

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

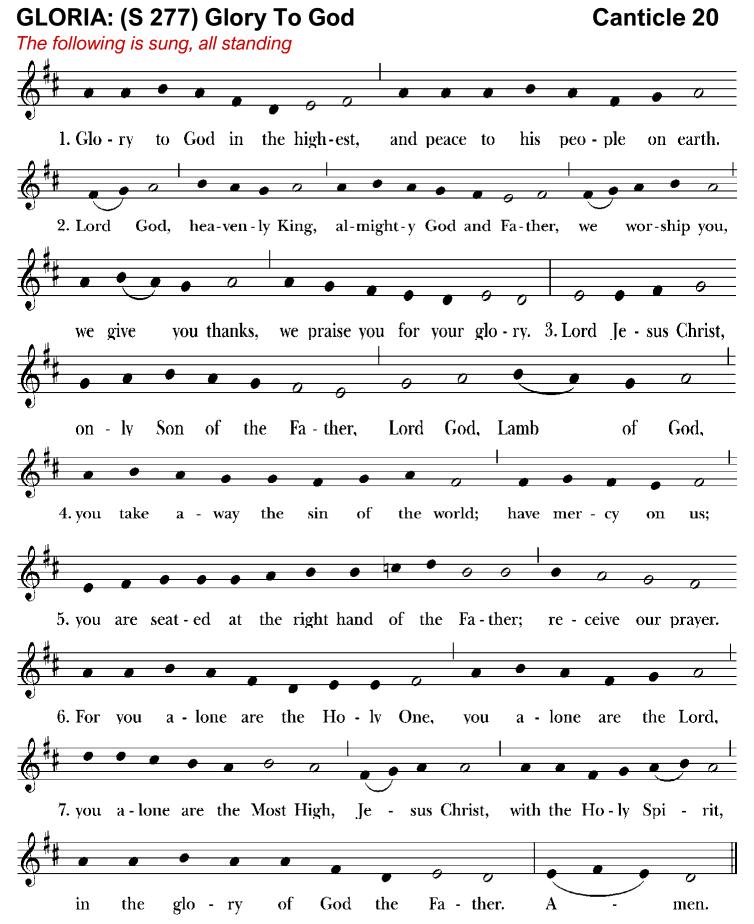
COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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:

Job 39:1–18

The people sit.

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them.

"Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

"The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Psalm 121

PSALM: *Remain seated.*

1 l lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

² My help comes from the Lord, *

the maker of heaven and earth.

- ³ He will not let your foot be moved * and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- ⁴ Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
 the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- ⁶ So that the sun shall not strike you by day, * nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, * from this time forth for evermore.



SECOND READING:

The people sit.

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

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

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL HYMN: (H 679) Surely it is God Who Saves Me



GOSPEL:

Luke 12:13-21

All stand

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

THE SERMON:

The Rev. Annie Mertz

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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.**

THE PEACE

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All stand.

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 HYMN: (H 416) For the Beauty of the Earth

The following is sung

- For the beauty of the earth, Verse 1: for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
- Refrain: Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
- Verse 2: For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]
- Verse 3: For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight, [Refrain]
- Verse 4: For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]
- Verse 5: For the Church which evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore thy pure sacrifice of love, [Refrain]

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

SURSUM CORDA:

The People remain standing.

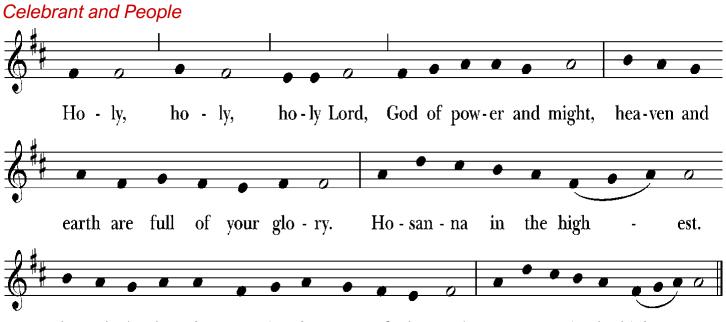
Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Celebrant:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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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,

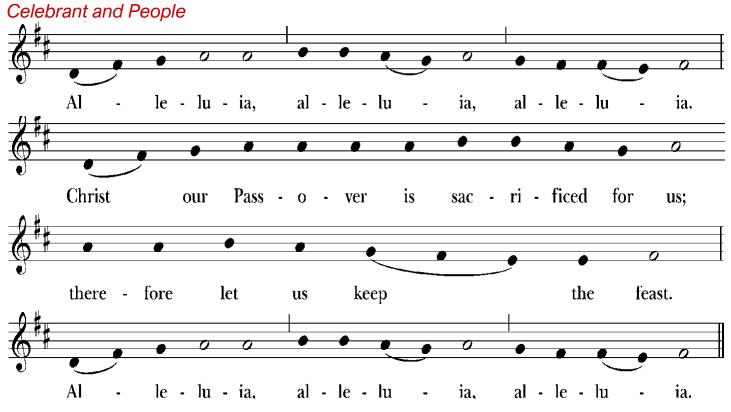
People and Celebrant

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: (LEVAS #213) Children of the Heavenly Father

The following is sung





COMMUNION HYMN: (H 325) Let us Break Bread Together on Our Knees



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

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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**



RECESSIONAL HYMN: (H 376) Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 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.**

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Please proceed to the park in front of the church.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



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:

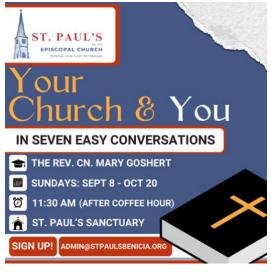
https://give.foodbankccs.org/team/609717?campaignId=284991

(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!

Your Church & You (In Seven Easy Conversations)

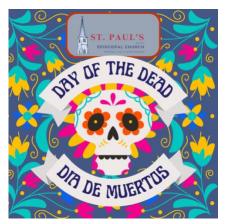


admin@stpaulsbenicia.org.

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:



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!

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 <u>sierraserviceproject.org</u>. 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.com</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.

Sugar Skull Making! 10/13 & 10/20



All ages welcome!

Come hear about the history and traditions of Dia de los Muertos after service on **October 13th** in the Godly Playroom around 11:00am. After reading to the kids, Barbara Jewell will be teaching us how to mold sugar skulls in the undercroft. The skulls will need a week to dry then on Sunday **October 20th** during coffee hour all are invited to "paint" the sugar skulls with brightly colored frosting in the design of your choice and either take them home or place them on the ofrenda at the church on display for Dia de los Muertos!"

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

weekday worship MORNING PRAYER

Join Zoom meeting (Link in Weekly Announcements online) Meeting ID: 890 6264 3237 Passcode: 355908

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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

NOTICE OF FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

When you enter a St. Paul's Episcopal Church service or event, you enter an area where photography, audio, live streaming, and video recording may occur.

PRAYERS

WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING

Julia Padfield Mark Park Judith Mooney Mary Brien & Her Husband Stevie

WE GIVE THANKS FOR BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

10/7 Wanda Anderson 10/8 Laura Peabody-Park

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



SUNDAY 10/6: Proper 22 - Blessing of the Animals

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 Today 4 pm Meditation (P) 8 pm AA (P)

MONDAY- 10/7	TUESDAY- 10/8	WEDNESDAY- 10/9	
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 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	
THURSDAY- 10/10	FRIDAY- 10/11	SATURDAY- 10/12	
7am AA Meeting (P) 7:30 am Coffee with Rev. Annie 9 am +Morning Prayer	7 am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 7 pm NA Meeting (P)	7 am AA Meeting (U) 8:30 am Day Long Meditation Event (P) & (U)	

SUNDAY 10/13: Proper 23

KEY

- + = Church P = Parish Hall
- U = Undercroft
- R = Rectory
- K = Kitchen

6:30 am AA Meeting (U) 10 am +Communion 11 am Godly Play (U) & Sugar Skull Molding Afterwards (U) 11 am Coffee Hour (P) 11:30 am +Your Church & You 4 pm Meditation (P) 8 pm AA (P)

SERVING THIS WEEK - October 6, 2024 10:00 AM				
Celebrant	Rev. Annie Mertz			
Preacher	Rev. Annie Mertz			
Deacon	Rev. Beth Gaines			
Music	Bill Markley			
Lector	Ann Lindsay			
Intercessor	Kim Rodekohr			
LEM	Mary Frances Kelly-Poh			
Ushers	Linda Tremain & Steve Rodekohr			
Altar Guild	Eileen Fisk & Donna Patey			
Flower Guild	Ann Lindsay			
Office Angels	Jennifer & Blaine Deal			
Verger	Gene Ekenstam			

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.			