



September 1, 2024

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost and Holy Baptism
10:00 am

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Give Me a Clean Heart- Margaret J. Douroux

Processional Hymn: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

H-423

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.*

*Unresting, unbounding, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.*

*Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **BCP, p. 299**

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson:**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15 *(Spoken responsively.)***BCP, p. 599**

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *

who may abide upon your holy hill?

**2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.**

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *

he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

**4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

5 He has sworn to do no wrong *

and does not take back his word.

**6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

7 Whoever does these things *

shall never be overthrown.

The Second Reading:**James 1:17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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.

Children will rejoin their family at the Peace.)

Gospel Hymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee***H-660**

*O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.*

*Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.*

*Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,*

*In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,
In peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.*

The Holy Gospel:

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Monna Mayhall

HOLY BAPTISM

The Presentation of the Candidate

BCP, p. 301

Eleanor Christine Smythe

Baptismal Covenant

BCP, p. 304

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

BCP, p. 305

(People respond *Lord, hear our prayer*)

Baptismal Hymn to the Font: *Descend, O Spirit, Purging Flame* **H-297**

*Descend, O Spirit, purging flame, brand us this day with Jesus' Name!
Confirm our faith, consume our doubt; sign us as Christ's, within, without.*

*Forbid us not this second birth; grant unto us the greater worth!
Enlist us in your service, Lord; baptize all nations with your Word.*

The Baptism **BCP, p. 307**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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

Lord, Make Me an Instrument- Jonathon Willcocks

Presentation Hymn: *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* **H-388, vs 1 and 5**

*O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing his power and his love!
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.*

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender! How firm to the end!
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!*

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 *(Sung)*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Rick Jackson

...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 who 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

Rick Jackson

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Music During Communion

Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel- Carpenter/Bartniansky

Take My Life and Let It Be- Havergal/Dykes

Surely it is God Who Saves Me- Daw/Rhea

We invite all who seek God, and are drawn to Christ by the Spirit, to join us at this Table.

If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will serve you in your pew.

To receive a gluten-free host, extend hands, crossed, palms down at the communion rail.

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: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

H-556, vs 1-3, and 6

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

With all the angel choirs, with all the saint of earth,

Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud;

While answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

At last the march shall end: the wearied ones shall rest;

The pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem, the blest.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Praise Him- Donnie Harper

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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* • Brett Smith, *Youth Minister*

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

Paula Sherman, *Communications Manager*

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Eleanor Christine Smythe by her loving family.

BIRTHDAYS:

Sunday: Jeff Phillips **Monday:** Julie O'Donnell, Calvin Bottoms, Jonathan Webster **Wednesday:** Martha Holland, Grady Neely

Thursday: Carly Williams, Rita Warner Weezie Green, Devon Anderson **Friday:** Becky Farmer, Peggy Macpherson, Sarah

Paris, Bev James **Saturday:** Phyllis Gray, April Ashburn, Jenna Garner, Susan Brand, Wynn Smythe

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday: Tim and Kristin Chew **Friday:** Robert and Sharon Collins

PARTICIPANTS:

Usher:	Laurie Austin	Chalice Bearer:	Chris O.
Usher:	Michael Austin	Chalice Bearer:	Andy Peterson
1 st Reader:	Frank Baugh	Crucifer:	Daniel Alvarado
2 nd Reader:	Woody Woodruff	Torch Bearer:	Hattie Lambert
Prayers:	Michael Austin	Torch Bearer:	
Altar Guild:	Phyllis Thompson		
Altar Guild:	Karen Montefiori		
Vestry Person of the Day:	Chris Obertholtzer		
Musicians:	Derek Pell, violin		
	Kent Burnside, guitar		

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, Dean Bose, Eliot Williams, Joy Craig, Scott Faulkner, Lois Nagy, Bob Van Dervoort, Jim Gray, Judy Phelps, Virginia Callicott, Sharon Collins, George Bishop, Daniel Alvarado, John Nickerson, Phyllis Gray, Sharon Crumpton, Mary Suttle, Jerry Larson, Judy Oxford, John Looney, Andy McKinley, Laurie Parker, Bob Carpenter, Linda Wesson, Lucetta Mannion, Michael, Martha, Fred, Meg and Fulton, Joe, Reed, Molly, Ethan, Gray, Kathy, Tamara, Meg, Veronia, Richard, Alister, Adam, Janie and Tom, Bob, Jim, Carol, Susan, Chuck, Katie, Colton, Lynette, Bennett, John, Guy, Duncan, JoAnn, Ann, Sam, Duncan, Brittain and Strider, Tony, Beverly, Sam, Suzanne, Glenda, Robin, Carola, Debbie, Pat, Cheryl, Kay, Mackenzie, John and Donna, Sara, Lisa, Benji, Sam, Brad, Victoria, Michael, Stanton, Candace, Beverly, Bill & Judy, Kortnie, Michael, Cary, Jack, Michael, and Isabel

Military

Currently deployed: Danny, Nick, Jake, and Gray

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



TODAY – September 1, 2024

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 6:00 pm

- 10:00 am **Children's Chapel**
 - 11:00 am **Lemonade in the Shade**
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Special Events

News from the Pews - Click QR code below to access a more comprehensive list of events, info, and a full list of food pantry needs:



Rally Day- Sep 8

Sunday, September 8 will be a HUGE day at St. Paul's!

1. **We go back to our regular schedule of four services (7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am, and 6:00 pm.)**
2. Biscuit Minute returns! At 10:00 am, breakfast will be offered in the driveway of the Rectory (right next to Barnabas).
3. We are also rolling out name tags for all our parishioners! They will be available at the Main Street doors at all four services. If there is not one printed for you that day, you can get a temporary name tag, and we will print you one for the following week. We are asking parishioners to keep up with their tags. Take yours home, leave it in your car, tuck it in your purse- but bring it back every week.
4. From 10:00-10:20 am, all children, youth, and their parents are asked to come to Barnabas to learn about the joys and challenges of having Christian Formation amidst our changing facility. Come meet your Godly Play teachers, Nursery caregivers, and your Youth mentors.
5. We are also having a POP-UP PARTY at 10:00 am in on the Rectory lawn. All ages are invited to wander the lawn at the rectory (house next door to Barnabas). There will be contact leaders representing all the varied ministries at our church available to answer your questions and help you find your place in the life of St. Paul's. There will be a bounce house and lawn games in the backyard of the rectory. Fun for everyone!

Fall Christian Formation Classes

Sunday Mornings at 10:00 in Founders Hall

Christian Formation this Fall – Adults

Praying with Passion, Precision, and Promise: 3-Week Study on Effective and Meaningful Prayer led by Dr. Jon Roebuck. Over the course of three weeks, our class will examine several passages that offer insight and encouragement in our discipline of prayer. It is interesting to discover, that of all the things the disciples witnessed during their time with Christ – miraculous healings, feeding the multitudes, walking on water, raising the dead to life – that their number one request of Jesus was this, “Lord, teach us to pray.” (Luke 11:1) Join us as we explore this exciting topic together.

Sundays at 10:00 am – Sept 15, 22, and 29

The Prophetic Imagination

3-Week Study based on “The Prophetic Imagination” by Walter Brueggemann, led by Jean Larson

The prophets of old called to speak on God's behalf were varied in many ways, including backgrounds, prophecies, style, and popularity. However, what is it we can learn from them that applies to our lives today? Come learn about a different prophet each week. **Sundays at 10:00 am – Oct 6, 13, and 20**

Thursday Nights in September via Zoom: “How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey toward Racial Justice”

4-Week Book Study via Zoom led by Rev. Rick Britton

Join this study on “How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey toward Racial Justice” by Dr. Jemar Tisby. This book addresses the sin of racism and racial injustice, and it includes practical approaches to address racism, biblical passages regarding race, ways the church can incorporate anti-racism efforts as part of its life and mission, insights for individual members and offers theological perspectives that are helpful for a faith-based view of race and racial justice. Please register in advance for this meeting: <https://bit.ly/britton-book-study> The church has a limited number of hardback books available for \$7.00 each (ask Monna). Participants are to read the Preface, Chapter One and Chapter Two for September 5th study.

Thursdays in September from 7:00-8:30 pm - Sept 5, 12, 19, and 26

Bishop Curry Visit

All are invited to Holy Eucharist with The Most Rev'd Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop & Primate of The Episcopal Church on Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 9:00 am. St. George's Church (4715 Harding Road, Nashville, TN 37205). Doors open at 8:15 am. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis. Parking is limited so find a friend and carpool! Clergy are invited to vest. The color is green.

Usher Training – Date Change

All current and future ushers, please join us on **Sunday, September 8th**

We will meet in the back pews of the Sanctuary:

8:15 am - for the 7:30 Ushers

12:30 pm - for the 8:45 & 11:00 Ushers

5:45 pm - for the 6:00 Ushers

Anyone can attend any meeting. Attendance at either meeting is strongly encouraged. Also, we do need Usher Ministry Co-leaders. If you are so inclined, please let Ann Denson know on the 25th or before at 615-330-9806.

Fall Mum Sale

Please sign up to volunteer for the Mum sale pick-up on Saturday, Sept 14:

<https://bit.ly/3XIZEHX>

Women of St. Paul's

Mark your calendars! On Friday, September 13 our next social will be held at the home of Pat McCracken at 6 pm (board meeting at 5:00). Hopefully it will still be warm enough to swim in the pool! Please bring your favorite dish to share and the recipe card!

Men of St. Paul's - Annual BBQ Volunteer Sign-Up:

The Men of St. Paul's Annual BBQ is scheduled for September 28, 2024. There are plenty of opportunities for Volunteers! Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/mosp-bbq-2024>

Spring Street

Our September 26 gathering will be in the middle room of Barnabas. If you would like more information or to be added to the volunteer list, please text or email Jackie King 914-329-3017 or momking2nd@yahoo.com

Weekly Happenings

Women in Theological Studies (WITS)

Women in Theological Study will meet on these Thursdays - **September 5, 12, and 19** in The Lounge in Barnabas from 9:30-11:00 am. For these three Thursdays, we are going to explore and celebrate the lives of some women in the Bible who helped shape Christianity. We will not meet September 26 due to Spring Street Ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

Coffee Club

During the month of September, the men's Coffee Club meets on **Wednesday mornings at 6:45am in the Barnabas “board room”** to discuss the upcoming Sunday's epistle. The scripture for each week will be: **9/4 - James 2:1-10, 14-17;**

9/11 - James 3:1-12, 9/19 - James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; 9/26 - James 5: 13-20. Hope to see you then (and bring your own coffee!) Bob Larson - bob.larson3880@gmail.com

EYG Premiere

We're going to walk the red carpet for the first EYG of the 2024-2025 year on September 8 from 5-7! We will have a photo backdrop with props, dinner, games, and worship. Any student in grades 6 -12 is welcome!

Announcements

Bake Sale! Women of St. Paul's

Calling all bakers! The Women of St. Paul's will once again have a pie and baked goods sale during the men's BBQ. Bring whole pies, cakes, breads or packages of a dozen cookies. Jams, jellies and pickles are also welcomed. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/wsp-2024-bakesale>.

St. Paul's nursery is hiring!

We are in search of a nurturing, enthusiastic adult (21 years or older) to take charge of our Sunday morning nursery care in Barnabas beginning September 8th. Responsibilities include arriving at 8:30 to set up the nursery in our temporary location, caring for children from the 8:45 service through the end of the 11 am service, and putting all the nursery equipment and supplies away before leaving at roughly 12:30. Compensation is \$80 per week, and the person would be required to complete a background check and Safe Church training. If you have questions, would like to apply, or know of someone who would be a great fit, please contact libby@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Women of St. Paul's Cookbook – SUBMIT RECIPES BY TODAY

LAST CALL for WSP Cookbook recipes!! Please submit recipes to stpaulscooks@gmail.com by Sunday, September 1st! We still need your great recipes like: Chili Cook Off recipes, Men's BBQ recipes, Breakfast Casseroles, Pot Luck Casseroles, Meats, Poultry, Seafood, Pork, breads, Cocktails, Cookies and Candies, Soups and Stews, Vegetables and Side Dishes, Jams, Jellies, and Pickles. Remember to add a personal note of interest to the recipe, it really make it interesting!

Acolyte Training

If you missed it and still want you or your child to acolyte, contact Monna at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com

Episcopal Youth Group (EYG): Call for St. Paul's Youth Volunteers

Would you like to be involved with the youth this year? If you would like to volunteer with the youth this year, please fill out the following Google form or email Brett at brett@stpaulsfranklin.com. Youth Volunteer Google Form: <https://bit.ly/3Yi9N9o>