

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Benicia, CA

10:00 AM Worship for Sunday, September 29, 2024Eucharistic Prayer BProper 21The Holy Eucharist Rit

Proper 21 The Holy Eucharist Rite II The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE HYMN: (H 359) God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Heirs

All stand.



OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **People:** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

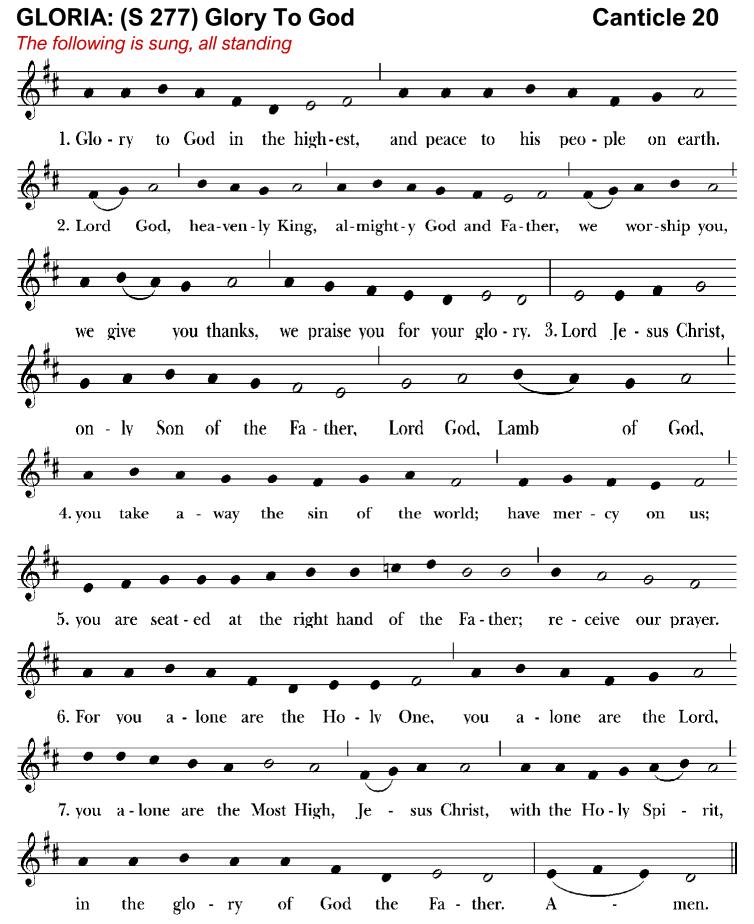
COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Let us pray in unison

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.





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant:The Lord be with you.People:And also with you.Celebrant:Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING:

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The people sit.

¹The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. ²On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." ³Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. ⁴For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." ⁵Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" ⁶Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. ⁹Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." ¹⁰So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

^{9:20}Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, ²¹enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, ²²as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM:

Remain seated.

¹If the LORD had not been on our side, *

let Israel now say;

²If the LORD had not been on our side, *

when enemies rose up against us;

³Then would they have swallowed us up alive * in their fierce anger toward us;

⁴Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *

and the torrent gone over us;

⁵Then would the raging waters *

have gone right over us.

⁶Blessed be the LORD! *

he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

⁷We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *

the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

⁸Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *

the maker of heaven and earth.

SECOND READING:

James 5:13-20

The people sit.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader:The Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.Silence may follow.

GOSPEL HYMN: (WLP 761) All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

The following is sung, all standing



GOSPEL:

All stand

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

³⁸John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

THE SERMON:

The Rev. Cn. Mary Goshert



THE CREED

All stand.

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 and apostolic 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

Celebrant and People

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.

The Celebrant stands and says

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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THE PEACE

Celebrant:The peace of the Lord be always with you.People:And also with you.Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRANSITIONS

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin anew. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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OFFERTORY CANON: When Jesus Wept

The following is sung

Refrain: When Jesus wept, the falling tear In mercy flowed beyond all bound; When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear Seized all the guilty world around.

Music by William Billings (1746 – 1800)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

SURSUM CORDA:

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 our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

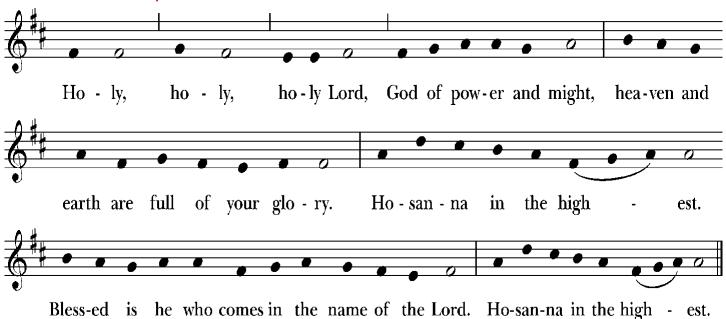
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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

...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: (S 124) Holy, Holy, Holy

Celebrant and People



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The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation...

... Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

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The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine...

... 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**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

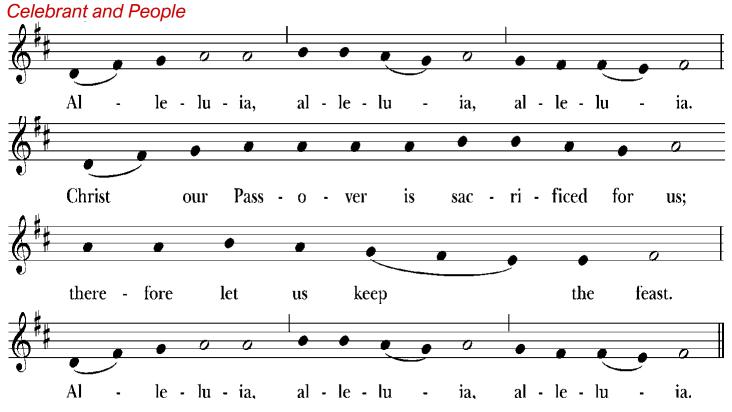
People and Celebrant

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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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FRACTION ANTHEM: (S 154) Christ Our Passover



INVITATION

The Celebrant says The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: (A3 #71) Jesus' Blood Never Failed Me Yet

The following is sung

Chorus: Jesus' blood never failed me yet Never failed me yet Jesus' blood never failed me yet. That's one thing I know. For he loves me so

COMMUNION HYMN: (A3 #18) Bind Us Together

The following is sung

- **Chorus:** Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord, bind us together with love.
- Verse 1 There is only one God. There is only one king. There is only one body that is why we sing.
- Verse 2We are the family of God. We are the promise divine.We are the chosen design. We are the glorious new wine.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

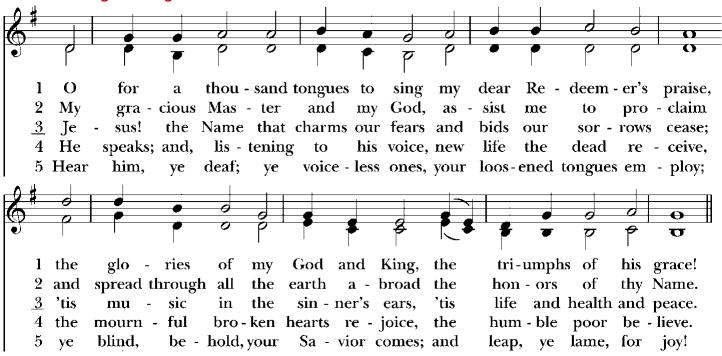
BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**

MISSION HYMN: (H 493) O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

The following is sung



DISMISSAL

The Celebrant will dismiss the people

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **People: Thanks be to God.**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harvest Festival Fundraiser- October 5th





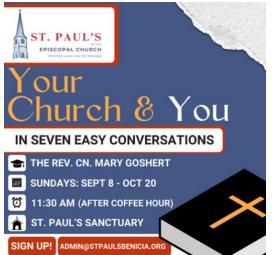
TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW! Scan the QR code below



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We're still searching for fun baskets for both the raffle & auction. If you can help, please contact Jeff Jarvis at: jeff.jarvis@kellyspicers.com. October 1st is the deadline for purchasing tickets and placing food orders. Please drop off all donations to the Rectory before Wednesday, 10/2. Time is winding down, and there will be no ticket sales at the door- However, Donna Patey will be selling tickets at Coffee Hour after Sunday's (9/29) service!

Your Church & You (In Seven Easy Conversations)



Starting on Sunday, September 8 and continuing for six sessions, following coffee hour, we will offer an interactive romp through the basics of being a Christian in the Episcopal tradition.

At the conclusion of the series, you will be prepared to be blessed by our Bishop in Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation, and more, as you desire.

Hosted by our very own The Rev. Cn. Mary Goshert on Sundays between 9/8 – 10/20 at 11:30 am in the sanctuary, following Coffee Hour. To sign up, e-mail:

admin@stpaulsbenicia.org. Note: Class on 10/6 has been cancelled.

Special Film Screening: The Philadelphia Eleven

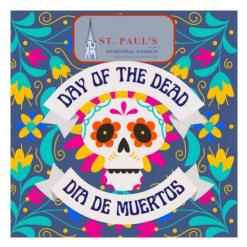


There will be a **FREE** of charge film screening of The Philadelphia Eleven taking place at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Davis. All are invited to attend! Our very own **The Rev. Mary Cn. Goshert** will be part of a very dynamic discussion panel-Join us for the screening and stick around for some valuable insight and a greater understanding of this historic act akin to civil disobedience.

Calling All Cake Bakers!



We're in need of donations of **homemade cakes** for our Silent Auction at the Harvest Festival- This is a perfect opportunity to show off your baking skills for an amazing cause! For more information, please contact Lisa Pena: (619) 993-4248 or via email. <u>lisapena37@gmail.com</u>



Dia de Los Muertos Celebration: Sunday, October 27, 2024.

This will be a time to remember those we have lost, and those who have passed before us in our own families, and those who made a difference in our lives. As well as the patriots who birthed the United States and the people who fought to make the aspirations of our Declaration of Independence a reality for everyone. As we anticipate the Bishop's arrival, we will be focusing on those people who shaped the Episcopal church and supported our baptismal covenant—that we are bound to support the dignity of

every human being. We will be installing an outside Ofrenda and on the 27th will display our altar cloth naming those we have loved and lost. Other displays are planned as well. Pan de Muerto will be served at coffee hour. If you would like names added to the alter cloth, or would like to help install the Ofrenda or with coffee hour on the 27th, please contact our parish office prior to October 20^{th,} admin@stpaulsbenicia.org



Summer Service Hours Extend Through October

Please mark your calendars, we will continue to have one service at 10 AM through the month of October.

Two services will resume on November 3rd. We hope to see you there, either in-person or streaming live!



Food From the Bar: St. Paul's Community Meal Fundraiser

Food Insecurity in Solano County is real. We battle it with our Community Meal on Mondays and Wednesdays—now serving an average of <u>550</u> meals a week. We are supported by The Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano counties & they need our help! Every year **Food from the Bar**, a committee of the Contra Costa County Bar Association holds a fundraising drive for the Food Bank. This year, the drive runs through **October 14.** An anonymous donor has pledged up to **\$25,000** as a matching grant for all

donations received during the drive. Donate today at:

https://give.foodbankccs.org/team/609717?campaignId=284991

(Link available in online announcements) Contact **Barbara Jewell** for more info- email: <u>bjewell@gagenmccoy.com</u> or phone: 510-368-5072.

Barbara will be in attendance on Sunday to help troubleshoot any issues.

This matching grant opportunity is too good an opportunity to ignore!

Sierra Service Project 2025!!



Members of St. Paul's! If you have a child, grandchild or relative who would be interested in participating in the 2025 Sierra Service Project service trip next summer, please let us know! **We accept youth entering High School through graduating seniors (5 years).** If you'd like to know more about what SSP is all about, let me or the program director, Tom Sauter know!! We'd love to tell you more! You can also go to the SSP website at sierraserviceproject.org.

Please let us know by October 11th so we can put our team together and advise SSP staff of our potential numbers.

Tom Sauter - <u>sauter@tcbbuilders.com</u> - 415-420-3821 Steve Rodekohr - <u>steverodekohr@gmail.cim</u> - 707-580-8104

Happy 170th Anniversary!



This month marks the 170th anniversary of the first service of the St. Paul's parish. To commemorate this, there is a new exhibit on display in the south transept. Included are: a short biography of General Edward Townsend (first Lay Reader for the parish), a copy of the Vestry minutes detailing the first service, pictures from past anniversaries,

and a commemorative plate made for the Centennial celebration by Homer Laughlin.



Morning Prayer Weekdays at 9 a.m. in Church and on Zoom

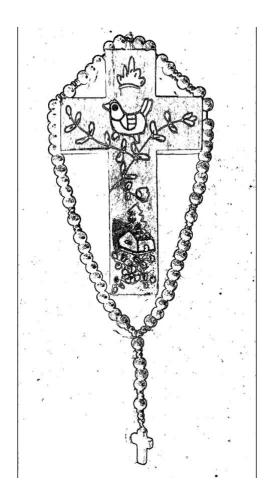
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> The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon. Please e-mail information to: admin@stpaulsbenicia.org Office phone: (707) 745-0307

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WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING

Julia Padfield Mark Park Judith Mooney Lyndah Dreiling

WE GIVE THANKS FOR BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

9/30 Carole Johnson 10/5 Chris Ayles 10/5 Carol Smiglewski

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Major Russ Morris, U.S. Air Force Reserves SFC Mike Moverley, 1st Battalion 143rd Field Artillery, U.S. Army Warrant Officer Brandon Niemann, U.S. Army AB Andrew Severa, U.S. Air Force SA Michelle Severa, PA, Air National Guard Senior Airman Jake Sackett, U.S. Air Force Major Xacasia Evans-Walp, U.S. Army

E-mail: admin@stpaulsbenicia.org for updates or additions



Calendar

Worship, Love, Live the Message							
SUNDAY 9/29: Proper 21 6:30 am AA Meeting (U) 10 am +Communion 11 am Godly Play (U) 11 am Coffee Hour - Special Last Sunday of the Month Celebration (P) 11:30 am +Your Church & You 8 pm AA Meeting (P)							
<u>MON 9/30</u>	<u>TUE 10/1</u>	<u>WED 10/2</u>					
9 am +Morning Prayer 4:30 pm Meal (P) 7 pm +GVRD Jazz Band 8 pm AA Meeting (P)	7 am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 5:30 pm Kiwanis Mtg. (P) 7 pm +GGSOC Practice	7am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 10 am +Communion 11 am Bible Study (P) 4:30 pm Meal (P) 7 pm +GVRD Symph Band					
<u>THUR 10/3</u>	<u>FRI 10/4</u>	<u>SAT 10/5</u>					
7am AA Meeting (P) 7:30 am Coffee with Rev. Annie & the Senior Warden 9 am +Morning Prayer	7 am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 7 pm NA Meeting (P)	7 am AA Meeting (U) 7 am Men's Meeting (R) 5 pm Harvest Festival & Kids Fest					

SUNDAY 10/6: Proper 22 Blessing of the Animals

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+ = Church P = Parish Hall U = Undercroft R = Rectory K = Kitchen 6:30 am AA Meeting (U) 10 am +Communion 11 am Godly Play (U) 11 am Coffee Hour (P) 11:30 am +Your Church & You - Cancelled for Today 4 pm Meditation (P) 8 pm AA (P)

SERVING THIS WEEK - September 29, 2024 10:00 AM				
Celebrant	Rev. Canon Mary Goshert			
Preacher	Rev. Canon Mary Goshert			
Deacon	Rev. Beth Gaines			
Music	Dr. Matthew Welch			
Lector	Susan Owen			
Intercessor	Barbara Jewell			
LEM	Barbara Jewell			
Vestry Host	Jeff Jarvis			
Ushers	Mittie & Fred Railsback			
Altar Guild	Robin Silver			
Flower Guild	Mittie Railsback			
Office Angels	Jennifer & Blaine Deal			
Verger	Chris Preovolos			

Parish Leadership					
Clergy	Staff	Vestry			
The Rev. Annie Mertz, Rector The Rev. Beth Gaines, Deacon The Rev. Canon Mary Goshert, Associate Priest The Rev. Pamela Higgins, Associate Priest The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder, Associate Priest	Dr. Matthew Welch , Traditional Music Director Eric Foster , Communications Coordinator Lisa Lannoy , Parish Administrator Tim Markley , Archivist	Jeff Jarvis, Senior Warden Chris Preovolos, Junior Warden Donna Marshall, Ed Curtis, Laura Peabody-Park, Jill Morris, Lisa Pena, Ann Lindsay, Gerri MacGregor			



MISSION

St. Paul's welcomes all people at any stage of their spiritual journey to worship together, care for the community, and live the message of Jesus Christ.

VISION

We strive to be an active, diverse, and welcoming community where people come together to worship and deepen their faith.

VALUES						
Community	Inclusion	The Message of Jesus Christ	Spiritual Growth			
We support our neighbors through service and compassion. We are a safe space and a supportive community where members are cared for by one another.	We are an inclusive community where people of all identities, backgrounds, and histories are welcome to find and continue their spiritual journey.	We believe in striving to live the message of Jesus Christ every day. At St. Paul's, we walk the way of love together.	At any point in a person's spiritual journey, there are opportunities to learn, grow, and strengthen one's faith at St.Paul's.			