



November 19, 2023  
**The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**  
8:45 am & 11:00 am

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Prelude

8:45 am: *My Lord, What a Morning*- Traditional Spiritual

11:00 am: *Canzona in G minor*- Johann Caspar Kerl (1625-1693)

### Processional Hymn: *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty*

H-390, vs 1, 2, and 4

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!*

*O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!*

*Join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration*

*Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:*

*Borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.*

*Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth.*

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!*

*All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!*

*Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.*

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

BCP, p. 355

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

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you... Through Christ our Lord

*People* **Amen.**

### Gloria

S-277

*Gloria 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 sins 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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson:****Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 90:1-8, 12** (8:45 am: spoken responsively/ 11:00 am: sung by Adult Choir)**BCP, p. 717**

1 Lord, you have been our refuge \*  
from one generation to another.

**2 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born, \*  
from age to age you are God.**

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \*  
"Go back, O child of earth."

**4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \*  
and like a watch in the night.**

5 You sweep us away like a dream; \*  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

**6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; \*  
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

**8 Our iniquities you have set before you, \*  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

12 So teach us to number our days \*  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

**The Second Reading:****1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

*(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)*

**Gospel Hymn: Not Here for High and Holy Things**

**H-9, vs 1, 4, and 6**

*Not here for high and holy things we render thanks to thee,  
But for the common things of earth, the purple pageantry  
Of dawning and of dying days, the splendor of the sea.*

*Awake, awake to love and work! The lark is in the sky,  
The fields are wet with diamond dew, the worlds awake to cry  
Their blessings on the Lord of life, as he goes meekly by.*

*To give and give, and give again, what God hath given thee;  
To spend thyself nor count the cost; to serve right gloriously  
The God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.*

**The Holy Gospel:**

**Matthew 25:14-30**

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Monna Mayhall**

**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 IV

BCP, p. 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

## Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 360

*Celebrant says:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**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 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

### Offertory Anthem

8:45 am: *We Gather Together*- arr. Aarons

11:00 am: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*- arr. Schweizer

### Presentation Hymn: *Praise to the Living God*

H-372, vs 1 and 4

*Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name*

*Who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.*

*The one eternal God ere aught that now appears:*

*The first, the last, beyond all thought his timeless years!*

*Eternal life hath be implanted in the soul;*

*His love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll.*

*Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name*

*Who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.*

## 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*

S-124

*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.*

...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

S-154

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.*

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

### Music During Communion

8:45 am: *Instrumental*

11:00 am: *We Gather Together*- arr. Aarons

*We invite all persons 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.*

### 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: *Rise Up, Ye Saints of God*

H-551

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

8:45 am: *Don't let Him Catch You (with your work undone)*- Valerie Simpson

11:00 *Prelude (Grand Choeur)*- Nicolas Gigault (1625-1707)

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## St. Paul's Episcopal Church

510 West Main Street, Franklin, Tennessee 37064

Church Office: (615) 790-0527 [www.stpaulsfranklin.com](http://www.stpaulsfranklin.com)

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*

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

Paula Sherman, *Communications Manager*

## PARTICIPANTS:

### 8:45 am

### 11:00 am

Usher:	Ellen Kirk	Andrea Hyssong
Usher:	George Bishop	Mark Hyssong
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader:	George Bishop	Susan Miller
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader:	Dewees Berry	Jim Miller
Prayers:	Chris Oberholtzer	Judi Culver
Chalice:	Becky Farmer	Fletcher Robinson
Chalice:	Daniel Robicheaux	Ann Denson
Crucifer:		Fletcher Robinson
Torch:	Emily Williams	
Torch:	Sally Gray Branson	
Altar Guild:	Jeannie Jones	Phyllis Thompson
Altar Guild:	*	Steve Thompson
Vestry Person of the Day:	Holly Spain	
Musicians:	Derek Pell, violin	
	Kent Burnside, guitar	

**BIRTHDAYS:** **Sunday:** Charlie Grimes, Laura McCown, Ruthie Pirtle **Monday:** Meghan Sutherland, Liz Lilly, Kathy Germain  
**Tuesday:** Fred Newell **Wednesday:** Mishelle Phillips, Rudy Gilchrist, Dan Tyler, Joshua DeRosia **Thursday:** Andy Peterson,  
Declan Hogan **Friday:** Sheila Morreale, Henry Robinson, Francesca Lamb **Saturday:** Eric Johnson, Susan Hughes, Jerry Rasnic

**ANNIVERSARIES:** **Monday:** Grant and Judy Oxford

## St. Paul's Prayer List

Susannah Pierce, Dave Berexa, Henrietta Hobdy, Alex Wilkerson, James Dickerson, Jack Honeycutt, Terry O'Donnell, Glenn Trahan, Sarah Lauricella, Robyn Painter, Jim Lauricella, Fanny Haynes, Dean Bose, Eliot Williams, Bob Kinsley, Joy Craig, Scott Faulkner, Catherine Gain, Sharon Collins, Bettie Shepherd, Lois & Huba Nagy, Sarah Karpie, Michael Aldrich, Bob Van Dervoort, Jennifer Beck, Amanda Ryden, Bill Rainey, Jim Gray, Judy Phelps, Lorinda Hancock, Margaret Dyer Brown, Joe Holt, Laurie, Michael, Martha, Fred, Meg and Fulton, Joe, Reed, Molly, John, Ethan, Gray, Kathy, Tamara, Babs, Meg, Veronia, Richard, Alister, Adam, Janie and Tom, Bob, Jim, Carol, Susan, Chuck, Katie, Jessica, Colton, Lynette, Bennett, John, Guy, Amanda, Duncan, JoAnn, Bailey, Ann, Sam, Duncan, Brittain and Strider, Tony, Buffy, Ellen, Susan, Robert, Tyler Rainey, Beverly, Sam, Frank, Suzanne, Glenda, Ollie, Margo and Matt, Charlotte, Carola, Debbie, Sharlon, Tyler

## Military

Currently deployed: Danny, Colin and Nick

Currently serving in the Armed Forces: Tyler, Ryan, Leelee, Michael, Drew, Lee, Emily, Larry, Pete, Zach, Daniel and Roy



**TODAY – November 19, 2023**

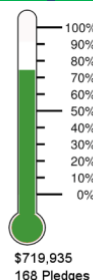
**Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm**

- 8:45 am & 11:00 am **Children's Chapel**
- 10:00 am – 11:00 am **Christian Formation for All Ages**
- 12:00 pm **Coffee and Fellowship** after the 11 am service in Founders Hall
- **NO Episcopal Youth Group – Enjoy your break!**

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### Special Events

#### 2024 Stewardship Campaign- SUPER GOAL SUNDAY!



The Stewardship Committee members met Monday night and were pleased to hear we have 168 pledges totaling \$719,000, which is close to our goal of \$975,000 in pledges for 2024. This target allows us to give 8% of our 2024 budget to Outreach as we progress to the goal of 10% in the future. The committee decided last week that if all goes as planned, we can use any pledges beyond the goal to put directly to outreach, possibly increasing our percentage to 9 or even 10% next year. We were inspired by our outreach partners' witness during services this month as well as a bit of news yesterday from Fred Warner that the Men of St. Paul's (MOSP) were honored by Freedom Reigns Ranch. (More below.) There are men and women at St. Paul's donating time and treasure to outreach in the community and this is one of many ways we are making a

difference. Congrats to the MOSP for their enduring stewardship to this special ministry. On that note, Sunday is SUPER GOAL SUNDAY! Bring your card or e-pledge by November 19th and help us set a record of completing a campaign before Advent begins a new year for all of us. Please fill out your pledge cards soon either online, or via an old school pledge "card". <https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/stewardship/> As always, contact Julie Reinhardt or Rick Leet from the committee or Shannon Buttrey in the parish office if you have any questions.



#### Advent Lessons and Carols & Sweets and Treats Reception

**Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5-6pm Sweets & Treats in Otey/6-7pm Advent Lessons & Carols** Join us in joyful anticipation for the arrival of Christ as we read lessons foretelling his coming and sing songs of joy and waiting in the Sanctuary.

#### Youth Minister

St. Paul's is searching for a Director of Youth Ministry Do you know someone that is Enthusiastic? Creative? Wants to lead a vibrant and loving youth ministry? If so, please send a resume and cover letter to: The Rev. Rusty McCown @ [rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com)

#### Adult Formation Class

**Sunday Mornings at 10:00 am:** "Building" God's Kingdom

There are plenty of stories in the Bible about people, but what about stories about the building and the structures that people construct? This Fall, the Adult Christian Formation class on Sunday mornings will dig deeper into the Biblical Stories about buildings and structures, and the people involved in the planning – the who and why.

#### Gathering for Good – Wreath Making

Join us November 29th in Otey Hall as we get ready for the season of Advent by making Advent Wreaths. We will have everything you need to create a beautiful wreath for \$10 per kit. We will have a pasta dinner available for \$5 per person or

\$20 family maximum. If you have greenery that you'd like to donate, please bring it to the church by Wednesday at noon.  
RSVP: <https://bit.ly/advent-wreath-2023>

### **Bad Girls' Book Club**

The next meeting for The Bad Girls Book Club is **Tuesday, November 28 in Founders Hall from 6:30 PM to approximately 8:00 PM**. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month - this month it's Tuesday, November 28th. We will not meet in December. We will discuss *The Girls in the Stilt House* by Kelly Mustian. Please bring a light appetizer and/or a drink to share.

### **Families with Children - Christmas Parade Brunch**

Our next event is the Christmas Parade Potluck Lunch in Founder's Hall on Saturday, December 2nd. We will gather for lunch and to watch the parade go down Main Street while we enjoy a Hot Chocolate Bar! Sign up to bring something here: <https://bit.ly/parade-brunch>

### **Charitable Gifts Fair! December 3rd**

Ever find yourself wondering what to get that person on your list who has everything? Come to our Charitable Gifts Fair on **Sunday, December 3rd from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm or 3:30 to 5:30** and see how far your compassion, kindness and generosity can go. It's an opportunity to donate to some very worthwhile, local non-profit organizations in your family member's or friend's name(s) and receive a beautiful gift card to present to them. A wonderful way to buy once and give twice. The organizations include: Davis House; Gigi's Playhouse; Healing Housing; Meals on Wheels; My Friend's House, and Williamson County Homeless Alliance. Sign Up Genius to volunteer: <https://bit.ly/cgf-2023>. For any questions, contact Pat McCracken at [pat@newleafpartners.com](mailto:pat@newleafpartners.com) or 615-351-1113.

### **St. Lukes Toy Drive**

We will be supporting St. Luke's Community House in Nashville for their annual Toy Store. Their Toy Store offers parents with limited means the opportunity to "shop" for toys for their children. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys at St. Paul's through Sunday, December 3rd. If you have questions, email [libby@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:libby@stpaulsfranklin.com). For more information, visit: <https://www.stlch.org/toystore>

### **Women of St. Paul's Social**

Women of St. Paul's! Please join us for our next social December 15, 6:00. We will gather at the home of Pam Leet, 1979 Championship Blvd. Please bring a snack or beverage to share and encourage another St. Paul's woman to come too! We look forward to a joyful holiday gathering.

### **Social Graces – Save the Date!**

Come join us in Otey Hall on **Tuesday December 19** for Lunch and Live Jazz Music!  
**11:30 am – Catered Lunch \* 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm \* \$10 \* RSVP by Friday December 15.** Pay when you come, but please RSVP by December 15th. RSVP and note any dietary restrictions to [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com) or 615-790-0527.

### **Coffee Club**

**Wednesdays from 6:45-7:45 am in Barnabas**

Coffee Club is back! Come join the men of St. Paul's bible study with Rev. Rusty. Questions? Email [rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com).

### **Women in Theological Studies (WITS)**

Here's what is WITS (Women in Theological Study) is up to for the month of November. We are offering a new book study based on Barbara Brown Taylor's *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. Even if you decide not to read the book, you're invited to come join us. If you have any questions, contact Monna at [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com). Unless otherwise noted, join us in Founders Hall from 9:30-11:00 am on these Thursdays:

Nov 30 – Discuss Working with Darkness – Epilogue: Blessing the Day

### **Beloved Community**

**Sacred Ground: A film-based dialogue series on race and faith. Join us in person or virtually - Starting January**

**2024** Sacred Ground, The Episcopal Church's 11 week series on race and faith, will be offered in both virtual and in-person formats in early 2024. Built around a powerful curriculum of documentary films and readings, this series invites participants to walk back through history—peel away the layers that brought us to the challenges and divides of the present day and envision a future as Beloved Community. Sacred Ground will be facilitated by members of the Diocesan Beloved



Community Commission. Each class is limited to 35 participants. There is no cost to attend but participants must be able to commit to regular attendance and 3-4 hours of weekly class preparation. Registration for the following classes will be accepted as they are received, with a deadline of Wednesday, December 6.

### **Monday evenings (Zoom)**

January 8 – March 18: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Register here: <https://bit.ly/sacred-ground-zoom>

### **Tuesday evenings (in-person)**

January 9 – March 19: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

St. Bartholomew's Church, 4800 Belmont Park Terrace, Nashville

Register here: <https://stbs.breezechms.com/form/903f2e>

Learn more here: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/> or contact

Monna Mayhall, monna@stpaulsfranklin.com.

## **Announcements**

### **Diocesan Convention 2024**

The Diocese of Tennessee will hold its 192nd annual convention on January 19-20, 2024. The convention will be at St. Paul's—Murfreesboro. If you would like to be a delegate please let Father Rusty know. His email address is: [rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com).

### **Youth Pilgrimage Fundraiser**

Fundraising for the youth pilgrimage has officially begun! Grab an envelope from one of the displays in Founder's Hall and stuff it with the corresponding amount. (Envelope #57 should be stuffed with \$57) If all 200 envelopes are filled, that adds up to \$20,100! Place filled envelopes in offering plate next time you come to church. General donations to the pilgrimage fund can also be made by writing a check and putting "youth pilgrimage fund" in the memo. Thank you for supporting our youth!

### **Women of St. Paul 2024 Retreat**

The WSP will hold the annual heart and Soul retreat at Pickwick Landing State Park, on Feb 2-4, 2024. We invite all women to come enjoy this sacred time to nourish your creative spirit, your soul and your body as a child of God. 🐝 Buzz on over to St. Paul's Narthex and pick up a registration form 🐝, then turn in form to Monna's box. The theme is 'The "Bee" attitudes. Blessed are the ladies who will attend heArt & Soul 2024, for they will be blessed with laughter, love and joy.

### **Women of St. Paul's - Seeking Board Members**

Are you interested in being an "At Large" member of the WSP Board? We have a few people rotating off and would like to talk to anyone who might be interested in joining the board. Please text or email Jackie King 914-329-3017 [momking2nd@yahoo.com](mailto:momking2nd@yahoo.com).

### **Episcopal Youth Group – Parish-wide Dinner Sign-ups**

This is just a reminder that we need a parent or parishioner to provide dinner and chaperone every Sunday night! You can do one and not the other, if needed. If you can help out, please use the sign up genius links here:

<https://bit.ly/eygsunday>

### **Christmas Tea**

We are looking for several people to help get the Christmas Tea set-up and running. It takes many people to make this work, so any help is appreciated! We will begin set-up on Thurs and Fri, Nov 30<sup>th</sup> and Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. It will continue to the following week. Go to the WSP Facebook page or NFTP's for the link.

### **St. Paul's Food Pantry and Little Free Pantry**

The food pantry is needs you! Please view QR code below for an update on the Food Pantry and the Little Free Pantry for important new information and items needed! Thank you to those who donate to such an important ministry and to all of our volunteers!

*\*Regular Group Meetings are listed here in News from the Pews:*



## Freedom Reigns Ranch

IGNITING HOPE, WITH THE HELP OF A HORSE

*Providing mentor sessions, free-of-charge, to children and young adults who have been through trauma and other life-challenges.*



Freedom Reigns Ranch is a faith-based youth ranch in Middle Tennessee. Our mission is to “ignite hope with the help of a horse” by providing mentor sessions to children and young adults who have been through trauma and other life challenges. All programming is offered completely free of charge! Last Saturday, they had their open house at their new home in south Williamson County. Since 2016 they have been dreaming of this opportunity to expand their support for children and young adults. The Men of St. Paul’s (MOSP) was asked to provide hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings for about 225 people. As with all our activities with FFR, we had an enjoyable time meeting and greeting the people. We were, however, surprised when they recognized St. Paul’s for our service. This was an honor for men but most importantly, this is a recognition to the support given us by the pledges and donations from the congregation and community of St. Paul’s.

Without your support for St. Paul’s Outreach Committee, the Women of St. Paul’s (WSP), and the Men of St. Paul’s, we could not have provided the support for the many non-profits in

Franklin and Williamson County. As an example, during the year 2023 the Outreach Committee has reached out to approximately seventeen non-profits with about \$76,000 in donations. From March 2023 through November 2023, The MOSP has been able to feed over 3700 people from St. Paul’s donations. The WSP has been able to pledge one-third of their gifts to the Outreach committee, one-third to the historic preservation committee and one-third to St. Paul’s in-reach.

All this is due to your contribution. Please accept our sincere thank you. We look forward to continuing our outreach in 2024 with your help.