



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

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October 21, 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

O Jesus, I Have Promised

arr. Gilbert Martin

Please stand at the sound of the bell

Processional Hymn

O Love of God, how strong and true

Hymnal 455

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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.

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

Isaiah 53:4-12

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:9-16

9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

Gradual Hymn*All stand to sing.***O Master let me walk with thee****Hymnal 660****Holy Gospel***Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

Mark 10:35-45

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

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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***All stand and together say*

BCP p. 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 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

We are invited to serve the needs of all, but we require God's assistance. Let us turn our hearts to God, asking for help in our need, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader

That leaders of the church will freely service the faithful, without preference to rank or authority, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That the many peoples of the world will serve the needs of others and will comfort the anxieties of all, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That the victims of oppression, abuse, or neglect will discover the peace of God through others' assistance, prayer, and presence, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That all who suffer especially (*The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud*), and those recovering from the recent fires and floods, will know the power of God, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That the community gathered here will nourish others, sustained by the nourishment of the word and the table of the Lord, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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, have mercy.

Deacon

God of justice, Lord of love, send your Spirit to dwell within us, sustaining our efforts of service; we ask this in Jesus' name, who lives forever and ever. **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.

¹ universal; all embracing.

² relating to the Apostles; following their teachings.

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

Serve God Singing Heartily

Robert Leaf

Presentation Hymn

I come with joy to meet my Lord (v.1-3)

Hymnal 304

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

The people remain standing.

Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 1

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 worshipers for the post communion prayer.

Communion Music

On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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

Please stand.

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

Hymnal 495

Dismissal

Please stand.

Deacon Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Postlude

Rejoicing Always

Colin Curtis

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Many thanks to The Reverend Canon Anthony Guillén for joining us today. Fr. Anthony is the Missioner for Latino/Hispanic Ministries and the Director of Ethnic Ministries for the Episcopal Church and lives in Ventura. St. Paul's Ventura is his home church when he has a respite from his worldwide travels.

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.

Serving This Week

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| Acolytes | Gabe Lamola, Judy Wareham |
| Chalice | Kay Armstrong, Maggie Kennedy |
| Psalm | Maggie Kennedy |
| Lay Readers | Ralph Armstrong, Lori Redding |
| Prayers of the People | Bridget Wareham |
| Eucharistic Prayer Minister | Marjorie & Charles Cole |
| Pastoral Care Team | Kathleen Crookston, Pam Owens |
| Ushers | Steve Jones, Dan Wakelee |
| Welcome Ministry | Carolyn Dolen |
| Sunday School Leaders | Heidi Trevisan, Sarah Lamola |
| Hospitality | Ruth McCool, Dan & Joanne Wakelee |
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| Altar Guild | Louise Bretz, Roger Crow, Vicki Paul |
| Flower Guild | Carole Nelson, Sarah & Gabe Lamola, Renee Bower |
| Counters | Louise Bretz |
| Facility Lock Up | Greg McCombs |

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

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| Today 10/21 | 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) |
| | 8:00 pm | AA Meeting (Kahler Hall) |
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| Monday 10/22 | 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. 10/23 | | |
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| Wed. 10/24 | 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) |
| | 6:30 pm | Vestry Meeting (Room 13) |
| | 6:30 pm | AA Meeting (Community Room) |
| | 8:00 pm | AA Meeting (Community Room) |
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| Thurs. 10/25 | 6:30 pm | AA 12-Step Workshop (Kahler Hall) |
| | 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) |
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| Fri. 10/26 | 6:30 am | Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant) |
| | 9:15 am | Women's Bible Study (Library) |
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| Sat 10/27 | 6:45 pm | AA Meeting (Community Room) |

Prayer Intentions for the Week of October 21, 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, Charlie, 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 Vestry's leadership that our parish's mission may be accomplished. Our 2018 vestry members and officers are Paul Angelo, Kay Armstrong, Peter Bowers (Junior Warden), Kathleen Crookston, Drew Darby, Grace Dunlevy, Cheri Gonzales, Bob Gold, Sarah Lamola, Ruth McCool, Ian McEwan, Miles Sexton (Senior Warden), Greg Jackson (Treasurer), Paula Robertson (Clerk).
- + 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, *Deanery One in Ventura County: St. Columba's, Camarillo; Trinity, Fillmore; St. Andrew's, Ojai; All Saints', Oxnard; St. Paul's/Emmanuel, Santa Paula; St. Francis', Simi Valley; St. Patrick's, Thousand Oaks.*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *Ankwanda Village in the Diocese of Cape Coast, and the Dioceses of Sunyani & Wiawso, Ghana.*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Unitarian/Universalist, Center for Spiritual Living, An Lac Mission (Buddhist), Mormon Church*



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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 **Wes Cullins**

10:15 am **Ruth McCool, Dan & Joanne Wakelee**

(Next week for hospitality: 8am – Vicki Paul;

10:15 am – Miles & Cathy Sexton, Ralph & Kay Armstrong)

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

Please join us again next Sunday!

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN



PLEASE PLEDGE TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH

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.

Thank you so much for your support!



TODAY: Chimes take flight with Michael Joncas' *On Eagle's Wings*, arranged by Douglas E. Wagner. (10:15)

NEXT SUNDAY: Come and enjoy a guitar arrangement of *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* played by Reid Edwards (both services).



REACH FOR PAWS! – FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

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!

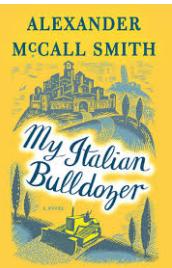
"Blessings to Go" kits with holy water and instructions are available in the narthex after church services and in the office for you to bless your pets at home.



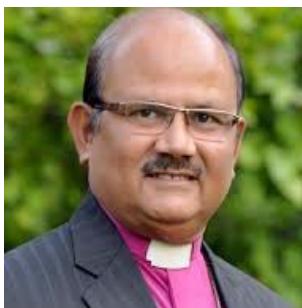
Please consider yourself invited, it's never too late to join...

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, [We Make the Road by Walking](#) 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!

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|  | <p><i>Have you ever wondered about meditation? What it is and how to do it?</i></p> <p>THE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OF MEDITATION – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18</p> <p>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>PREPARING FOR ALL SOUL'S DAY</p> <p>We will honor all those we love but see no longer at the 9am service on Wednesday, November 7th.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Please submit your additions to the office no later than Wednesday, October 24.</i></p> |
|  | <p>FALL BACK – NOVEMBER 4</p> <p>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</p> <p>TO JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION LUNCHEON AT 11:45AM</p> <p>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> |
|  | <p>BAPTISM OPPORTUNITY – NOVEMBER 4</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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> |

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|  | <p>WRAP 'N CHAT – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 10am</p> <p>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 by 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></p> <p>ST. PAUL'S LUNCH PROGRAM FEEDS HUNGRY PEOPLE THROUGH THE WEEK</p> <p>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>Episcopal Relief & Development <i>Healing a hurting world</i></p> | <p>EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT – HURRICANE Relief Following Hurricane Michael, our 2019 hurricane response has expanded to include those along the gulf coast and in parts of Georgia, as we continue to partner with dioceses and congregations in the Carolinas following Hurricane Florence. We invite you to support our ongoing work with the impacted dioceses. Please continue to pray for all those impacted by hurricanes in addition to our church and other partners as they reach out to their most vulnerable members and neighbors and begin the initial relief and recovery work. Contributions to the Hurricane Relief Fund will help ERD provide critical emergency assistance to those most in need. To donate and read the latest updates, visit https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief</p> |



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

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

Monday Evenings
11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, & 12/3
6:30-8pm in the Library

*Confirmations and Receptions will be Offered at St. Paul's
During the Bishop's Visit on Sunday, December 9, 2018*

You're welcome to bring your dinner with you.

11/5/18 Session 1 The Episcopal Church – What do we believe?
An Anglican way of being Christian

11/12/18 Session 2 The Book of Common Prayer – How do we worship?
God & Creation: the abundance of God's goodness

11/19/18 Session 3 Episcopal Identity – Who are we?
God in Jesus: an Incarnational Faith

11/26/18 Session 4 The Episcopal Church – What do we do?
God the Holy Spirit: the breath of new life

12/3/18 Session 5 The Episcopal Church – How do we view the Bible?
Our lives as 21st Century Christians