



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.



Online Bulletin

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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November 11, 2018 8 a.m.

Today's flowers are given by Camille Hunter in memory of her father's 100th birthday.

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

Air from Orpheus

Christoph von Gluck, arr. H. Whitford

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. 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.

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.

The Word of the Lord

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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

Please stand.

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Ed Steever

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 326

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, Jan, Priscilla, Duncan, Frank, Julie, Liz, 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 *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 and 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

BCP p. 330

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.

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

Theme from a Concerto

Johannes Brahms, arr. Lani Smith

Presentation Hymn

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

Hymnal 304

Please stand.

Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I)

BCP p. 333

The Lord’s Prayer

BCP p. 336

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

BCP p. 337

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

*Resting in Jesus
Canticle*

*Ben Logan
Roger Wilson*

Post Communion Prayer

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Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

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

BCP p. 339

Please stand.

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

Postlude

Ode to Joy

Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Henry Van Dyke

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

Acknowledgements and Copyright Information

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

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



St. Paul's GO

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

Here's How:

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

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 -

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Like & Post on Facebook Group Page: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ventura, California

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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

Acolytes	Jo Ellen Heil
Chalice	Peter Bowers, Jo Ellen Heil
Psalm	Jo Ellen Heil
Lay Readers	Judy & Tom Drew
Prayers of the People	Peter Bowers
Ushers	Lori Burke, Josephine Barnaby
Hospitality Sponsors	Liz & Ian McEwan

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

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 11/11	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)
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Monday 11/12	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)
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Tues. 11/13	10:00 am	Pastoral Care (Library)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop (Community Room, Kahler Hall)
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Wed. 11/14	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)	
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Thurs. 11/15	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)
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Fri. 11/16	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
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Sat 11/17	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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The Rev. Dr. Richard Swanson, Assisting

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Announcements

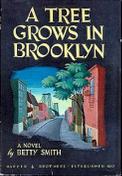
*Thank you for joining us today!
As Ventura works to recover and find the way forward after fire and flood,
St. Paul's is here to help.
We're praying for you every day.
Please let us know what else you need. God bless you!*



Please help us thank the following people
for our refreshments this morning:
8:00 am **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!

 <p style="text-align: center;">MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S</p>   	<p>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 <i>Take My Life</i>.</p> <p>NEXT SUNDAY: Only two Sundays until Advent! Come <i>Praise Ye The Name Of The Lord</i> with the choir.</p>
	<p>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!</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">St. Paul's Ventura ABOLITIONIST committee</p>	<p>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 <i>Communication, Education and Action against the scourge of modern slavery acting locally, while supporting national and international efforts</i>. Attend today's meeting to find out more.</p>
	<p>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</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>WRAP 'N CHAT – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 10am There is still time to drop off travel size toiletries. 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 by Saturday, November 17 from 10-noon in the Community Room. All are welcome. Wrapping supplies are provided.</p>

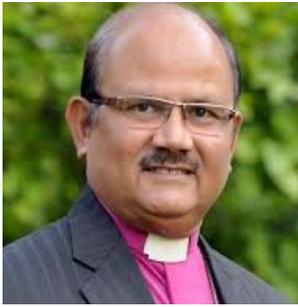
	<p>THE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OF MEDITATION – THURSDAYS, 5:30-6:30pm Dr. Ralph Armstrong will continue offering this as an ongoing ministry due to the interest, in the Library at St. Paul’s. Everyone is welcome any evening. Each session will include time to get comfortable, a description of the meditation practice, time to meditate, and an opportunity to share and reflect.</p>
	<p>WELCOME KATHLEEN! 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>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – November Selection 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 3rd at 5pm for food and 5:30pm for discussion. All women are welcome! <i>Sponsored by Daughters of the King</i></p>
	<p>EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT – HURRICANE Relief 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 https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief</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 st Century Christians

OUTREACH PROJECTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

 	<p><i>One act of prayerful, tangible thanksgiving at a time has a wider impact than you can possibly imagine.</i></p> <p>UNITED THANK OFFERING – MONTH OF NOVEMBER</p> <p>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</p>
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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 5th**.

Volunteers are needed **December 14th** for set up as well as **December 15th** 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).



November 12	Exploring Our Faith - 6:30pm Room 13
November 17	Wrap 'n Chat – 10:00am Community Room
November 19	Exploring Our Faith - 6:30pm Room 13
November 25	Christ the King
November 26	Exploring Our Faith - 6:30pm Room 13
November 30	Diocesan Convention Begins – Ontario
December 2	Advent Begins
December 3	Exploring Our Faith - 6:30pm Room 13
December 9	Bishop Azariah Visits – Confirmations (10:15)