



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Benicia, California

11:00 AM Worship for Sunday, January 19, 2025

**Eucharistic Prayer A The Holy Eucharist Rite II
Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

ENTRANCE HYMN: (A3 #26) Come, Now is the time to Worship

All stand.

Verse 1: Come, Now Is the Time to Worship
Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

Verse 2: One day ev'ry tongue will confess you are God.
One day ev'ry knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose you now. **(Repeat 1st verse)**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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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.**

GLORIA: (WLP 885) A Song of Creation

Canticle 12

The following is sung, all standing

1. Let all cre - a - tion bless the Lord, till heav'n with praise is ring - ing.
2. All liv - ing things up - on the earth, green fer - tile hills and moun-tains,
3. O men and wo - men ev - ery - where, lift up a hymn of glo - ry;

Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the an - gels' sing - ing.
sing to the God who gave you birth; be joy - ful, springs and foun-tains.
let all who know God's stead - fast care tell our sal - va - tion's sto - ry.

Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make mu - sic, day, night, cold and heat: ex -
Lithe wa - ter life, bright air - borne birds, wild rov - ing beast, tame flocks and herds: ex -
No tongue be si - lent; sing your part, you hum - ble souls and meek of heart: ex -

alt the God who made you.
alt the God who made you.
alt the God who made you.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 62:1-5

The people sit.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow

PSALM:

Psalm 36:5-10

Remain seated.

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.

⁷How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

¹⁰Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Remain seated.

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL HYMN: (A3 #218) Veni Sancte Spiritus

The following is sung, all standing

Congregation chants:

People: **Veni, Sancte Spiritus**

GOSPEL:

John 2:1-11

All stand

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON:

The Rev. Cn. Mary Goshert

THE CREED

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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

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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: (Gather 2nd. Ed., #567) Down to the River to Pray

The following is sung.

Verse 1: As I went down in the river to pray.
Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear a starry crown
Good Lord show me the way

Chorus 5: O sinners let's go down
Let's go down come on down
O sinners let's go down
Down in the river to pray

Chorus 1: O sisters let's go down
Let's go down come on down
O sisters let's go down
Down in the river to pray

Verse 2: As I went down in the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear a robe and crown
Good Lord show me the way

Chorus 2: O brothers let's go down
Let's go down come on down
Come on brothers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

Verse 3: As I went down in the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear a robe and crown
Good Lord show me the way

Chorus 3: O fathers let's go down
Let's go down come on down
O fathers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

Verse 4: As I went down in the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear a robe and crown
Good Lord show me the way

Chorus 4: O mothers let's go down
Come on down don't ya wanna go down
Come on mothers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

Verse 5: As I went down in the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear a robe and crown
Good Lord show me the way

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

SURSUM CORDA:

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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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Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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:

Celebrant and People

Chorus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
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.
Hosanna in the highest.

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The Celebrant continues

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...

...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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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The Celebrant continues

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...

...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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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

FRACTION ANTHEM: (Spoken)

Celebrant and People

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

COMMUNION HYMN: (A3 #201) Eat This Bread

The following is sung

Refrain: Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

COMMUNION HYMN: (A3 #61) I Am the Bread of Life

The following is sung

Verse 1: I am the bread of life;
they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw them.

Refrain: And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the
last day. **(Refrain)**

Verse 2: The Bread that I will give
is my Flesh for the life of the world,
and they who eat of this bread,
they shall live for ever. **(Refrain)**

Verse 3: I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
They who believe in me,
even if they die,
they shall live for ever. **(Refrain)**

Verse 4: Yes, Lord, we believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God
who has come into the world. **(Refrain)**

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: (A3 #44) Give Thanks

The following is sung, all standing

Verse 1: Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the holy one
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his son **(Repeat)**

Verse 2: And now let the weak say, "I am strong";
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us!" **(Repeat)**

Ending: Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant will dismiss the people

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pledge Update
as of 1/11/2024

	2025	2024
# Pledges	62	70
Amount Pledged	\$291,630	\$303,374

 Walk in Love

Thank You For Your Pledges!

We are grateful to everyone for your generous annual pledges, which play a vital role in supporting the mission and ministries of St. Paul's.

There's still time to turn in your 2025 pledge! Blank cards are available in the back of the church.

Sunday, January 26th- Combined 10 AM Service Followed by the Annual Meeting:



On Sunday January 26, 2025, St. Paul's will conduct our Annual Meeting in the sanctuary directly following a single 10am service. This means a few things:

1. The Nursery will be open from 9:00am-12:30pm
2. Godly Play and Youth Bible Study are cancelled for that Sunday and will resume the following Sunday February 2, 2025.
3. At the conclusion of service, prior to the start of the Annual Meeting, Family Warden Jill Morris will escort any and all children/youth who are interested to the undercroft to hang out and play games, Legos, color, and eat snacks!

Our kind childcare attendants will be present to supervise the children/youth for the duration of the Annual Meeting. Childcare is FREE! All children/youth will be checked in upon entering the undercroft and must be signed out by a parent or guardian in order to be safely released. We ask that you please pick up your child/youth promptly after the Annual Meeting. Thank you!

MLK DAY CELEBRATION



Monday, January 20, 2025

7 pm • Community Congregational UCC- 1305 West 2nd St.

Honoring Dr. King in story, recollection, song, and commitment. All are welcome.

“In these turbulent days, when fear and doubt are mounting high, give us broad visions, penetrating eyes and power of endurance.”

On Monday, January 20, 2025 Benicia’s 6th public observance of Martin Luther King Day will be held at **7 p.m. at Community Congregational UCC, 1305 West**

2nd St. All who attend will be encouraged to reflect, sing together, and share their particular reasons for honoring Dr. King “in these turbulent days.” In this way we will sustain one another with the “power of endurance.”

A pick-up choir will get together at 6 p.m. to rehearse “The Storm Is Passing Over.”

TGIFF (Thank Goodness it's Fourth Friday)



TGIFF is on **Friday January 24**, from **5:30-7:30 in the undercroft**. Bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage (alcoholic or non-alcoholic). Debi & Bob Hall are hosting this month.



Let's Welcome Back the Healing Prayer Ministry!

Healing prayer is offered at each service during communion to individuals who wish to have personalized, one-on-one prayer with a healing prayer minister. A healing prayer minister listens carefully and empathetically and prays with individuals about their specific concerns. Healing prayer ministers serve once a month at their preferred service. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding ministry, please contact me by email at deacon@stpaulsbenicia.org. I will be happy to meet with you

individually to discuss how to pray with others and to practice this important skill.

Flower Dedications



Our 2025 Flower Dedication Online Sign-Up Sheet is available in the **Link Section** of our Weekly Friday Online Bulletin. If you sign up less than one week in advance of your dedication, please call the church office to let them know: **707-745-0307**.

You can also contact the office to request a dedication by E-Mail at admin@stpaulsbenicia.org or call 707-745-0307.

The suggested minimum donation is **\$75**. You can mail your donation to *St. Paul's Church, 120 East J St. Benicia, CA 94510* or drop it by the office. Thank You!

Coffee Hosts Needed

It's time to sign up for the New Year!



There is a sign-up sheet to the left of the coffee pots under the Cross Wall in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions about what's required, there is an awesome reference guide in the binder next to the sign-up sheet or feel free to reach out to our

Coffee Hour coordinators Barry & Sally Cunningham at bcunningsb@gmail.com.

Sign up with a friend and kick off your Sunday with caffeine and fellowship!

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

Join Zoom meeting (Link in Weekly Announcements online)

Meeting ID: 890 6264 3237

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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.



The flowers at today's service
are dedicated in memory of:

My husband, John.

Kathy Gojack

PRAYERS

WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING

Manuel Pena
Nadia
James Carr
Mark Park
Judith Mooney

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Pat Paterson
Carmen Montoya

**WE GIVE THANKS FOR BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES**

1/20 Joseph Ellett Sr.
1/20 Rosalie Sackett
1/25 John Healy
1/25 JoAnne Craig
1/25 Mark Sackett

**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
Airman Andrew Severa, U.S. Air Force
SA Michelle Severa, PA, Air National Guard
Staff SGT Jake Sackett, U.S. Air Force
Major Xacasia Evans-Walp, U.S. Army

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SUNDAY 1/19: Second Sunday after the Epiphany

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
 8:45 am +Communion
 10 am Coffee Hour (P)
 10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)
 10 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)
 11 am +Communion
 12 pm Coffee Hour
 8 pm AA (P)

MONDAY 1/20	TUESDAY 1/21	WEDNESDAY 1/22
Martin Luther King Jr. Day 9 am +Morning Prayer 10 am +Music Practice 4:30 pm Community Meal (P) 7 pm +GVRD Jazz Band 8 pm AA Meeting (P)	7 am AA Meeting (P) 9 am Morning Prayer (U)- Please note change for today to (U) 7 pm Vestry Meeting (U)	7am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 10 am +Communion 11 am Bible Study (P) 4:30 pm Community Meal (P) 7 pm +GVRD Symph Band 7 pm BAFC Meeting (U)
THURSDAY 1/23	FRIDAY 1/24	SATURDAY 1/25
7am AA Meeting (P) 7:30 am Coffee w/ Rev. Annie 9 am +Morning Prayer	7 am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 5:30 pm TGIFF (U) 7 pm NA Meeting (P)	7 am AA Meeting (U)

SUNDAY 1/26: Third Sunday after the Epiphany Annual Meeting - Single Service

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

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
 10 am +Communion
 11:15 am +Annual Meeting
 10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U) - Cancelled
 10 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U) - Cancelled
 12 pm Coffee Hour (P) - After Annual Meeting
 4 pm Meditation (P)
 8 pm AA (P)

SERVING THIS WEEK - January 19, 2025		
	8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Celebrant	Rev. Cn. Mary Goshert	
Preacher	Rev. Cn. Mary Goshert	
Music	Dr. Matthew Welch	Cameron De Palma
Lector	Karen Lowe	Marjorie Lowry
Intercessor	TBD	TBD
LEM	TBD	TBD
Ushers	Dale & Charlie Kilbourne	Sally & Barry Cunningham
Altar Guild	Robin Silver & Liz Stallings	
Flower Guild	Liz Stallings	
Office Angels	Dale Kilbourne	
Verger	Leo Harrod	

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



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Benicia, California

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.