



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 25 Year B

October 28, 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

Come, Christians, Come to Sing

arr. Jack Jones

Please stand at the sound of the bell

Processional Hymn

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Hymnal 535

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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Jeremiah 31:7-9

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord:

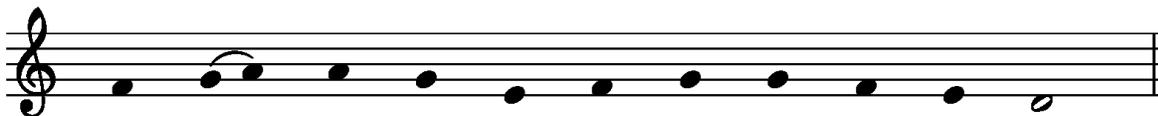
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

Psalm 126

The choir will sing the Psalm today.

The choir will lead the Antiphon first, followed by the congregation singing the Antiphon.

Antiphon:

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
 then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
 and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations,
 "The Lord has done great things for them."

4 The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Antiphon

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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 10:46-52

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

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

Our faith is centered on Christ, who revealed to us the healing touch of God's justice and mercy. We now call on God to continue that same healing and justice in our lives and in our world, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Leader

May the leaders of governments see the needs of the oppressed and respond in justice. For this we pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

May ministers continue Christ's mission of healing for all who are in need. For this we pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

May those who are in need of healing especially (*The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud*), and those recovering from the recent fires and floods, find in Christ a source of strength in their struggles. For this we pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

¹ universal; all embracing.

² relating to the Apostles; following their teachings.

May those who have died especially (*The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud*), live eternally in the presence of God, in whom all find comfort and peace. For this we pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon

Almighty God, we seek your face in our lives. Touch us with your Spirit of justice and healing, through Christ your Son, in whom we pray. **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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Reid Edwards, guitar

arr. Per-Olov Kindren

Presentation Hymn

Please stand.

Holy Father, great Creator

Hymnal 368

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 worshippers for the post communion prayer.

Communion Music

*Now In This Banquet
Bread of the World
Break Thou the Bread of Life*

*Marty Haughen
James Mansfield
arr. David N. Johnson*

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.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Hymnal 410

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

Love Lifted Me

James Pethel

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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.

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Check out next Sunday's readings (Track 2) at [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)



### St. Paul's GO

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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.

## *Serving This Week*

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| <b>Acolytes</b>                    | Henry Rose, Gina Trevisan, Maryanne Lamola                       |
| <b>Chalice</b>                     | Roger Crow, Guadalupe Guillén                                    |
| <b>Psalm</b>                       | Sung by Choir                                                    |
| <b>Lay Readers</b>                 | Judy Wareham, Maggie Kennedy                                     |
| <b>Prayers of the People</b>       | Janet Koehn                                                      |
| <b>Eucharistic Prayer Minister</b> | Ruth McCool                                                      |
| <b>Ushers</b>                      | Woody Bretz, Tamara Nerdrum                                      |
| <b>Welcome Ministry</b>            | Marcia Semple                                                    |
| <b>Sunday School Leaders</b>       | Valerie Ortiz                                                    |
| <b>Hospitality</b>                 | Miles & Cathy Sexton, Ralph & Kay Armstrong                      |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>                 | Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Susan Talmadge                       |
| <b>Flower Guild</b>                | Heidi & Katie Trevisan, Valerie & Allie Ortiz, Rose Hayden-Smith |
| <b>Counters</b>                    | Pam Owens                                                        |
| <b>Facility Lock Up</b>            | Greg Jackson                                                     |

### Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

|                               |          |                                                            |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Today</b><br><b>10/28</b>  | 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)                       |
|                               | 4:30 pm  | Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)           |
|                               | 8:00 pm  | AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)                                   |
| <b>Monday</b><br><b>10/29</b> | 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)                                   |
| <b>Tues.</b><br><b>10/30</b>  | 2:00 pm  | Comprehensive Growth Project Oversight Committee (Room 13) |
| <b>Wed.</b><br><b>10/31</b>   | 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  | AA Meeting (Community Room)                                |
|                               | 8:00 pm  | AA Meeting (Community Room)                                |
| <b>Thurs.</b><br><b>11/1</b>  | 6:30 pm  | AA 12-Step Workshop (Kahler Hall)                          |
|                               | 7:00 pm  | Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)                               |
| <b>Fri.</b><br><b>11/2</b>    | 6:30 am  | Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)      |
|                               | 9:15 am  | Women's Bible Study (Library)                              |
| <b>Sat</b><br><b>11/3</b>     | 6:45 pm  | AA Meeting (Community Room)                                |

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of October 28, 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, Charly, 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 spiritual, physical and moral development of our children and youth; the children, youth, and adult leaders of our Sunday School, Youth Group, Boy Scout Troop 179; La Famiglia Preschool and VCSAGE. 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 Santa Barbara County: *St. Mary's, Lompoc; St. Mark's, Los Olivos; All Saints; Christ the King, Trinity, Santa Barbara; St. Peter's, Santa Maria; St. Michael's Mission & campus ministry at UCSB in Isla Vista, Mount Calvary Monastery & Retreat House, Santa Barbara.*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *Ankwanda Village in the Diocese of Cape Coast, and the Dioceses of Sunyani & Wiawso, Ghana.*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Project Understanding and FOOD Share Ventura County*



### **St. Paul's Episcopal Church Staff**

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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 **Vicki Paul**

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

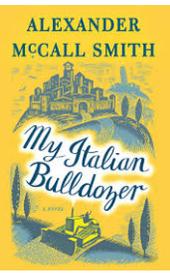
*(Next week for hospitality: 8am – Jo Ellen Heil;*

*10:15 am – Nate & Anne Alday, Bruce & Judy Kelly, Greg & Karyn Jackson)*

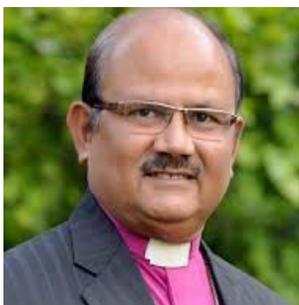
*If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.*

***Please join us again next Sunday!***

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ANNUAL GIVING<br/>CAMPAIGN</b></p>                                                                                     | <p><b>PLEASE PLEDGE TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH</b></p> <p>Since we are collecting pledges for 2019, the year of our 130th anniversary, our theme will be <b>Celebrating 130 years and Supporting the future of this important ministry.</b> 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;"><b><i>Thank you so much for your support!</i></b></p> |
|  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MUSIC at<br/>ST. PAUL'S</b></p>  | <p><b>TODAY:</b> Enjoy a guitar arrangement of <i>Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring</i> played by Reid Edwards (both services).</p> <p><b>NEXT SUNDAY:</b> It's All Saints with all favorites! (And a trumpet, too!) And as if that wasn't enough, we will have steel drums at the lunch following the service!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BE<br/><small>(THE)</small><br/>Church!</b></p>                                                                     | <p><b>REACH FOR PAWS! – FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER – A Few Days Left...</b></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.</p> <p><b>"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.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b><i>Last Session – You Are Invited!</i></b></p> <p><b>MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY - 6:30-7:30pm</b></p> <p>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><b><i>Have you ever wondered about meditation? What it is and how to do it?</i></b></p> <p><b>THE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OF MEDITATION – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1</b></p> <p><b>Thursday Evening 5:30-6:30pm</b> Join parish member, Dr. Ralph Armstrong, in the Library at St. Paul's on 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. 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>                                                                                        |

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|    | <p><b>FALL BACK – NOVEMBER 4</b><br/>Daylight Savings time ends. Don't forget to set your clock back one hour!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|    | <p><b>NOVEMBER 4 - PLEDGES WILL BE BLESSED DURING ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE AND YOU'RE INVITED</b><br/><b>TO JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION LUNCHEON AT 11:45AM</b><br/>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><b>BAPTISM OPPORTUNITY – NOVEMBER 4</b><br/>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><b>1ST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – NOVEMBER 5</b><br/>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 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss his autobiography, <u>Beyond the Extra Mile</u>. Come learn how his faith helped him survive the challenges of a homicide detective. 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><b>PREPARING FOR ALL SOUL'S DAY</b><br/>We will honor all those we love but see no longer at the <b>9am service on Wednesday, November 7th.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|  | <p><i>Families are Invited!</i><br/><b>OUTDOOR FAMILY GATHERING – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 12pm – 2pm</b><br/>Come enjoy fellowship and the glory of creation with other St. Paul's families. Bring your own picnic lunch and enjoy time together in nature. We will gather at the park entrance at noon. Foster Park, 438 Casitas Vista Rd., Ventura. Contact Lisa Devine with questions.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|  | <p><b>DEANERY ASSEMBLY – NOVEMBER 10, 9am</b><br/>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><b>WRAP ‘N CHAT – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 10am</b><br/>         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 <b>Saturday, November 17</b> from 10-noon in the Community Room. All are welcome. Wrapping supplies are provided.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|    | <p><b>UNITED THANK OFFERING – MONTH OF NOVEMBER</b><br/>         The United Thank Offering of The Episcopal Church is a personal spiritual discipline of thanksgiving that supports God’s mission throughout the world. As you give thanks, for the good things that happen every day, put some coins or dollars into a UTO Blue Box or set aside an offering reminder for later. At the end of the month, when your box is full or when you put a check in a UTO envelope, your thanksgivings unite with others’ prayers and thankful quarters, dimes and dollars from across The Episcopal Church to support God’s mission around the world. <i>One act of prayerful, tangible thanksgiving at a time has a wider impact than you can possibly imagine.</i> UTO Box/Envelope are available in the church lobby and Kahler Hall. Find the UTO Gratitude Challenge at <a href="https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/document/november-2018-gratitude-challenge-united-thank-offering">https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/document/november-2018-gratitude-challenge-united-thank-offering</a></p> |
|    | <p><i>Help us feed the hungry.</i><br/> <b>ST. PAUL’S LUNCH PROGRAM FEEDS HUNGRY PEOPLE THROUGH THE WEEK</b><br/>         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.<br/> <b>Thank you for helping us feeding our hungry neighbors!</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|  | <p><b>EPISCOPAL RELIEF &amp; DEVELOPMENT – HURRICANE Relief</b> 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 <a href="https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief">https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief</a></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. Stay for after the service for Fellowship & Formation to meet the Bishop.

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.*

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| 11/5/18  | Session 1 | The Episcopal Church – What do we believe?<br>An Anglican way of being Christian                     |
| 11/12/18 | Session 2 | The Book of Common Prayer – How do we worship?<br>God & Creation: the abundance of God's goodness    |
| 11/19/18 | Session 3 | Episcopal Identity – Who are we?<br>God in Jesus: an Incarnational Faith                             |
| 11/26/18 | Session 4 | The Episcopal Church – What do we do?<br>God the Holy Spirit: the breath of new life                 |
| 12/3/18  | Session 5 | The Episcopal Church – How do we view the Bible?<br>Our lives as 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Christians |