



September 19, 2021  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 20)  
7:30 am, 8:45 am & 6:00 pm

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude:** *Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ*- Christierson/Schalk

**Processional Hymn:** *All Praise to Thee*

H-477, vs 1, 3 & 5

*All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,  
Didst yield the glory that of right was thine.*

*And in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine. Alleluia!*

*Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
Who wast a servant that we might be free,  
Humbling thyself to death on Calvary. Alleluia!*

*Let every tongue confess with one accord  
In heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;*

*And God the Father be by all adored. Alleluia! Amen.*

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

BCP, p. 355

**People** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## Collect for Purity

**Gloria** (*Spoken at 7:30 am and 6 pm, sung at 8:45– S-277*)

BCP, p. 356

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God, the Father. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

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

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

**The First Lesson:****Jeremiah 11:18-20**

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 54** (*Spoken responsively*)**BCP, p. 659**

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
in your might, defend my cause.

**2 Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
those who have no regard for God.

**4 Behold, God is my helper; \*  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

**6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  
and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.**

7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

**The Second Lesson:****James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Hymn:** *Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel***H-574, vs 1 and 3**

*Before thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a conscience quick to feel,  
A ready mind to understand the meaning of thy chastening hand;  
Whate'er the pain and shame may be, bring us, O Father, nearer thee.*

*For sins of heedless word and deed, for pride ambitious to succeed,*

*For crafty trade and subtle snare to catch the simple unaware.*

*For lives bereft of purpose high, forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry.*

*(At the 8:45 am service, during the singing of the Gospel hymn, a wooden cross will be carried down the center aisle and the children are invited to follow and to go to Children's chapel- they will rejoin their family at the Peace)*

**The Holy Gospel:****Mark 9:30-37**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark.

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the

way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### The Sermon

The Reverend W.R. "Rusty" McCown

### The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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 – Form VI

BCP, p. 392

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

**People:** For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People:** For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People:** For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People:** For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God

**People:** For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For all bishops and other ministers.

**People:** For all who serve God in the Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Hear us Lord;

**People:** For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life... We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People:** And praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died; that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

**People:** Who put their trust in you.

### Confession

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Peace

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

*People* And also with you.

*(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Offertory

8:45 am: *How Can I Keep From Singing?*- Lowry, arr. Abdenour

6:00 pm: *Arouse My Love and Come Away*- Don Dicie

**Presentation Hymn:** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (Sung at 8:45 am)

H-376, vs 1

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of Glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

### The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

*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 him thanks and praise.

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

**Sanctus** (*Spoken at 7:30am & 6 pm, \*sung at 8:45 am: S-124*)

BCP, p. 362

*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. (\*Hosanna in the highest.)*

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death.**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

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

### The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

**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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### Breaking of the Bread

**Fraction Anthem:** *Christ our Passover*

BCP, p.

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*(Spoken at 7:30am and 6 pm, sung at 8:45am: Hymnal, S-152)*

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.*

*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*We invite all who seek God, and are drawn to Christ by the Spirit, to join us at this Table as you are directed to by the usher. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will serve you in your pew. If you need to receive a gluten-free host, please extend hands, crossed, palms down when you come forward to receive.*

### Music During Communion

8:45 am: *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*- Benson/Loh

*One Small Child*- Murray/Edwards

### The Prayer after Communion

BCP, p. 365

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the**

world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn:** *Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness*

H-492, vs 1, 2, and 4

*Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness, wake your noblest, sweetest strain,  
With the praises of your Savior let his house resound again;  
Him, let all your music honor, and your songs exalt his reign.*

*Sing how he came forth from heaven, bowed himself to Bethlehem's cave,  
Stooped to wear the servant's vesture, bore the pain, the cross, the grave,  
Passed within the gates of darkness, thence his banished ones to save.*

*Now on high, yet ever with us, from his Father's throne the Son  
Rules and guides the world he ransomed, till the appointed work be done,  
Till he see, renewed and perfect, all things gathered into one.*

**Dismissal:**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**Postlude**

*O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High-* Latin, 15th cent./*Deo Gracias w/ Alleluia*, Biggs

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, *Bishop*

The Reverend W. R. "Rusty" McCown, *Rector*

The Reverend Monna Mayhall, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Ann Van Dervoort, *Assisting Priest, Retired*

Donna Stokes-Rogers, *Music Minister* • Rick Jackson, *Organist*

Libby Sullivan, *Children's Minister* • Nic Parmer, *Youth Minister*

Shannon Buttrey, *Parish Administrator* • Kristy Moore, *Finance Manager*

Paula Sherman, *Communications Manager* • Adam Dawkins, *Seminarian*

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy George Sumja, in thanksgiving for the baptism of Beckett David Hyssong and in celebration of Tom and Marida Stearn's 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## BIRTHDAYS:

**Sunday:** Grant Benedict, Phyllis Thompson, Chloe Hannah, Elaine Williams **Monday:** Claire Sheller, Cindy Thomsen, Chandler Miniati **Tuesday:** Becky Facer, Lori Macdonald **Wednesday:** Hannah Miniati, Wallace Lilly **Thursday:** Kim Helper, Will Paris, Brad Williams **Friday:** Megan Goss, Chris Knopf, Emily Trahan, Andrew Johnson, Richard Pullen

## ANNIVERSARIES:

**Wednesday:** Tom and Marida Stearns **Thursday:** Rick and Pam Leet **Friday:** Walt and Peggy Goss, Carl and Ginna Campbell **Saturday:** Brent and Michelle Blackwelder

## PARTICIPANTS:

	7:30 am	8:45 am	6:00 pm
Usher:	Paul Hannah		Tom Stearns
Usher:			*
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader:	Margaret Brown	George Bishop	Iain Macpherson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader:	*	Matthew Muenzen	*
Prayers:	*	Matthew Muenzen	*
Altar Guild:	Kathy Ulezelski	Jeannie Jones	Marida Stearns
Altar Guild:		Scott Jones	*
Musicians:	*	Derek Pell, violin	Don Dicie, organ

## St Paul's Prayer List

Susannah Pierce, Marietta Todd, Becky and Muff Farmer, Dave Berexa, Susan Hughes, Henrietta Hobdy, Alex Wilkerson, James Dickerson, Ann Conway, Tina Morgan, Jack Honeycutt, Tom Jordan, Terry O'Donnell, Michelle Blackwelder, Glenn Trahan, Sarah Lauricella, Don Ratcliff, Robyn Painter, Jeni Burnside, Bill Muir, Jim Lauricella, Dorcas Mansell, Phyllis Gray, Fanny Haynes, Ashley Swann, Rachel Robinson and Fletcher, Eduard, Christian, Mary Virginia, Sarah Katherine, Henry, Dean Bose, Kristin Chew, Eliot Williams, Bob Kinsley, Tom Becker, Bettie Shepherd, Debbie Whitlock, Julie Reinhardt, Katy Nickerson, Don Hughes, Michael, Martha, Fred, Kerstin, Meg and Fulton, Fred, Delores, Joanne, Joe, Ernie, Libby, Jackie and Wayne, Lorraine, Claire, Reed, Marianne, Sean, Madelyn, Molly, Lauren, Claudia, Craig, John, Nancy, Kirby, Anne Marie, Cathy, Ethan, Mimi, Don, Gray, Cindy, Todd, Sean, Kathy, Judy, Jon, Suzie, Tonka, Sandy, Autumn, Tamara, Molly, Babs, Meg, Veronia, Grace, Edwin, Terry, Loy, Bill, Elizabeth, the Rabinowitz family, Darletta, Richard, Emily, Bob, Garrett, Rachel and Luke, Mary, and Hala and Robin, Adelaide, Kathryn, Aly, Fred and Bridget, and Linda and Tom, Mark, Madia, Shougofa, Raha, Patty, Ed, Maddie, Paul, The Thomasson Family and Linda



**TODAY – September 12, 2021**

Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am and 6:00 pm

**St. Paul's Christian Formation Today**

- 8:45 AM **Children's Chapel**
  - 10:00 AM **Christian Formation (Adult, Youth and Children)**
  - 11:00 AM **Children's Chapel**
- 5:00-7:00 PM **Episcopal Youth Group:** This week at EYG, we'll be playing Night at the Arcade. Come ready to run around, and bring a mask!

**St. Paul's September Gathering For Good: Bluegrass and BBQ**

**Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7pm in 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Courtyard**

Join us for live music in the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Courtyard! The cost of the BBQ dinner is \$5 per person or \$20 family maximum. Please RSVP for this event here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c48abad2fa0f58-stpauls3>

**Fashion Show Benefit for the Music Ministry**

**Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

Join us for a fashion show sponsored by Chico's. Appetizers and beverages will be provided and all ticket holders also will receive a discount on Chico's purchases. Tickets are \$15 and the proceeds go to the Music Ministry of St. Paul's. Purchase tickets on the website at <https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/fashionshow/>.

**Episcopal Youth Group (EYG)**

**Sundays, from 5-7:00 pm in Barnabas**

Welcome back to EYG! I'm so excited to kick off youth activities for the fall. EYG is open to all youth grades 6-12. If you'd like to provide dinner for one of our EYG gatherings, we'd love to have you! Please use the link below to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aaea922a0ffc07-fall>

Additionally, if you'd like to volunteer to help with Sunday School, check out our table at Rally Day this Sunday! If you can't make it, please reach out to [nic@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:nic@stpaulsfranklin.com)

**Beloved Community-Sacred Ground Racial Reconciliation Workshop**

Saint James Church in Sewanee is offering an opportunity for education and conversation on racial reconciliation through a 10-week film and reading-based dialogue series grounded in faith. This Sacred Ground workshop is presented by the Beloved Community Commission of the Diocese of TN, and is created by the national Episcopal Church for the purpose of promoting racial reconciliation. Participants attend via Zoom on Tuesdays, Sept 7-Nov 9 from 6-7:30 p.m. CST (10 weeks). If you have any questions or would like to commit to join us, please contact Chris Colane at [chriscolane@gmail.com](mailto:chriscolane@gmail.com) for registration information. There is no charge for the workshop. We welcome you to join us on this Sacred Ground journey! More information about the Beloved Community can be found on the diocesan website at:

<https://edtn.org/programs/beloved-community-commission-racial-reconciliation/>

**The Hospitality of God: A Reading of the Gospel of Luke**

The word hospitality invites us to think of guests, visitors, putting on meals, providing lodging, and making strangers feel at home in our homes and in our church. Throughout the Gospel of Luke, significant events and exchanges take place in the context of meals and the offering (or refusal) of hospitality. Hospitality provides a frame for Jesus' ministry throughout Luke, who sees Jesus' whole life as a visitation on God's part to Israel and to the world. This fall, we will look at Luke's Gospel as a whole, approaching it through the interpretive lens of hospitality. Please join seminarian Adam Dawkins and friends at St. Paul's as we read and study Luke's Gospel together on Zoom on Monday evenings from 6:30pm until 8:30pm, beginning September 13. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://sewanee-edu.zoom.us/j/85451505859>

Meeting ID: 854 5150 5859

### [Want to Hike the Perimeter Trail at Sewanee?](#)

Have you ever thought about hiking the Perimeter Trail at Sewanee? We are planning a four-segment hike (four Saturdays - September 18, 25 and October 2, 30) to cover the 21.5 miles of the moderate trail circling the University. St. Paul's in partnership with the Columbia/Franklin Chapter of TTA (Tennessee Trails Association) will have very knowledgeable hike leaders. You are invited to hike as many of the segments with us as you like. This 4-segment perimeter hike is offered for adults who are either members of St. Paul's, and/or members of the TTA Chapter. All hikers must be fully vaccinated. The TTA quarterly meetings are at Barnabas. Join the next TTA meeting on Tuesday September 7 - 6:00 pm Social Hour, 7:00 pm Meeting, when we will be discussing the Perimeter Hikes. You can learn much more about the Trail by visiting Sewanee's web site. <https://new.sewanee.edu/campus-life/sewanee-outing-program/sewanee-trails/> , AllTrails, or Wikipedia. Sewanee is about an hour and one half drive from Franklin. For more information, please contact Janeth McKendrick [Janethmck@aol.com](mailto:Janethmck@aol.com) or Monna Mayhall [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com). Please RSVP and download the waiver form here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044ca4a623a0fa7-hiking>

### [MA'AMs \(Middle-Aged Anglican Moms\) – Social Hour](#)

**Sunday, Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7pm in Otey Hall**

Mark your calendars! The MA'AMs will be meeting on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7pm in Otey Hall for a social hour! More to come next week!

### [Bad Girls Book Club](#)

**Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm in Founders Hall**

We look forward to seeing you! Please bring a simple appetizer and/or drink to share. Our September title is Lost Roses by Martha Hall Kelly. All are welcome!

### [WSP heArt & Soul Retreat](#)

Feb 25<sup>th</sup> through February 27<sup>th</sup> at Camp McDowell

*I Am Wonderfully Made* Ps 139 - After months and months in the cocoon of cancelled events and isolation from each other, we are emerging, changed, ready to embrace new opportunities and friendships and celebrate how each of us is wonderfully made. For more information, please see this month's Epistle or the weekly News From the Pews.

### [Christian Formation Volunteers for Children and Youth](#)

If you are looking for a way to help out while growing spiritually yourself, we have the perfect job for you! Christian Formation begins Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 am for all ages, and we need volunteers to make our Children and Youth programs run smoothly. Both programs are designed so that volunteers can rotate. Even if you think you can only volunteer a few Sundays during the school year, that's great! Both programs offer ways to really engage with our young people without the adult volunteer having to do the planning. We will hand you what you need, so all you do is spend some time with the lesson in preparation for your class-what a deal! We haven't even mentioned to the best part-working with children and youth of St. Paul's in this setting is incredibly rewarding for the volunteer! If you think you'll have some time to commit to helping with this important ministry-or if you have any questions-please e-mail Libby (Children's Ministry) [libby@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:libby@stpaulsfranklin.com) or Nic (Youth Ministry) [nic@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:nic@stpaulsfranklin.com).

### [Contemplative Prayer – Lectio Divina](#)

**Mondays at 6:30 pm in Damascus**

Lectio divina contemplative prayer will be held every Monday night at 6:30 to 7:30 PM in Damascus. We started this group in 2012 and are excited to have it continue post pandemic.

### [Women in Theological Studies \(WITS\)](#)

**Thursdays, 9:30am-11:00am (in-person)**

Women in Theological Reflection have plenty planned for September!

**September 23** - Watch a video and then have discussion

**September 30** - TBD

We meet in-person in Otey Thursdays from 9:30 – 11:00 am. If you want to join us, but are not already receiving weekly emails, please contact Monna Mayhall at [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com) or 615-790-0527.



### [Love Thy Neighbor \(LTN\)](#)

Throughout September, LTN is serving Mercy Community Healthcare in conjunction with the Mercy Franklin Classic race by gathering some needed items from their Wish List. Mercy's mission is to reflect the love and compassion of Jesus Christ by providing excellent healthcare to ALL as well as aid to their families. **Mercy's Wish List includes: diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, cartoon Band-Aids, Dum Dum lollipops, black pens, pipe cleaners, Zil lock bags (all sizes) and individually packages snacks.** Please place your donations in the bin marked "Love Thy Neighbor" outside the courtyard entry that leads to Shannon's office anytime throughout the month of September. If you'd like to know more and perhaps volunteer at Mercy, follow this link [Mercy Community Healthcare \(mercytn.org\)](http://MercyCommunityHealthcare.com). If you have any questions, contact Pat McCracken, [pat@newleafpartners.com](mailto:pat@newleafpartners.com) or 615-351-1113.

### [Hurricane Ida Relief – Episcopal Relief & Development](#)

On Sunday, August 29, sixteen years after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, Hurricane Ida made landfall in the same region. This Category 4 storm brought flooding and damaging winds that caused a loss of water to hundreds of thousands and a loss of electricity to over 1 million people. Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with the Diocese of Louisiana and other regional partners in what will be a long-term response. Your generous gift will help alleviate suffering for the most vulnerable residents impacted by Hurricane Ida. Please visit [episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief](http://episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief) to make a gift today.

### [The Bicentennial Society - Celebrating St. Paul's 200th Anniversary](#)

In 2017 the Bicentennial Society was formed to plan the commemoration of the church's 200th anniversary in 2027. After hitting the pause button in 2020, we are back at work. The Society is laying the groundwork for the ongoing work of various committees. To date, we are planning a year-long celebration for 2027 with different monthly themes. We will involve the entire Franklin community in plans leading up to our Bicentennial year. Each of the next six years will be focused on specific details of the master plan for St. Paul's 200th Celebration. If you'd like to take part in this historic event, please join the Bicentennial Society today. Your \$1,000 pledge—due in 2027—will help fund the bicentennial and its ancillary events. To join, visit [stpaulsfranklin.com](http://stpaulsfranklin.com) and click "give." Committees are also looking for help with community relations, event planning, and technology. To learn more, please contact members of the Historic Committee: Scott Smith, Susan Miller, Melanie Lampertz, Kathy Ulezelski, Libby Sullivan, Tom Stearns, John Henderson, Greer Carlisle, Cindy Thomsen, Pam Horne, Virginia Callicott, Jesse Tumblin, Rusty McCown, Rector, Pat McCracken, Vestry Liaison. An RSVP will come out next week.

### [St. Paul's Food Pantry](#)

The food pantry is still running low this week. If you are able, there are lots of people in need. We are out of beans and spaghetti sauce, and really low in dried beans, pasta, canned chicken, diced tomatoes, dry milk, snacks, regular size peanut butter, canned corn, crackers, canned beans, and sugar-free items are always needed. Thank you to *everyone* who has donated! Please drop them off in front of the church front office door (there is a collection box).

### [Zoom Groups](#) Contact facilitator or office ([Shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:Shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com))

#### Mondays

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Prayer ([Gerald Hancock](#))
- 6:00 PM K-Group ([Gerald Hancock](#))

#### Tuesdays

- 10:20 AM Lectionary Class ([ctcrumpton@hotmail.com](mailto:ctcrumpton@hotmail.com))

#### Thursdays

- 4:00-5:30 PM Meditation and Reflection ([Gerald Hancock](#))

#### Fridays

- 3:30 PM Richard Rohr Class (Susan Nance)
- 4:30 PM & 7:30 PM WSP Happy Hour ([Sarah Karpie](#))

