



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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October 14, 2018 10:15 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Whether this is your first visit or you have been a member for years, we're glad you're here! This bulletin is designed to guide you through the service. Hymnals, Bibles and the Book of Common Prayer are in the pews and available for your use as well.

Our youngest guests are welcome to attend services or may join Miss Wendy in the nursery (room 2) where we have toys, Bible Stories, music and art projects available.

Our Sunday school program (K-grade 5) begins at 10am on the Labyrinth. After joining the procession in the church, our program continues in room 14 where they participate in Children's Chapel, hear a Bible story, and enjoy fun and engaging activities related to that story. Children return to the church to join their families for Eucharist.

Youth Group (grades 6-12) meets in the Youth Center at 10am for the opportunity to explore the Bible, express their faith through art and discuss important questions. They join us for Eucharist.

Again, welcome and please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable.

Holy Eucharist

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

*Adagio
Prelude on St. Anne*

*Henry G. Ley
Alfred Fedak*

Please stand at the sound of the bell

Processional Hymn

O God, our help in ages past

Hymnal 680

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

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

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.

Collect of the Day

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.

First Reading

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

A Reading from the Book of Amos.

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:12-17

12 So teach us to number our days *
 that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
 be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
 so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
 and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

O Master let me walk with thee

Hymnal 660

All stand to sing.

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:17-31

Remain standing and face the Gospel.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Ed Steever

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

All stand and together say

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 catholic¹ and apostolic² 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.

Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Deacon

Christ challenges our comforts and complacencies. Let us turn to him in our need, asking for God's intervention in our world, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader

For the victims of conflict, violence and oppression in this country and throughout the world, that they might encounter justice and peace, participating in the reign of God, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For churches and their leaders, that the dominion of God might be proclaimed in action as well as in word, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

¹ universal; all embracing.

² relating to the Apostles; following their teachings.

For the lost, the lonely, the isolated, and the ill especially (*The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud*), and those recovering from the recent fires and floods, that they might receive blessings hundredfold, leading to eternal life, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this community gathered in prayer, that we might gain riches by giving ours to others, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the faith of Christ, especially (*The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud*), and for the promise of resurrection to be fulfilled, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon

God, source of life and fountain of mercy, all things are possible with you. Grant us a share in your eternal life. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor
A period of silence is observed.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Please be seated.

Prayers for birthdays and anniversaries.

Prayer for Our Annual Giving Campaign

God of grace and abundance, you made us in your image and breathed in us the spirit of life. Your generosity is both an amazing gift and an important responsibility. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received-abundantly, generously and joyfully-that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace. **Amen.**

For other prayer requests, trained lay prayer ministers will be available in the chapel during Eucharist to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed.

Liturgy of the Table

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:15,16

Offertory Anthem *O for a closer walk with God* *C.V. Stanford*

Presentation Hymn **God, my King, thy might confessing (v.1-3)** **Hymnal 414**
Please stand.

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given Thee.**

1 Chronicles 29:14

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 1

The people remain standing.

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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus **Holy, holy, holy Lord** **Hymnal S129**

The service music can be found in the front of the hymnal.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

This is the Banquet of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is the Lord's will that those who want him should meet him here.

Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or sulfite-free juice. Sip the wine, if you wish it, from the common cup, guiding the chalice gently with your hand or the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread for you. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish a blessing.

Trained lay prayer ministers are stationed in the chapel to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed. Rejoin the other worshippers for the post communion prayer.

Communion Music

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Diego Magaña, soloist

African American spiritual
arr. K. Lee Scott

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Dale Wood

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

When the Eucharist is being taken out to those who are sick or shut-in, we will pray together.

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.

A Franciscan Blessing

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of God Almighty; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

God himself is with us

Hymnal 475

Please stand.

Dismissal

Please stand.

Deacon
People

Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

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Welcome! We're so glad you're here.

- Our ushers welcome your inquiries. They can provide assisted listening devices, information about our ministries, as well as directions to the restrooms, nursery, and classrooms.
- Please take the brochure from the pew and learn more about St. Paul's and our traditional worship, dynamic preaching and a call to serve.
- You are invited to join us for coffee and refreshments following the service and we hope you will stay for Fellowship & Formation from 11:30-noon.
- Infants and children are welcome here. Children under five years old may receive care in the nursery (room 2) from 10-noon. Parents are also welcome to keep their children with them and may have access to the nursery for their convenience. The service can be heard from the narthex (lobby) and activity bags for children can be found there.

Check out next Sunday's readings (Track 2) at www.lectionarypage.net



St. Paul's GO

This Sunday's Worship Bulletin with Announcements is now available online.

Here's How:

1. Login into our wi-fi network: user name is St. Paul's Guest
password is 8056435033
2. Download a QR Code Reader app: Google Play [Android]App Store [iPhone]
3. Open the app and scan the QR Code.



This sign means,
"I love you."

St. Paul's is learning Sign Language.

Why? Because all are welcome here!

Our rector, the Rev. Susan Bek, has made a commitment to incorporate American Sign Language (ASL) every time she celebrates the Eucharist. This reflects our commitment to welcoming all, and our willingness to change and adapt to become more accessible.

Classes in ASL are offered at St. Paul's. Please contact us for upcoming opportunities. Past classes have included: Introduction to ASL (fingerspelling, vocabulary and deaf culture), Song Signing Children's Songs, Song Signing Christmas Hymns, and Signing the Lord's Prayer.

Serving This Week

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| Acolytes | Charlotte Bretz, Marina Bretz, Ti Nahabedian |
| Chalice | John Borneman, Drew Darby |
| Psalm | John Borneman |
| Lay Readers | Janet Koehn, Joseph Wareham |
| Prayers of the People | Drew Darby |
| Eucharistic Prayer Minister | Joanne Wakelee |
| Ushers | Shirley & Larry Myers |
| Welcome Ministry | Jennifer Golland, Guadalupe Guillén |
| Sunday School Leaders | Elena Kennedy, Bridget Nahabedian |
| Hospitality | David & RoseAnn Hill, Larry & Shirley Myers, Janalee Young |
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| Altar Guild | Pauli Powers, Ruth McCool, Rose Hayden-Smith |
| Flower Guild | Grace & Rosie Dunlevy, Anna & Pippa Darby, Laura Andrews |
| Counters | Marcia Semple |
| Facility Lock Up | Woody Bretz |

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| Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's |
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| Today 10/14 | 8:00 am | Rite I Sunday Service |
| | 9:30 am | Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) |
| | 10:30 am | Rite II Service |
| | 11:30 am | Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall) |
| | 12:00 pm | Newcomer Information Series (Community Room) |
| | 8:00 pm | AA Meeting (Kahler Hall) |
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| Monday 10/15 | 9:30 am | Family to Family (303 N. Ventura Ave.) |
| | 11:30 am | Tai Chi – Beginning (Kahler Hall) |
| | 1:00 pm | Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall) |
| | 6:30 pm | Monday Evening Bible Study (Library) |
| | 8:00 pm | AA Meeting (Kahler Hall) |
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| Tues. 10/16 | 6:30 pm | Boy Scout Troop #179 (Kahler Hall, Community Room) |
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| Wed. 10/17 | 9:00 am | Healing Service (St. Paul's Chapel) |
| | 10:30 am | Bible Study (Library) |
| | 11:30 am | Tai Chi – Beginning (Kahler Hall) |
| | 1:00 pm | Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall) |
| | 6:00 pm | Finance Committee (Room 13) |
| | 6:30 pm | AA Meeting (Community Room) |
| | 8:00 pm | AA Meeting (Community Room) |
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| Thurs. 10/18 | 11:00 am | Ladies Lunch Bunch (Marie Calendars) |
| | 6:30 pm | AA 12-Step Workshop (Kahler Hall) |
| | 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) |
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| Fri. 10/19 | 6:30 am | Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant) |
| | 9:15 am | Women's Bible Study (Library) |
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| Sat 10/20 | 6:45 pm | AA Meeting (Community Room) |

Prayer Intentions for the Week of October 14, 2018

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan
Diane Bruce, Bishop Suffragan

President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts
Governor Jerry Brown, Legislature, State Courts
Our clergy: Susan Bek, Ed Steever, Dick Swanson

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Lillian, Wayne, Marilyn, Adele, Babs, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Gerry, Jan, Priscilla, Duncan, Sheila, Jamie, Jim, Frank, Julie, Liz, Helen, Bruce, Paul, Carol, Mary, Kathie, Tom

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rob, Rachel, Kim

Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. If you prefer your prayers to remain confidential, the Daughters of the King will add them to their daily prayer list for one month. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The ministry of Family to Family; all who volunteer and/or give financially to feed Ventura's hungry.
- + Guests in the Safe Sleep Program.
- + U.S. Armed Forces personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles, *Hillsides-the Episcopal Home for Children, Pasadena; Neighborhood Youth Association, West LA.; Holy Family Services, Ventura County.*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *Ankwanda Village in the Diocese of Cape Coast, and the Dioceses of Sunyani & Wiawso, Ghana.*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *First United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, Our Lady of the Assumption churches and the Salvation Army*



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Announcements

*Thank you for joining us today!
As Ventura works to recover and find the way forward after fire and flood,
St. Paul's is here to help.*

We're praying for you every day.

Please let us know what else you need. God bless you!



Please help us thank the following people
for our refreshments this morning:

8:00 am **Dela Parker, Bill Brewer**

10:15 am **David & RoseAnn Hill, Larry & Shirley Myers, Janalee Young**

(Next week for hospitality: 8am – Wes Cullins;

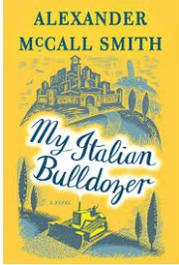
10:15 am – Ruth McCool, Dan & Joanne Wakelee, Bert & Ernie Fickerson)

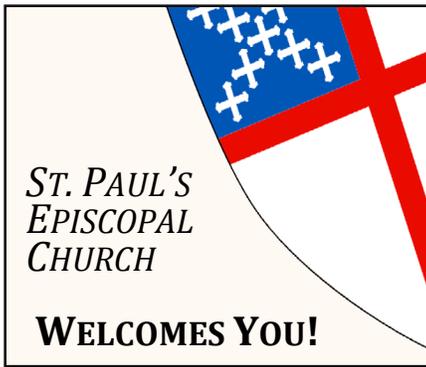
If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.

Please join us again next Sunday!

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| <p>ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN</p>  | <p>PLEASE PLEDGE TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH</p> <p>Since we are collecting pledges for 2019, the year of our 130th anniversary, our theme will be Celebrating 130 years and Supporting the future of this important ministry. Please think and pray about pledging to support St. Paul's as we take up the calling to keep this wonderful church going and growing throughout the coming year and well into the future. We hope that everyone in the church will make a pledge. The amount of your pledge is between you and God. It is a great way to show our appreciation for all our blessings and our commitment to supporting God's work in the world.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thank you so much for your support!</i></p> |
|  <p>MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S</p>  | <p>TODAY: The choir will present a St.-Paul's-Favorite arrangement of a St.-Paul's-Favorite hymn, O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee, arranged by Gilbert M. Martin, as well as two additional special treats: a Stanford classic and a solo by St. Paul's Music Scholarship recipient Diego Magaña.</p> <p>NEXT SUNDAY: Chimes take flight with Michael Joncas' <i>On Eagle's Wings</i>, arranged by Douglas E. Wagner.</p> |
|  <p>BE (THE) Church!</p> | <p>REACH FOR PAWS! – FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER</p> <p>Let's Reach! for Paws and bless all of our animal friends! Fill a red REACH bag and return it to church or the office by the end of the month. The wish list is canned pet food, pet treats, blankets (no comforters, please), pill pockets, slip leads (a type of leash), laundry detergent, paper towels, trash bags, donations for vet bills (tax deductible), donations for any of these items (checks can be written out to St. Paul's with "homeless pets" in the memo field), a "fur"ever home!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Blessings to Go" kits with holy water and instructions are available in the narthex and in Kahler Hall for you to bless your pets at home.</p> |
|  | <p><i>Every purchase matters!</i></p> <p>FAIR TRADE SALES – TODAY after both services</p> <p>After Sunday services buy a taste of fine chocolates, tea, coffee and baskets that are from businesses committed to providing fair wages and good employment opportunities to economically disadvantaged artisans and farmers. For more information speak with Joanne at joannewakelee@yahoo.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for helping abolish the scourge of modern-day slavery!</p> |
|  | <p>MISSION OUTREACH - JAMAICA MEDICAL MISSION - TODAY</p> <p>Thank you for your donations totaling \$1300 for Dr. Steve Jones' medical mission trip to Jamaica. All are invited to a "Packing Party" at 12:30pm on Sunday, October 14 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Fellowship Hall. (Biedermann Hall behind the church.)</p> |

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|  | <p><i>Want to help serve lunch to the hungry?</i> IT'S OUR TURN TO SERVE LUNCH – MONDAY, OCTOBER 15 Come serve lunch tomorrow at 303 N. Ventura Avenue. This month's volunteer coordinator is Elena Kennedy. Check in with her and she'll put you to work. Preparation and set up begins at 9:30 am; servers are needed between 11:30 and 12:30 pm. Clean-up 12:30 – 1:00pm.</p> |
|  | <p><i>Please consider yourself invited, it's never too late to join...</i> MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY HAS BEGUN - 6:30-7:30pm Join us on Monday evenings through October 29 for a fun and interesting small group. We will gather to study the bible, grow in our faith and support one another. The book, <u>We Make the Road by Walking</u> by Brian McLaren, will guide us in this study of the bible and stir great conversation along the way! Meet in the Library at St. Paul's (near the school gate just off the parking lot). All are welcome, so bring your friends and join us. We look forward to seeing you there!</p> |
|  | <p><i>Have you ever wondered about meditation? What it is and how to do it?</i> THE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OF MEDITATION – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18 Thursday Evenings 5:30-6:30pm Join parish member, Dr. Ralph Armstrong, in the Library at St. Paul's on 10/18, 10/25, & 11/1. This time together will allow us to explore this space within ourselves and how we can incorporate it for prayer and contact with God. We can explore the mind and brain that have this capacity and we can explore the ways we can bring about a satisfying and impactful experience. Lastly, we can look at some of the benefits that meditation can allow us. Each session will include time to get comfortable, a description of the meditation practice, time to meditate, and an opportunity to share and reflect.</p> |
|  | <p>LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18 11am at Marie Callender's All women of St. Paul's and their friends are invited to join us for our monthly Ladies Lunch Bunch at Marie Callender's. We gather at 11am and order at 11:30. We always have a wonderful time, and we would be very pleased for you to join us. Please RSVP to Marjorie, Ruth, Pam or the Office by Sunday, October 14.</p> |
|  | <p>PREPARING FOR ALL SOUL'S DAY We will honor all those we love but see no longer at the 9am service on Wednesday, November 7th. Would you like to add a loved one to the list of those we will remember on All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day? We are adding to last year's list and welcome your additions. <i>Please submit your additions to the office no later than Wednesday, October 24.</i></p> |
|  | <p>FALL BACK – NOVEMBER 4 Daylight Savings time ends. Don't forget to set your clock back one hour!</p> |
|  | <p>NOVEMBER 4 - PLEDGES WILL BE BLESSED DURING ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE AND YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION LUNCHEON AT 11:45AM Join us as we celebrate the continuing mission and ministry of St. Paul's, Ventura. To thank you for your generous pledges, we invite you to bring your friends and be our guests at our Celebration Luncheon. Wonderful food from Stonefire Grill and lively entertainment by local musical Ric Ash who does it all! And by all, we mean plays steel drums, guitar, and sings! Don't miss out on his smooth musical stylings featuring contemporary and classic favorites. <i>Please invite your friends to join us!</i></p> |

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|  | <p>BAPTISM OPPORTUNITY – NOVEMBER 4 The next baptism opportunity will be on Sunday, November 4th during the All Saints Day Celebration.</p> <p><i>We become members of the body of Christ through the sacrament of baptism. If you have not been baptized, and would like to be, please speak with Rev. Susan to make arrangements.</i></p> |
|  | <p>1ST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – NOVEMBER 5 The October Selection is <u>My Italian Bulldozer</u> by Alexander McCall Smith. Travel to the hill-top village of Montalcino for a story where hilarity ensues.</p> <p>The author of last month's book, Dennis Fitzgerald, will also join us on the 5th to discuss his autobiography, <u>Beyond the Extra Mile</u>. Come learn how his faith helped him survive the challenges of a homicide detective. There is one book still available for \$20 in the office. See you at Panera Bread, 4910 Telephone Rd., Ventura. Meet at 5:00pm for food and drink and 5:30pm for discussion. All women are invited. <i>Sponsored by Daughters of the King.</i></p> |
|  | <p>DEANERY ASSEMBLY – NOVEMBER 10 9am The Deanery One Assembly will take place in Kahler Hall November 10th. Clergy, Lay Delegates and Lay Alternates to convention are all encouraged to attend in preparation of the Diocesan Convention held November 30 - December 1st. Parishioners of St. Paul's may want to take advantage of having the assembly held here and learn about what will be on the agenda for this year's convention and other business of the Deanery.</p> |
|  | <p>WRAP 'N CHAT – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 10am Calling all elves to begin bringing in toiletries and grooming aids. Please collect extra shampoos, lotions, soaps, from hotels and extra toothbrushes and dental aids from your dentists. They will be holiday wrapped and given out at our December Family to Family lunch. Please bring your items to church on Sunday or drop them off in the office. The Wrap 'n Chat will be Saturday, November 17 from 10-noon in the Community Room. All are welcome. Wrapping supplies are provided.</p> |
|  | <p><i>Help us feed the hungry.</i> ST. PAUL'S LUNCH PROGRAM FEEDS HUNGRY PEOPLE THROUGH THE WEEK Tuesday and Thursday, 10am – 1pm, we handout sack lunches to those who are hungry. Thank you for all of your donations and support for this ministry. The wish list for this month includes juice, water and protein drinks. Tuna and cans with pop-tops, If you would like to make a cash donation, note "Food Pantry" on the memo line of your check. Our shopper, Bill Brewer, will spend it wisely.</p> <p>Thank you for helping us feeding our hungry neighbors!</p> |
|  | <p><i>Want to get involved at St. Paul's?</i> THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS: Right now, we are most in need of volunteers to serve with Altar Guild and Ushers. THE FOLLOWING SMALL GROUPS WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN: Monday Evening Bible Study, Daughters of the King, Men's Group Breakfast and Bible Study, Women's Group Bible Study, Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Ladies Lunch Bunch If you would like further information, please let us know. <i>Thank You!</i></p> |
|  | <p><i>Since we walk this journey of faith together...</i> WE'D LIKE TO STAY IN TOUCH – Here are some suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check out our website. New things are posted every week. www.saintpaulsventura.org • Read our weekly E-Newsletter. If you aren't receiving it, please provide your email address in the Guest Book at the Welcome Table or send a note to the office. office@saintpaulsventura.org • Share your prayer requests with us and remember us in your prayers too. • Comment, share, like or post on Social Media. <p>Website: www.saintpaulsventura.org Email: office@saintpaulsventura.org Call: 805 643-5033 Facebook: St. Paul's Ventura Twitter: @StPaulsVentura</p> |

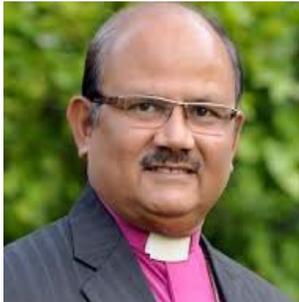


Newcomer Information Series

SUNDAYS 12-12:30 PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM
(next to the Kitchen in Kahler Hall)

10/14 Giving and Serving in the Name of Christ

Meet people, Ask YOUR Questions, Explore THE Faith
All are welcome!



ANNUAL BISHOP'S VISIT – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

A BISHOP IS COMING!

The Right Rev. Samuel Azariah will be with us for the 10:15am service on Sunday, December 9. Those who seek baptism, confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church, please contact the church office. Confirmation classes will be offered on Monday evenings beginning 11/5. A lunch reception in honor of the Bishop will be held in Kahler Hall beginning at 11:30am. If you are available to assist with the reception by planning, bringing food, setting up or cleaning up, please let us know.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Presents

Exploring our Faith

*A program for newcomers or visitors who are curious,
for those who seek to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church
and anyone who wants to join us in exploring our faith.*

Monday Evenings 6:30-8pm in the Library

11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, & 12/3

