



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



*Online Bulletin*

## **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Proper 24, Year C**

**October 16, 2022 at 10:15 a.m.**

**Service offered both in-person and online**

*Welcome! Sunday Services are offered each week at 10:15am. You have the option of attending in-person or online at: [www.StPaulsVentura.org/live](http://www.StPaulsVentura.org/live), [www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura](http://www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura), [www.Facebook.com/SaintPaulsVentura](http://www.Facebook.com/SaintPaulsVentura).*

***We ask your patience and thank you for your understanding** - Masks are still required in the church at this time. As of December 1<sup>st</sup>, masks will become optional. For now, we thank you for your cooperation. You are a living example of what LOVE looks like, and we appreciate your kindness.*

*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. We invite you to sing, pray and read along with us through the service. The words in bold are the ones we'll all say together.*

*Our Sunday School program (for children ages 2 years-grade 5) begins at 10am. Children are invited to join Miss Bailey and Miss Wendy to 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.*

*The best way to keep up with our upcoming events and latest protocols is to subscribe to our Email Newsletter. If you don't receive it and would like to be added to the list, please come see us at the Welcome Table or contact the church office.*

*Once again, welcome! We're glad that you're worshipping with us. Let us know if you have any questions, prayer requests or need the services of a priest. We are always glad to hear from you. Meanwhile, know that you are in our prayers. We wish you all a very safe and blessed week.*



*The angels are dancing again...*

**Listen carefully, you just might hear the angels dancing on the roof!**

*When things heat up, the beams in our beautiful church ceiling expand and creak. No worries! It's just part of this wonderful building's charm. For years, some of our members have said to each other, "Listen, the angels are dancing on the roof again!"*

***Today's flowers are given through the generosity of your pledge.***

*If you'd like to arrange for flowers given in memory or thanksgiving, please contact the church office. Thank you!*

## ***Liturgy of the Word***

### **Prelude**

Praeludium  
Prelude in F

*Anonymous  
David Crouse*

### **Processional**

**Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim**

**Hymnal 535**

*Please stand as you are able at the sound of the bell.*

*Today's Cantor: Reid Edwards*

### **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 forever. 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.**

### **Hymn of Praise**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, v. 4**

**Hymnal 390**

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

*Please be seated for the reading of scripture.*

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 112

*The choir will sing an arrangement of Psalm 121 by Sydney H. Nicholson*

1. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills; from whence cometh my help.
2. My help commeth even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.
3. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
4. Behold he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber not sleep.
5. The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand.
6. So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.
7. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea it is even he that shall keep thy soul
8. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.

## Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn**

*All stand as able to sing.*

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

**Hymnal 628**

### **Holy Gospel**

*Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

Luke 18:1-8

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

### **The Sermon**

**Drew Darby**

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

### **Nicene Creed**

*All stand as able and together say*

*BCP p. 358*

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

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

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy 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, sit or kneel as is your custom.*

*Server*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the Church of God, that it may be filled with people dedicated to love, generosity and truth.

**May your light guide us and shine through us.**

For the leaders of our nation, and the leaders of all nations; that the work they do may benefit all people. **May your light instill within them the desire to act justly and work for peace.**

For blessings on all human endeavors, and for the just and proper use of all you have created.

**May we be the instruments through which you reach out to the world.**

For the sick in body, mind or spirit, especially *(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*. **May your light bring hope and healing to all who suffer.**

For all who have died, and for those who grieve, especially *(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*. **May light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Celebrant*

O God, in your infinite generosity, you have created a world filled with resources to sustain all your children. Stir the generosity within each of us so that these resources may be shared. Inspire us when we step out from this place so that we may shine as the Light of Christ to the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, **Amen.**

## **The Confession**

*BCP p. 360*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A period of silence is observed.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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

<sup>2</sup> Relating to the Apostles, following their teachings

## **Recognition of the Small Group Leaders, Servers and Chalice Bearers**

This morning we recognize and offer our thanks to everyone who serves in these important ministries.

Small Group Leaders organize, support and lead the Small Group Ministries we offer. Because of their dedication and leadership, we offer a variety of ways that members can connect with each other and explore their faith.

Servers assist the priest in presenting the worship. Among their many tasks, they support all the altar ministers, read the Prayers of the People, and set the table for Eucharist.

Chalice Bearers, also known as Lay Eucharistic Ministers or LEMs, are altar ministers who serve the chalice and make it possible for us to offer wine as part of the experience of Eucharist.

**Please join us in thanking all these dedicated ministers for the important work they do!**

### **You are invited.**

If you're looking for a way to get involved, we invite you to join us for Coffee Hour in Kahler Hall after the service. Today, we will offer a Presentation about Small Group Ministries. Come explore the possibilities. Belonging to a Small Group Ministry is a great way to learn, grow, and make friends as we continue along the journey of faith. Please grab a cup of coffee and come learn more!

## **The Peace**

*All stand as they are able.*

*Celebrant*    The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

## **Announcements**

*Please be seated.*

## **Blessings 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. You have blessed us abundantly. Stir the generosity in our hearts and inspire us to give all that we can and, by your grace, may the gifts that we give become *More Than Enough* to meet the needs of your church for the coming year. Amen.

## ***Liturgy of the Table*** ***Holy Communion***

### **Offertory Sentence**

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Hebrews 13:15,16*



*Thank you for your donation, and for your pledge.  
Your generosity is appreciated!  
We look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ  
with whatever you are able to give.*

## Offertory

I Refuse *Words and Music by Ben Glover and Josh Wilson*  
*Reid Edwards, guitar and Daniel Smithson, soloist*

## Presentation Hymn

**O worship the King, all glorious above, v. 1-3**

**Hymnal 388**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord**

**Hymnal S128**

*The service music can be found in the front of the hymnal.*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed 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.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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.**

### **Spiritual Communion**

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from physically receiving it.*

Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

**Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we are not all together in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.**

### **The Invitation**

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 his will that those who want him should meet him in this holy way.

*For in-person worshipers: 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 gluten-free.*

*Once you have the bread, you may choose any of the following options:*

1. **Return to your seat without receiving the wine.** *Be assured that this is a sufficient experience of communion.*
2. **Sip the wine, from the common cup,** *guiding the chalice gently with your hand. (This meets the current safety standards set by the Diocese of Los Angeles and our bishop because the wine contains alcohol, the chalice is silver or similar metal, and the surface is wiped and turned between communicants.)*
3. **Receive by intinction** (dipping) – *the Eucharistic Minister will dip your wafer into the wine for you. We must place it in your hand at this time and cannot place it in your mouth.*

***The Common Cup will be offered on the right side of the altar rail.  
Intinction (dipping) will be offered on the left (Loma Vista) side.***

*If you'd like to come forward but would prefer not to receive,  
please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer you a blessing.*

*Suggestion: Before or after Communion, see the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) pp. 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there. Online worshipers can find it at [www.bcponline.org](http://www.bcponline.org)*

## **Communion Music**

Improvisation of the day's hymn

*Felix Eisenhower*

### **It's me, It's me, O Lord**

*Traditional Spiritual, arr. Carl Haywood*

**It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.  
It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.**

**1. Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.  
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.**

**2. Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.  
Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.**

**3. Not my mother, not my father, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.  
Not my mother, not my father, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.**

**4. Not the stranger, not my neighbour, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.  
Not the stranger or my neighbour, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.**

## **Post Communion Prayer:**

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*When the Eucharist is being taken out to those who are sick or shut-in, we will pray together.*

**In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

## A Franciscan Blessing

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of God Almighty; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

## Recessional

**Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old**

**Hymnal 567**

*Please stand as you are able and turn to face the cross as it passes by.*

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

In Christ there is no East or West

*arr. Gilbert M. Martin*

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

***Please join us in thanking those who served today, including:***

<b>Server/Chalice:</b>	Drew Darby	<b>Lectors:</b>	Judy Gold & Judy Drew
<b>Chalice Bearer:</b>	Anna Darby	<b>Ushers:</b>	Susan & Rob Talmadge
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Pippa Darby		
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Anna Darby & Grace Dunlevy	<b>Flower Guild:</b>	Anna Darby & Grace Dunlevy
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## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of October 16, 2022***

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury	Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Dick Swanson
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop	President Joseph Biden, Congress, Federal Courts
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan	Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts

### *HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:*

Leta, Christian, Christina, Nathan and his family, Bryant, Ed, Barb, Mary, Matthew, Thomas, Vivian, Lorraine, Susan, Jon, Nadia, Jeff, Spencer and her family, Tracy, Rebecca, Jane, Deepak, Janet, all refugees, first responders, and everyone affected by COVID-19, gun violence, natural disaster, poverty, and injustice.

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

Penny, Phil, Lynn, Audrey, Dennis, Maria, Baby Z, Carol, Amelia, Rachel, Dave, Kim, Linda, Virginia, Michelle, Sheila, Jeanice, Kevin, Susan, Ed, Debbie, Marcia and Ron.

### *IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY:*

Drew Darby, his wife Anna, and their family.

### *AND PRAYERS OF LOVE AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR:*

*First Responders, Teachers, Administrators and School Staff, Children, Families, and those who live alone.*

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

- + The ministry of Family to Family; all who volunteer and/or give financially to feed Ventura's hungry
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home
  - All who work, educate others, and pray to abolish the scourge of present-day slavery.

### *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: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiawso*, Ghana
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *First United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, Our Lady of the Assumption churches and the Salvation Army*

### *IN MEMORIAM*

*George Eisenbrand, Penelope Price Felger and all those we love but see no longer.*

*Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month but can be renewed if needed. Please contact the church office to add or extend a prayer request and to let us know how things are going.*



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# St. Paul's Announcements October 16, 2022

Thank you for joining us today! Please contact the church office for more information. God bless you!

**We invite you to join us again next Sunday.**



## Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

Whether you're new, visiting or have been a member for years, we're so glad you joined us today. **A warm welcome to you!** Our Sunday services are available online and in-person. Please let us know if we can do anything to support you on your spiritual journey this week. We're always happy to hear from you!  
We invite you to come back soon.



**ST. PAUL'S  
Enews**

announcements,  
enrichment, encouragement

Because faith isn't just for Sundays!

This is a brief overview of our weekly announcements. To learn about everything going on at St. Paul's and to receive weekly encouragement and ways to build up spiritual strength, please see our E-newsletter. If you don't receive it, please let us know. We'd be happy to add you to the list!  
You can reach us by emailing [office@saintpaulsventura.org](mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org)



Today  
at

**ST. PAUL'S**



Annual Giving Campaign...

## Week 5 - 10/16

If you've already pledged, thank you!  
If you haven't, please fill in a pledge card. We appreciate it!  
We ask everyone for a pledge to support St. Paul's through the coming year. With your help we can keep the church going and growing.  
**Thank you for our support!**

*and after church today...*



## Coffee Hour with Small Group Ministry Presentation

If you're interested in learning more about small group ministries, please grab a cup of coffee and come join us in Kahler Hall for this brief presentation. Small groups offer the opportunity to make deeper connections with God and one another, can help us to heal from the isolation and fear we've all experienced in recent years, and are a fun and important way to love and support each other on this journey of faith. Come learn more.



## Fair Trade Sales - After church TODAY on the fountain patio

St. Paul's is an Abolitionist Congregation, committed to ending the scourge of modern-day slavery. We sell fair trade products through the Equal Exchange to support farm cooperatives around the world giving farmers a fair price and a better future. Locally our sales support ending human trafficking through the Abolitionist Committee. Please stop by our table outside near the fountain to check out delicious chocolate, coffee and tea! Cash and checks accepted. Please see Joanne Wakelee if you have questions.



Thank you!

**YOUR PLEDGE  
at WORK**

Because of your generosity...

## Ways your Pledge Makes a Difference - #4

**Youth & Children's Ministries** -We provide Christian Education through our Sunday School and Youth Group Programs. Your pledge makes it possible for us to support families as they develop their faith. **Thank you!**



## Do pledges alone bring in enough funds to meet our operating expenses?

**No.** We also depend on funds brought in by leasing of portions of our property. We currently have four tenants (La Famiglia Preschool, VSAGE Charter School, Kindermusik, and Pulse Drumming). We also have a rental house on San Pablo Street and will soon be renting out the Gooden Center as a residence as well. We look forward to being able to offer it as housing, which is difficult to find in this neighborhood. It will bring in a steady income for the church and help to meet an important need in the community. Provided pledge income stays relatively the same, we expect these actions will help generate the income we need so that we can operate a balanced budget.

	<p><b>We're up Tomorrow - MONDAY, October 17<sup>th</sup></b>  <i>Please pray for the wonderful volunteers who will serve lunch to our hungry neighbors tomorrow. We appreciate your support and look forward to the time when we can serve inside and recruit more volunteers again.</i></p>
	<p><i>Mark your calendar and plan to join us for...</i>  <b>Karaoke Coffee Hour</b>  <b>Sunday, October 23 at 11:30am in Kahler Hall</b>      Here's a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon – come grab a cup of coffee and join in the fun! All are welcome – so bring a friend. We'll put out a "Tip Jar" and all donations will go to support St. Paul's Cantor Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your support of this program which provides our wonderful Cantors for Sunday services. Checks and cash are welcome. We'll also have a QR code you can scan to make a donation if you'd like to. We look forward to seeing you there!</p>
	<p><i>A fun event for kids of all ages!</i>  <b>HALLOWEEN PARTY - Sun, Oct. 30 at 11:45am</b>      Come join in the fun after church on the patio. We'll have candy, contests, games, treats, and lots of fun together. Bring or wear your best costume. (Please no weapons or super scary stuff. Remember we have little ones, too!)   <i>Want to join in the fun and support Youth &amp; Children's Ministries?</i>  <b>SIGN UP TO HOST A TABLE – Sun, October 30 at 11:45am</b>      We're throwing a Halloween Party for the Kids and want to invite you to join in the fun. Sign up to host a table. We'll provide the table, you bring the decorations, Halloween treats and any fun games or activities. (Nothing too scary, though. Remember we have little ones too. Thanks for your support!</p>
	<p><b>Book Club – November 7 at 5:30pm</b>      Our next selection is The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate. This novel is inspired by historical events drawn from actual "Lost Friends" advertisements that appeared in Southern newspapers after the Civil War, as freed slaves searched for their loved ones. This is the story of three young women on a journey in search of family amidst the destruction of the post-Civil War South and of a modern-day teacher who rediscovers their story and its connection to her own students' lives.      All are welcome! Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1stmonday</p>
	<p><b>Spirituality in Nature Group</b>      Do you find God in nature? Our new Spirituality in Nature Group had our first activity yesterday at Ventura Land Trust's Big Rock Preserve (near Foster Park). Our activities are appropriate for all ages and friends are always welcome. If you'd like to get involved in this new group, please let us know.</p>
	<p><i>Please invite your friends and plan to join us...</i>  <b>St. Paul's Holiday Market Fundraiser – Dec. 9, 10, &amp; 11</b>  <b>Volunteers and Donations Needed</b>      Please mark your calendars and help us spread the word. Volunteers are needed. Please see sign up sheet at the Welcome Table or check out your Enews. Donations needed: Rummage Sale items and Kids shop items can be dropped off before and after church each Sunday beginning Nov. 6; Baked Goods can be dropped off on 12/10 and 12/11.  <b>Thank you so much!</b></p>
	<p><i>Check out this Week's Resources...</i>  <b>To Help You Grow in Faith</b>  <a href="https://www.saintpaulsventura.org/growing-in-faith-sunday-and-everyday/">https://www.saintpaulsventura.org/growing-in-faith-sunday-and-everyday/</a>      After an uplifting and inspiring Sunday service, we're sent out into the world to love and serve the Lord. It's wonderful, but there's so much more to living a faithful life than just going to church - so, we publish a list of weekly resources to help you grow in faith. Learn simple spiritual practices, get ideas for how to put your faith in action, receive a blessing to start off every week. You can also enjoy beautiful music, hear inspiring messages, and learn how to live a more fulfilling life.</p>
	<p><i>This month let's help our animal friends...</i>  <b>October: REACH for Paws to help Homeless Pets</b>      Fill a red REACH bag and return it to church or the office by the end of the month. The wish list is canned pet food, pet treats, blankets (no comforters, please), pill pockets, slip leads (a type of leash), laundry detergent, paper towels, trash bags, a "fur" ever home!</p>