



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 8 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. 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

Wherefore, O Father, We Thy Humble Servants

Johann Crüger

Come, Christians, Come to Sing

arr. David N. Johnson

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. 323

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

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

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name: through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards all.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

- 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.

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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

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All stand and together say

Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

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Deacon

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Leader

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Teach us, O God, to treasure the differences that distinguish one person from another. Help us to overcome fear and hatred. Open our hearts to see thy radiance in every human soul. Give us the courage to combat prejudice and intolerance, and bless us with compassion, with kindness, and with peace.¹

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers *especially our presiding bishop, Michael; our bishops John and Diane; our clergy Susan, Ed, and Dick*; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land *especially Donald, our President; the congress and courts; Jerry, our Governor*, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor **Lillian, Wayne, Adele, Babs, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Gerry, Priscilla, Jan, Duncan, Shelia, Jamie, Jim, Frank, Julie, Liz, Helen, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Carol, Stacy, Mary, Kathie, and Tom.** *And those enduring a long term illness especially Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rob, Rachel, Kim and those others on our hearts* and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those affected by the fires and floods.

(See page 9 for other parish petitions and prayers of thanksgiving.)

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially *those whose names we bring before God*, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Paul and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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Peace

All stand as they are able.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

Announcements

Please be seated.

Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.

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.**

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

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

arr. Per-Olov Kindren

Presentation Hymn

Holy Father, great Creator

Hymnal 368

Please stand.

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord.

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

1 Chronicles 29:14

Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I)

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The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread

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A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Prayer of Humble Access

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Invitation

This is the Banquet of the Lamb. 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.

Communion Music

Bread of the World
Break Thou the Bread of Life

James Mansfield
arr. David N. Johnson

Post Communion Prayer

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Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

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.

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude

Love Lifted Me

James Pethel

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¹ *A Prayer for Tolerance* Rabbi Naomi Levy, adapted by Barbara Bennett and David Catron.

Today at St. Paul's, Ventura

You are invited to join us for coffee and refreshments in Kahler Hall following the service

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

## *Serving This Week*

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| <b>Acolytes</b>              | Jo Ellen Heil                                                    |
| <b>Chalice</b>               | Lori Burke, Jo Ellen Heil                                        |
| <b>Psalm</b>                 | Jo Ellen Heil                                                    |
| <b>Lay Reader</b>            | Pauli Powers                                                     |
| <b>Prayers of the People</b> | Lori Burke                                                       |
| <b>Ushers</b>                | Peter & Sharon Bowers                                            |
| <b>Hospitality Sponsor</b>   | Vicki Paul                                                       |
|                              |                                                                  |
| <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

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| <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)      |
| <b>Sat</b><br><b>11/3</b>     | 9:15 am  | Women's Bible Study (Library)                              |
|                               | 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**

The Rev. Susan Bek, Rector; The Rev. Ed Steever, Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Richard Swanson, Assisting

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## Announcements

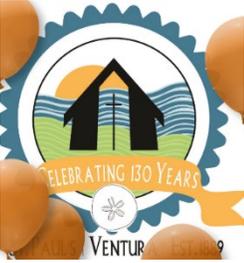
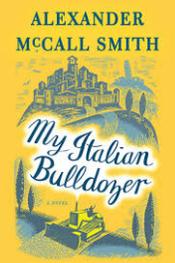
*Thank you for joining us today!  
As Ventura works to recover and find the way forward after fire and flood,  
St. Paul's is here to help.  
We're praying for you every day.  
Please let us know what else you need. God bless you!*



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><b>ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN</b></p>                                                                                                                     | <p><b>PLEASE PLEDGE TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH</b><br/>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/>THE<br/>Church!</b></p>                                                                                      | <p><b>REACH FOR PAWS! – FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER – A Few Days Left...</b><br/>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.<br/><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 style="text-align: center;">Exciting New<br/><b>BIBLE<br/>STUDY</b></p>                                                                            | <p><b><i>Last Session – You Are Invited!</i></b><br/><b>MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY - 6:30-7:30pm</b><br/>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><br/><b>THE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OF MEDITATION – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1</b><br/><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.<br/><br/><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.<br/><br/>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 by <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 |