington

Please RSVP here:

[https://givebutter.com/housingsummit2026?
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Our hope is that churches don't simply leave knowing more about the housing crisis, but leave better equipped to see where their people, resources, relationships, influence, and property might become part of the solution.

FAITH & HOUSING CRISIS SUMMIT

September 29th | 6-8pm
Resource Fair at 5pm

First Baptist Activity Center
1939 Independence Blvd.

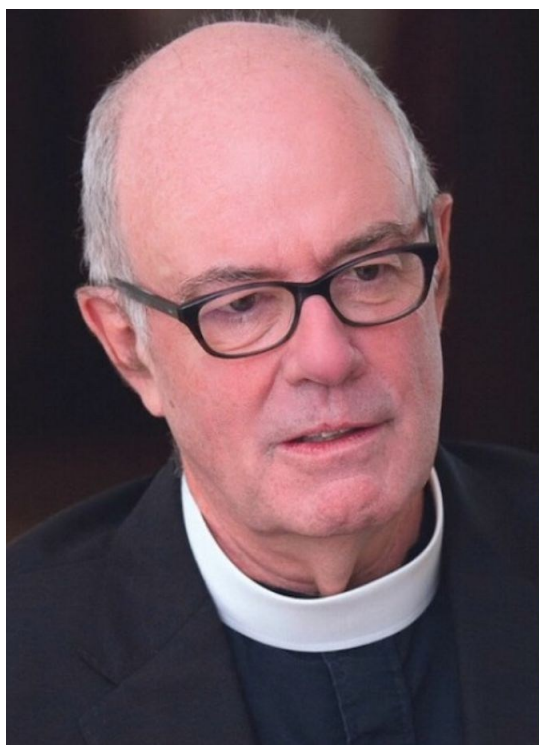
Register at: givebutter.com/housingsummit2026

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- Live podcast recording of *Cape Fear Habichat*
- Learn about the housing crisis in our area & what you can do about it
- Breakout sessions for next steps

ONE CHRISTIAN
NETWORK



GUEST PREACHER OCTOBER 4

The Reverend Geoffrey Hoare

The Rev. Geoffrey Michael St. John Hoare is happily retired and living in Wilmington. He has served St. Alban's Church in Washington DC, All Saints', Atlanta GA and St. Paul's in Alexandria VA. He started his ministry as Deacon and Priest at Christ Church in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Along the way he has also taught parish ministry at Virginia Theological Seminary and the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He currently has a coaching practice, primarily for clergy.
(www.clergycoachingllc.com)

A native of the United Kingdom, Geoffrey is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a Morehead-Cain Scholar. He read theology at Magdalene College, Cambridge and has a Master of Sacred Theology degree (STM) from the Yale Divinity School. He is married to Sage Hoare and they share four adult children. He enjoys cooking and golf, music and reading.

9:30 am Adult Education
10:30am Choral Eucharist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

October 4, 2026 | 4:00pm

St. Paw's Blessing of the Animals



Benefitting
Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals
&
Pet Food Bank
Filling Pets' Bowls with Food and Hope

All God's creatures are welcome!
Join our joyful celebration of all God's creatures great and small and the love they bring to our lives.
Feathers and beaks, paws and claws, scales and tails!

Come one, come all!
Refreshments will be served for pets and their humans after the blessing.

All offerings received during the service will benefit
Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals and Pet Food Bank.



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
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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 at 2pm

Where: The Harrelson Center-WE WILL MEET IN THE LOBBY

RSVP: Contact the church office to reserve your spot!

STREET PARKING OPTIONS: Parking is FREE on 5th Street behind the center. Metered two-hour spaces are available on Princess Street beside the center.

CITY PARKING DECKS There are two parking decks with in three blocks of The Harrelson Center.

VISITOR SPACES AT THE CENTER We have 4 visitor parking spaces at The Harrelson Center for first come, first serve visitors.



Mark your calendar for St. Paul's RISE AGAINST HUNGER packing event on **Saturday, October 31, 2026** from **8am until 12pm** in the Parish Hall. *More information about how to sign up to be announced.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Contract with Chambliss & Rabil Signed!



The Rector and the Vestry met (in person and via Zoom) with the Construction Committee on Sunday, September 20. The purpose of the meeting was to review and consider approval of the final contract with Chambliss & Rabil, St. Paul's general contractor for our renovation project. The Construction Committee and members of the Vestry, staff, and various other committees have been working on our behalf all summer to fine tune this contract and to prepare our finances for the work ahead. The Vestry voted unanimously to approve the final contract and move forward with construction!

There are already significant signs of construction. In particular, work has begun in the narthex and in the south basement level. The basement has been sealed off to foot traffic beginning at the main level landing of our three story staircase. However, there IS safe and easy access to the children's wing.

Please watch for an announcement about a Special Congregational Meeting, where we will explain important next steps and more of what to expect moving forward.



Diaper Drive Totals			
	2025	2026	
Diapers	4122	4532	157 Babies Covered
Adult Incontinence Items	847	1233	41 Adults Covered
Period Products	764	2370	237 Individuals Served
Wipes	2460	5740	229 Babies Covered

This year we surpassed last year's totals in every category. Plus, we were able to give The Diaper Bank of North Carolina an additional \$500.00 donation.

Thank you, St. Paul's.

Your generous support of the Diaper Bank of North Carolina is remarkable. We collected a record 13,875 essential hygiene items and \$500 in cash, which, when distributed across the Lower Cape Fear Region, will help more than 664 people in need. St. Paul's continues to be an amazing place, responding without hesitation to community needs, and reminding us daily that with God's help all things are possible.

Thank you, Steve Bucci

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.



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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