



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



*Online Bulletin*

## Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

**Proper 25, Year A**

**October 29, 2023 at 10:15 a.m.**

*Service offered both in-person and online*

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**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).

**Safety Protocols** –Because some among us are at higher risk and continue to want some additional distance, we've reserved the chapel side of the sanctuary for those with masks. Masks are optional on the Loma Vista side. We hope this will make it possible for everyone find a place in the church where they can feel safe and comfortable. Thank you for your understanding. You are a shining example of what LOVE looks like.

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. The best way to keep up with everything that's going on at St. Paul's 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 office.

By tradition, The Episcopal Church offers Holy Communion to all baptized persons. If you are not baptized, but wish to receive, we invite you to participate fully in the opening part of the service, called the Ministry of the Word, hearing God's word and reflecting on your life, enabling you to come to the table for communion, if you so choose, with a heart prepared to receive. We hope that if you feel touched by the word and sacrament and wish to learn more about the life-giving power of the Spirit of the Risen Christ, you will contact the church office to inquire about participating in Holy Baptism.

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

Once again, welcome! We're glad that you're worshiping 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!**

As 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!"

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**Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Esther McClain.**

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

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

**Prelude**

Dominus Regit Me/The King of Love My Shepherd is

*arr. Henry Kihlken*

**Processional**

**All hail the power of Jesus' Name!**

**Hymnal 450**

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

*Cantor: Daniel Smithson*

**Opening Salutation**

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355*

*Celebrant*  
**People**

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

**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**

**Now thank we all our God, v. 1**

**Hymnal 397**

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the reading of scripture.*

*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**

**Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18**

A reading from the Book of Leviticus.

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 1**

The response appointed for this morning is Psalm 1. We will read it verse by verse. I will read the odd-numbered verses. The congregation is invited to read the even-numbered verses.

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**4 It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

## Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

## Gradual Hymn

**Day by day, dear Lord**

**Hymnal 654**

*All stand as able to sing.*

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

*Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'?"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

*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

*BCP p. 358*

*All stand as able 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, sit or kneel as is your custom.*

*Server*

Gather us together, O God, that we might share the prayers, intentions, and thanksgivings of our community. We are generous with our gifts, because we are Rooted in Abundance.

I ask your prayers for the Church, for all who worship God this day. For our clergy, our diocesan leaders, and for our congregation. We pray especially for this season in which we celebrate our stories of leadership and our support for mission...

We are generous with our gifts of leadership,

**Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

*Leader:* I ask your prayers for our Nation and all nations; for refugees fleeing climate change and war; for conflicts of resources and land; for lawmakers, peacekeepers, and informed citizens. We pray for a distribution of wealth that helps the poor and the marginalized...

We are generous with our gifts of peace,

**Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

*Leader:* I ask your prayers for the sick, the lonely, the lost, and those who grieve. We remember those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now in silence or aloud...

We are generous with our gifts of healing,

**Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

*Leader:* I ask your prayers for those who have died, those who are dying, and those who mourn. For those on our parish list, and for those we name now in silence or aloud...

We are generous with our gifts of support,

**Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

*Leader:* I ask for your remembrances of thanksgivings and blessings, for we are given time, talent, and treasure to share with the world...

We are generous with our gratitude,

**Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

*Celebrant*

Hear the prayers of your people, Creator God. May we who are blessed by so much wealth and wisdom, share our works with a world in need. **Amen.**

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

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

## 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.**

## A Prayer for Peace

Healer of the Nations, from the noise of war and the drumbeat of vengeance, give us undiminished determination to wage peace. Out of brokenness, violence and destruction, let us plant seeds of hope. Out of chaos, confusion and hatred, build bridges of love. Out of distrust, disunity and distance, walk together in harmony. Heal our divisions and make us whole. **Amen.**

*Bishop Deon K. Johnson*

## 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

### *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

Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

*Joseph M. Martin*

## Presentation Hymn

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, v. 1-2**

**H135**

## Prayer as the Plates are Received

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, of Lord.  
*People* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

## 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, whether spiritually or actually, 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 actually receiving Holy Communion.*

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.

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*For in-person worshipers: Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to stand or kneel at the altar rail to receive the Eucharist. If you are unable to come forward but would like to receive, please let an usher know and we will bring communion to you.*

***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.***

*Regardless of which side you are sitting on, when you come forward, please go to whichever side is offering the wine in the way you prefer to receive it.*

*Those receiving by intinction are asked to help themselves to a small paper cup.*

*Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer.*

***You may also choose to return to your seat without receiving the wine.***

*Be assured that it is a sufficient experience of communion.*

***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.*

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*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)*

**Post Communion Prayer:***Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ the Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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**

May the peace which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn****O God, our help in ages past****Hymnal 680***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**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing!

*Arr. Carl G. Gläser***Acknowledgements and Copyright Information**

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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>Servers:</b>	Drew Darby & Roger Crow	<b>Lectors:</b>	Ted Andrews
<b>Chalice:</b>	Kara Craven	<b>Ushers:</b>	Eric Craven & Sally Weimer
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Louise Bretz & Pam Klebaum	<b>Flower Guild:</b>	Anna Darby & Grace Dunlevy
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Sun. 11/5 All Saints Day with Blessing of the Pledges

Sun. 11/18 Sing event – Will Rogers School 10 AM

Sun. 12/3 First Sunday of Advent



## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of October 29, 2023***

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:***

Bert, Mary Morgan, Guy, Raj, Virginia, all refugees, first responders, and everyone affected by COVID-19, gun violence, natural disaster, poverty, and injustice.

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

Phil, Lynn, Audrey, Dennis, Maria, Baby Z, Carol, Rachel, Dave, Linda, Virginia, Michelle, Sheila, Kevin, Susan, Debbie, Vivian, Ulrich, Christian, Kristi and Helen.

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

Drew Darby, his wife Anna, and their family.

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

- + The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County; the city councils of the communities in which we live; public safety and emergency personnel in Ventura County
- + 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 Santa Barbara County: *St. Mary's, Lompoc; St. Mark's, Los Olivos; All Saints', Christ the King, Trinity, Santa Barbara; St. Peter's, Santa Maria; St. Michael's Mission & Campus Ministry at UCSB in Isla Vista, Mount Calvary Monastery & Retreat House, Santa Barbara*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiawso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Project Understanding and FOOD Share Ventura County*

### ***IN MEMORIAM***

*For James Hathaway 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 29, 2023

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.**

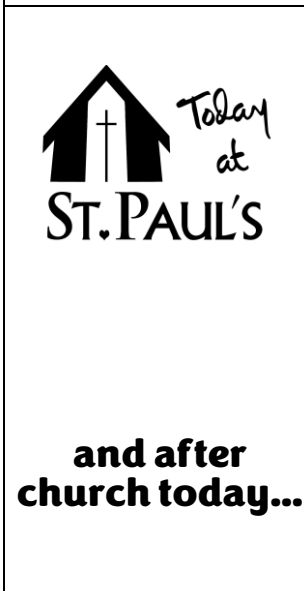


## Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

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. We're always happy to hear from you! We invite you to come back soon.



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)



*Please join us in welcoming our guest priest today, the Reverend Canon Greg Larkin.*



## Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

This morning's Old Testament Lesson teaches the importance of loving our neighbors as ourselves. This Sunday we will continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew and learn which Jesus says is the Greatest Commandment. Come to church and learn with us. We'll enjoy amazingly beautiful music, inspiring scripture, and an uplifting message of hope, love, and inclusion. All are welcome here! Online, we offer Spiritual Communion. In-person, we offer Eucharist, the bread and wine made holy. Come get inspired!



## Join us for Coffee Hour and the Halloween Party!

In-person worshippers are invited to join us in Kahler Hall (just down the stairs) for a cup of coffee, or tea and some refreshments. This gives us the chance to sit and chat with one another. In the church, we call this fellowship. It's one of our favorite parts of being on this journey of faith together.



## Week 7 - 10/29

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.  
Please join us on Sunday, 11/5 when we'll bless the pledges together.

**Thank you for your support!**



**Because of your generosity...**







## Ways your Pledge Makes a Difference - #7 Outreach

The people of St. Paul's have a heart for outreach. We take seriously our call to serve Christ by serving the world. Your pledge will help us continue this very important work. **Thank you!**



## How much should I pledge?

This is a personal decision and one that is between you, your family and God. We invite you to pray about it. If you are not sure where to start in considering your pledge commitment, you may want to compare your other financial commitments to what you pledge to your faith community. For instance, consider what you might spend on fast food, coffee drinks, or other optional expenses for a year, versus your gift to the church. The biblical standard for giving is to tithe a portion of your income, traditionally 10%. The church suggests working toward the tithe if you can. Whatever you do, know that God's blessing will be upon your prayerful decision. [Click HERE for more information.](#)

	<p>Join us in serving the world in the name of Christ. Your generosity is appreciated.</p> <p><b>REACH FOR PAWS! – FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER</b></p> <p>Let's Reach! for Paws and bless all of our animal friends! Fill a red REACH bag and return it to church or the office by the end of the month. 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, donations for vet bills (tax deductible), donations for any of these items (checks can be written out to St. Paul's with "homeless pets" in the memo field), a "fur"ever home!</p>
	<p><i>Do you enjoy experiencing God in nature?</i></p> <p><b>Spirituality in Nature Group – Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM</b></p> <p>Do you find God in nature? The goals of the Spirituality in Nature Groups are to explore nature to better understand what it means to be stewards of God's creation, and to strengthen our connection with the amazing natural world around us. We will be meeting Saturday 11/18 from 10-12 at one of our local neighborhood public schools to help them maintain their native plant habitat and possibly harvest fruit from their orchard that is ready! Meet in the parking lot of Will Rogers School; Grace will be there to meet you and show you around. Plan to join us!</p>
	<p><b>Notice to the Congregation</b></p> <p>Our dear friend Sheila Fattarelli died peacefully, surrounded by her family on Saturday, October 21st. She was a faithful, long-time member of St. Paul's and will be greatly missed. A Memorial Service honoring her life is being planned. We'll let you know when we have more details. <i>May she rest in peace and rise in glory. And may God bless those who mourn with a sense of peace and delight at the wonderful memories they have to treasure. Amen.</i></p> <p><i>Preparing for All Saint's Day and All Soul's Day...</i></p> <p><b>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed</b></p> <p>We will honor all those we love but see no longer at the</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>All Saints' Day celebration on Sunday, November 6</b> and at a Special Service on <b>Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 9am in the Sanctuary</b> All are welcome.</p> <p>Would you like to add a loved one to the list of those we will remember on All Saints' Day and All Souls Day? We are adding to last year's list and welcome your additions. Please submit your additions to the office no later than Wednesday, October 26.</p>
	<p><b>DOK Gratitude Potluck 11/5 11:45</b></p> <p>To all Daughters of the King, you are invited to gather in the Community Room after church on Sunday, Nov. 5. Let's break bread together and share what drew us to join the chapter in the beginning. Bring some food or drink to share and invite a guest if you like. Please RSVP to Paula and let her know what you plan on bringing. It will be so wonderful to see each other in person after such a long time. Email <a href="mailto:probersonpics@gmail.com">probersonpics@gmail.com</a> or text 805-625-1468</p>
	<p><b>Book Club – Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm on Zoom</b></p> <p>The First Monday Book Club is open to all.</p> <p>Our next selection is <i>Garlic and Sapphires: The Secret Life of a Critic in Disguise</i> by Ruth Reichl. Ruth Reichl, world-renowned food critic and editor in chief of <i>Gourmet</i> magazine, realized when she took the food critic job at the <i>NY Times</i> she would need to go undercover to remain anonymous. She tells of her remarkable reflections on how one's outer appearance can influence one's inner character, expectations and appetites, not to mention the quality of service one receives. This memoir is filled with humor, thoughtful insights and recipes!</p> <p>Zoom Information – Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1<sup>st</sup>monday</p>
	<p><b>2024 Choir Pilgrimage Tour</b></p> <p>St. Paul's Choir is embarking on an adventure, a life-changing journey and YOU are invited! Learn about the choir tour and pilgrimage to Italy in 2024, why we are doing this, and how to support us to make this dream a reality go to <a href="https://sites.google.com/view/choirtour/home">https://sites.google.com/view/choirtour/home</a></p> <p>HOW YOUR DONATION CAN HELP</p>





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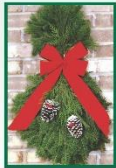
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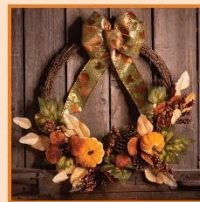
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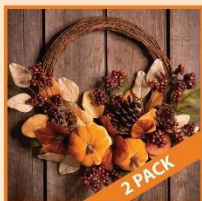
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