



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.*



Online Bulletin

## The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**Proper 27 Year B**

**November 11, 2018 10:15 a.m.**

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*Today's flowers are given by Camille Hunter in memory of her father's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

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### *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.*

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## Holy Eucharist

### *Liturgy of the Word*

#### **Prelude**

*Theme from a Concerto*

*Johannes Brahms, arr. Lani Smith*

*Meditation on Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

*Robert Powell*

*Please stand at the sound of the bell*

#### **Processional Hymn**

**God of grace and God of glory**

**Hymnal 594**

#### **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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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**

1 Kings 17:8-16

A Reading from the Book of Kings.

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

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

**Psalm 146**

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*  
 I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
 I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
 for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
 and in that day their thoughts perish.

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

**Second Reading**

Hebrews 9:24-28

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

**Gradual Hymn**

**Help us, O Lord, to learn**

**Hymnal 628**

*All stand to sing.*

**Holy Gospel**

Mark 12:38-44

*Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

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

As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Ed Steever

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## **Nicene Creed**

BCP p. 358

*All stand and together say*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic<sup>1</sup> and apostolic<sup>2</sup> 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*

For the widow and her son, the jar of flour did not go empty, nor did the jug of oil run dry. Through a year of drought, God provided for their needs until the rains came. Mindful of our own hunger and thirst, let us ask God to give us those blessings which will sustain us, saying: Give us this day our daily bread; Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader*

We ask that you will send life-giving rain to the earth, that there may be bread for all nations. Give us this day our daily bread; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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<sup>1</sup> universal; all embracing.

<sup>2</sup> relating to the Apostles; following their teachings.

We ask that the leaders of this country will encourage peace, not violence. Give us this day our daily bread; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We ask that the church may continue to offer the bread of life to those who are hungry in spirit, that they may taste the richness of your consolation. Give us this day our daily bread;  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We ask that this community of faith may be a sign of your loving generosity, always ready to give to those who have less and to welcome the strangers in our midst. Give us this day our daily bread;  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We ask that you will hear the cries of the hungry, and that you will open our ears to their pleas. Give us this day our daily bread; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the faith of Christ, especially *Paul Beason, Cody Coffman, Ron Helus, Alaina Housley, Justin Meek, Sean Adler, Daniel Manrique, Kristina Morissette, Noel Sparks, Jake Dunham, Blake Dingman, Telemachus Orfanos, Mark Meza, Ian David Long* (*The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud*), and for the promise of resurrection to be fulfilled, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon*

Loving God, giver of life, nurture us in body and spirit so that, trusting in your mercy, we may generously respond to whatever you ask of us. We pray in the name of Jesus, your Son, who gave his life for our salvation. **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.*



Sanc-tus, sanc-tus, sanc-tus,  
 Lord, God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry.  
 Ho-sa-na in the high-est. Be-ne-dic-tus qui ve-nit, in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho-sa-na in the high-est. Ho-sa-na in the high-est.

Translation: "Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus" - Holy, holy, holy "Benedictus qui venit" - Blessed are those who come

*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**

*I Surrender All  
Resting in Jesus  
Canticle*

*Judson W. Van De Venter  
Ben Logan  
Roger Wilson*

### **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.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift his countenance upon you and grant you peace. And may the blessing of God, almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest on you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

**I'll praise my Maker while I've breath**

**Hymnal 429**

*Please stand.*

## 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

*Ode to Joy*

*Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Henry Van dyke*

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*Many thanks to guest musician, Jennifer Carmichael, french horn.*

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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

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.

### Digital Disciples are in The House!

If you see someone typing on their phone or iPad, know that they are serving as E-vangelists, spreading the Good News far and wide through social media. You too can be a Digital Disciple -

Follow & Post to Twitter: @stpaulsventura

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Like & Share Facebook Page: St. Paul's Ventura

### St. Paul's is learning Sign Language.

Why? Because all are welcome here!



*This sign means,  
"I love you."*

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

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

## *Serving This Week*

<b>Acolytes</b>	Charlotte & Marina Bretz, Ti Nahabedian
<b>Chalice</b>	John Borneman, Drew Darby
<b>Psalm</b>	Drew Darby
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Joseph Wareham, Ted Andrews
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Judy Wareham
<b>Eucharistic Prayer Minister</b>	Rose Hayden-Smith
<b>Pastoral Care Team</b>	Ruth McCool, Connie Baer
<b>Ushers</b>	Maggie Kennedy, Jeff Brown
<b>Welcome Ministry</b>	Barbara Jakovich
<b>Sunday School Leaders</b>	Sarah Lamola
<b>Hospitality</b>	Woody & Louise Bretz, Bill & Kathleen Crookston, Paul & Marilyn Angelo

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Louise Bretz, Roger Crow, Vicki Paul
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Grace & Rosie Dunlevy, Anna & Pippa Darby, Laura Andrews
<b>Counters</b>	Louise Bretz
<b>Facility Lock Up</b>	Larry Myers

<b>Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's</b>
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<b>Today</b> <b>11/11</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:30 am	Rite II Service
	11:30 am	Flower Guild Meeting (Sanctuary)
	12:15 pm	Abolitionist Committee (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Monday</b> <b>11/12</b>	11:30 am	Tai Chi – Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	6:30 pm	Exploring Our Faith (Room 13)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Tues.</b> <b>11/13</b>	10:00 am	Pastoral Care (Library)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop (Community Room, Kahler Hall)
<b>Wed.</b> <b>11/14</b>	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	11:30 am	Tai Chi – Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee (Room 13)
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)	
<b>Thurs.</b> <b>11/15</b>	11:00 am	Ladies Lunch Bunch (Marie Callender's)
	5:30 pm	Meditation Workshop (Library)
	6:30 pm	AA 12-Step Workshop (Kahler Hall)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
<b>Fri.</b> <b>11/16</b>	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
<b>Sat</b> <b>11/17</b>	10:00 am	Wrap n Chat (Community Room)
	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of November 11, 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, Adele, Babs, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Jan, Priscilla, Duncan, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Carol, Stacy, Mary, Kathie, Tom

### ***THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:***

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

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

### ***FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:***

- + The ministry of prayer, study and service of St. Paul's Men's Group, the Daughters of the King, Bible & study groups.
- + 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.: *Church of the Foothills, First Christian Church, Church of Christ.*

### ***IN MEMORIAM:***

- + Paul Beason, Cody Coffman, Ron Helus, Alaina Housley, Justin Meek, Sean Adler, Daniel Manrique, Kristina Morissette, Noel Sparks, Jake Dunham, Blake Dingman, Telemachus Orfanos, Mark Meza, Ian David Long



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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 **Liz & Ian McEwan**

10:15 am **Woody & Louise Bretz, Bill & Kathleen Crookston, Paul & Marilyn Angelo**

*(Next week for hospitality: 8am – Bill Brewer, Dela Parker  
10:15 am – Tom & Grace Dunlevy, Bridget Wareham)*

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

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



**TODAY:** Only three Sundays until Advent! How about a special guest on artist on french horn as the choir offers an arrangement of the popular hymn *Take My Life*.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Only two Sundays until Advent! Come *Praise Ye The Name Of The Lord* with the choir.



**TODAY: FLOWER GUILD MEETING**

Meet in the Sanctuary at 11:45am. All Flower Guild members are encouraged to attend. We will discuss flower and greenery needs for Advent and preparations for Christmas. Anyone interested in exploring the possibility of joining the Flower Guild is also invited. We would love to have you join us!



**TODAY: ST. PAUL'S ABOLITIONIST COMMITTEE MEETS**

Gather in the Community Room at 12:15pm. The St. Paul's Ventura Abolitionist Committee's goal is *Communication, Education and Action against the scourge of modern slavery acting locally, while supporting national and international efforts*. Attend today's meeting to find out more.



**TODAY: FAIR TRADE SALES**

Buy a taste of fine chocolates, tea, coffee and baskets that are from businesses committed to providing fair wages and good employment opportunities to economically disadvantaged artisans and farmers. For more information speak with Joanne at [joannewakelee@yahoo.com](mailto:joannewakelee@yahoo.com)



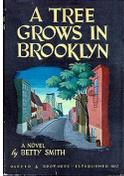
**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15. 11am at Marie Callender's**

All women of St. Paul's and their friends are invited to join us for our monthly Ladies Lunch Bunch at Marie Callender's. We gather at 11am and order at 11:30. We always have a wonderful time. and we would be very pleased for you to join us. Please RSVP to Marjorie, Ruth, Pam or the Office by Sunday, November 11th.



**WRAP 'N CHAT – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 10am**

There is still time to drop off travel size toiletries and toothbrushes and dental aids from your dentists. We could use another 50 sets. They will be holiday wrapped and given out at our December Family to Family lunch. Please bring your items to church on Sunday or drop them off in the office. The Wrap 'n Chat will be **Saturday, November 17** from 10-noon in the Community Room. All are welcome. Wrapping supplies are provided.

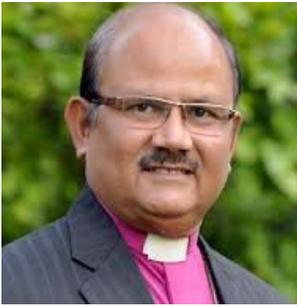
	<p><b>THE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OF MEDITATION – THURSDAYS, 5:30-6:30pm</b>  Dr. Ralph Armstrong will continue offering this as an ongoing ministry due to the interest, in the Library at St. Paul’s. Everyone is welcome any evening. Each session will include time to get comfortable, a description of the meditation practice, time to meditate, and an opportunity to share and reflect.</p>
	<p><b>WELCOME KATHLEEN!</b>  You will find Kathleen Jensen in the office during the week in the position of Administrative Assistant. Many of you know her from years’ past as a parishioner. Kathleen and her family moved to Santa Clarita 6 years ago however we are lucky she doesn’t mind the commute and welcome her back to St. Paul’s. Kathleen will be in the office Tuesday-Friday.</p> <p>Elena Kennedy will continue leading Family to Family and other outreach opportunities.</p>
	<p><b>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – November Selection</b>  The November selection is <i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i> by Betty Smith. This classic focuses on an impoverished but aspirational adolescent girl and her family living in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, New York City, during the first two decades of the 20th century. Meet at Panera Bread on Telephone Rd on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm for food and 5:30pm for discussion. All women are welcome! <i>Sponsored by Daughters of the King</i></p>
	<p><b>EPISCOPAL RELIEF &amp; DEVELOPMENT – HURRICANE Relief</b> We invite you to support our ongoing work with the impacted dioceses. Please continue to pray for all those impacted by hurricanes. 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>

We have so much to be grateful for...rather than gripe,  
We have so much that connects us...rather than divides us,  
We can only make a positive difference,  
when we reach beyond ourselves....

For all these reasons and more, you are invited to be with us for  
**Our 21st VIMA Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**



**This year being hosted at:  
Seventh Day Adventist Church  
6300 Telephone Road  
Tuesday, November 13, 2018 @ 7 p.m.**



**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**

11/12, 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.*

11/12/18	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 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Christians

## OUTREACH PROJECTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER



*One act of prayerful, tangible thanksgiving at a time has a wider impact than you can possibly imagine.*

### UNITED THANK OFFERING – MONTH OF NOVEMBER

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 a note of what you are thankful for. At the end of the month, when your box is full, bring in the coins or put a check in a UTO envelope (made out to St. Paul's with UTO noted on the memo line) and we will forward to UTO. 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. UTO Box/Envelope are available in the church lobby and Kahler Hall. Find the UTO Gratitude Challenge at

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/document/november-2018-gratitude-challenge-united-thank-offering>



## TOY COLLECTION

### Community Christmas Shoppe by Action

We are collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Shoppe starting next week. For gift ideas, choose a tag from the tree in the narthex (church lobby). The toys will be picked up **December 5<sup>th</sup>**.

Volunteers are needed **December 14<sup>th</sup>** for set up as well as **December 15<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30am - 1:00pm for the event. The event will be held at Orchard Community Church at 8180 Telephone Road, Ventura.



## COATS FOR ALL

We will start collecting new or gently used coats and jackets of all sizes **next week through the end of the year!** Coats will be cleaned and donated to people in need through local churches and non-profits. The drive is sponsored through the Downtown Chapter of the Rotary club. Donation box is located in the narthex (church lobby).