

May 18, 2025 Holy Eucharist Rite II The Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:45 & 11:00 am

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

8:45: For the Beauty of the Earth- Kocher, arr. Bay 11:00: The King of Love My Shepherd Is -H. Shelley

Processional Hymn: O Praise Ye the Lord!

H-432

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height; In his word, ye angels of light; Ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made, And worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth, In tuneful accord, all ye of new birth; Praise him who hath brought you his grace from above, Praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound; Each jubilant chord re-echo around; Loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone, And sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song To him be outpoured all ages along! For love in creation, for heaven restored, For grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen. BCP, p. 355

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

People Amen.

Gloria S-280

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 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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Reading:

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, `John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

Psalm 148: 1-6, 13-14 (8:45: Spoken responsively/11:00: Sung by Adult Choir). BCP, p. 805

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

The Second Reading:

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life." 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.

Children are invited to follow it to Children's chapel.

Children will rejoin their family at the Peace.)

Gospel Hymn: In Christ There is No East or West

H- 529

In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North, But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be! Who served my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North, All Christly souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.

The Holy Gospel

John 13:31-35

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant: 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 III)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. (Silence)

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: This is My Father's World- arr. Bay 11:00: Abide in My Love- Don Michael Dicie

(Iain Macpherson and Desi Noller, soloists)

A New Commandment-Richard Shephard (Adult Choir)

Presentation Hymn: Love's Redeeming Work is Done

H-188, vs 1 and 3

Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won. Death in vain forbids him rise; Christ has opened paradise.

Soar we now where Christ has led, following our exalted head;

Made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

BCP, p. 387

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord

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

Hymnal, S-130

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

... Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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: The Wedding Feast of Cana- arr. Bay

Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees-Spiritual

11:00: Faith, Hope, and Love-Pachelbel, arr. Ogden

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.

If you need to receive a gluten-free host, please 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: Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken H-522, vs 1, 2, and 4

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God! He, whose Word cannot he broken, formed thee for His own abode; On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See! The streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, Well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove. Who can faint, when such a river ever will their thirst assuage? Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in the Redeemer's blood! Jesus, whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God; 'Tis His love His people raises over self to reign as kings, And as priests, His solemn praises each for a thank offring brings.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

8:45: He is Risen- Neander, arr. Bay

11:00: Voluntary in C Major- J. Stanley (1713-1786)

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 • Holli Scholz, Organist
Libby Sullivan, Children's Minister • Brett Smith, Youth Minister
Kristy Moore, Finance Manager • Shannon Buttrey, Parish Administrator
Paula Sherman, Communications Manager • Rachel Shoaf, Nursery Coordinator

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Benjamin Fenner King and in thanksgiving for the medical staff and caretakers by his family, and in loving memory of her husband, Max Martin, and her son, Parrish Martin by Ann Martin.

BIRTHDAYS:

Sunday: Jennifer Lloyd, Brett Gardner Monday: Dan Norem Wednesday: Eddie Phillips, Mimi Grant, Paige Poole Thursday: Artie Bobo, Noah Mayhew, Rebekah Brown, Rick Leet, Blake Hogan Friday: Carolyn Loeffel, Carla Myers, Lucinda Dyer Saturday: Sarah Webster, Bennett Chew, Ellen Hart, Robert Pitt

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday: Brett and Mary Grace Gardner **Monday:** Debbie and John Brake, Nelson and Maria Williams, Kristin Schmitter-Webster and Jonathan Webster **Thursday:** Brad and Sam Williams **Saturday:** Paul and Chloe Hannah

PARTICIPANTS: 8:45 am 11:00 am Judy Stockton Usher: Ed Miller Usher: Ellen Kirk Pam Leet Chalice Bearer: Mike Gengler Frank Baugh Chalice Bearer: Chris Oberholtzer Lucinda Dyer 1st Reader: Billy Anderson Robin Hensley

2nd Reader:Jay FaheyPamela Bradley SmithPrayers:Dewees BerryChris OberholtzerCrucifer:Gerald HancockFletcher RobinsonTorch Bearer:Elizabeth WebsterForrest Latta

Torch Bearer: Kathleen Webster Margot Blackwelder Altar Guild: Phyllis Thompson Karen Montefiori

Altar Guild: *

Vestry Person of the Day: Jonathan Webster

Musicians: Kent Burnside, guitar & Derek Pell, violin

St. Paul's Prayer List

Susannah Pierce, Dave Berexa, Henrietta Hobdy, Alex Wilkerson, Jack Honeycutt, Terry O'Donnell, Glenn Trahan, Sarah Lauricella, Robyn Painter, Jim Lauricella, Eliot Williams, Joy Craig, Lois Nagy, Jim Gray, Judy Phelps, Virginia Callicott, Sharon Collins, John Nickerson, Phyllis Gray, Sharon Crumpton, Mary Suttle, John Looney, Andy McKinley, Kathy Miller, Cheryl Russell, Celia Skaggs, Bob Van Dervoort, Iain Macpherson, April Wellikoff, George Gibson, Will Boggs, Marty Ligon, Terry Cross, Patti Rodocker, Gloria Kinnard, Cassy, Sam, Griffin, Michael, Martha, Fred, Meg and Fulton, Reed, Gray, Kathy, Tamara, Meg, Veronia, Richard, Janie and Tom, Bob, Jim, Carol, Susan, Katie, Colton, Lynette, Bennett, John, Guy, JoAnn, Linda, Brittain and Strider, Beverly, Robin, Debbie, Pat, Kay, Mackenzie, Sara, Benji, Sam, Brad, Victoria, Michael, Stanton, Candace, Kortnie, Jack, Wendi and Steve, David, Sara, Jim, Mickey, Bill, Leda, Lance, Scott and Donna, Bill, Garett, Ron, Elizabeth, Ellie, Jenn, David, and Elizabeth

Military

Currently deployed: Danny, Nick, Billy, and Jacob

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



TODAY – May 18, 2025

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

9:45 -10:00	Biscuit Minute in Founders Hall
12:00-12:15	Coffee Minute in Founders Hall
12:00-1:30	Mountain TOP Training in Barnabas
12:30-1:30	DOK Training Sessions Barnabas Conf Room
5:00-7:00	Episcopal Youth Group End of Year Party

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

"News From the Pews"



Including: Building Updates and exciting photos, Food Pantry List, a full Calendar, and so much more!

Capital Campaign 2025 Update

Thank you to everyone who has donated towards our Capital Campaign! We raised another \$4k this week. We are receiving more donations almost daily and only \$32,000 short! We are very close to our goal, and if you would still like to donate, every dollar counts! You can pledge to the campaign by filling out the form sent in the mail or through the website:

https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/capital-campaign-2025/Christian

Churchwide Events

Summer Schedule • Begins Sun, May 25

Starting Sunday, May 25th, we will switch to the Summer Sunday Schedule:

8:00 AM • 10:00 AM • 6:00 PM

Bishop's Visit and Confirmation Reception • Sun, May 25

The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt's annual visit to St. Paul's is Sunday, May 25th. We will be hosting a reception in honor of the Confirmands and the Bishop in the backyard of the Rectory after the 10:00 am service. Volunteers are needed to help set up, clean up, and prepare food. You can sign up here:

https://bit.ly/BishopsReception2025. We also need volunteers to help carry chairs for the event, please sign up here: https://bit.ly/BishopReceptionChairVolunteers. If you have questions, please contact Melissa Montero at 4melissamontero@gmail.com. The loose offering taken during the Bishop's visit will be for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

Parish Life

Upcoming Episcopal Youth Group (EYG) Events

End of the Year Party * Sunday, May 18 * 5 – 7 PM * Chestnut Bend Pool: Wear a bathing suit and a coverup you can run in! We'll play water capture the flag and then enjoy the pool!

Middle School Hiking Day Trip * June 18 * 9 AM – 5:30 PM: Rising 7th and 8th graders, let's take a hiking trip! We'll swim in a swimming hole and see some waterfalls! Registration and details can be found at bit.ly/EYGmiddle. Register by May 27!

Mountain TOP Training Day • Today • 12-1:30 • Barnabas Lounge

Lunch will be provided! These trainings are required for everyone attending, even if you have been to MTOP previously. Payment and medical forms will be due at our May 18 meeting. Our final training day is June 8 from 12 – 2.

Young Adults

All college students and young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to join us for any of our meet-ups! Email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com to be added to our GroupMe!

Women In Theological Studies • Thursdays • Barnabas • 9:30-11:00

The Bible records several post-resurrection appearances of Jesus to individuals and to groups of people including his disciples. During these few weeks after Easter, WITS will spend some time exploring the accounts of Jesus' appearances after his resurrection and before his Ascension. Come join us on Thursdays. These are the dates for WITS for this study series:

May 22 – NO WITS (Spring Street)

May 29

If you have any questions, please contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

Coffee Club • Wednesdays • Barnabas • 6:45 am

The men's Coffee Club meets on Wednesday mornings at 6:45 am in the Barnabas Conference Room to discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel. All men of the parish are invited. We look forward to seeing you.

Grief Support Group • Wed, May 21 • 9-10 am • Barnabas

Grief of any kind can feel very lonely, even when you have loved ones around. Sharing your sorrow with others who have experienced similar losses can help. The pain of grief can often cause you to want to withdraw from others and retreat into your shell. But having the face-to-face support of other people is vital to healing from loss. The key is not to isolate yourself. St. Paul's offers a morning Grief Support Group on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Questions: Contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com

Women of St. Paul's (WSP) Social • Fri, May 30 • 6:00

The next WSP Social is on Friday, May 30th at Cindy Thomsen's home, 317 Breckinridge Road, Franklin, 37067. Please bring a snack or a beverage of choice. We look forward to seeing you!

Holy Hikes • Sat, May 31 • 9:00 • Marcella Vivrette Smith Park

Join us for our next Holy Hike! This Holy Hike is mostly wooded and promises to be beautiful. While there are a several options for trails, our hike will be about 1.75 miles and will have its share of roots and rocks on the trail, and is not all level. Please wear appropriate footwear. Address: **1825 Wilson Pike, Brentwood (meet at the parking lot to the right of the mansion).** Questions? Please contact Monna Mayhall at 615-790-0527 or monna@stpaulsfranklin.com

Week of Wonder Prep Days • June 2 & 3 • 9:00 – 1:00 • Barnabas

St. Paul's Week of Wonder is coming up on June 9th, and the planning team is looking for some helpers to create some set and crafts ahead of time. We are hosting two Prep Days June 2nd and 3rd from 9 am until 1 pm in the Middle Room of Barnabas. We will build a portable set, prepare decorations, share some snacks and laughs while we get everything ready to go for a great Week of Wonder! Whether you plan to join us or you are willing to work on some cut-out projects at home, email libby@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Vacation Bible School • June 9-12 • 9:00-12:00 • Registration is open

Register for St. Paul's Week of Wonder at Jim Warren Park! We will gather to play, sing, and share stories in God's Creation at the covered pavilion. The whole church is invited to a potluck dinner and celebration on **Thursday, June 12th from 5:30-7**. We hope to see you there! Register at www.stpaulsfranklin.com.

Outreach

Birthday Outreach Ministry • 2nd Tuesday of Every Month • June 11

If you like a party, and if you have a heart for visiting people, then we have an opportunity for you that combines the two. On the 2nd Tuesday of every month, join with parishioners to visit Charter Senior Living of Franklin, to celebrate the birthdays of the Charter residents for that month. We will plan to meet there from 12:40 pm -1:30 pm giving us a chance to visit with residents, and eat cake too! Interested? Contact Monna at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

Spring Street

Our final Spring Street until September will be held on May 22 in Barnabas. We will have live music, and the Men of St. Paul's will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. We will take a group photo at about 10:45, and I encourage all volunteers to join us as we celebrate a year of friendship, food, fun, (and flexibility)! Here is the sign-up link: https://bit.ly/spring-street-05-2025

Building Update

WOW!! So much progress has been made in the past month! The second-floor wall study are mostly installed, and the rooftop has been added except for the mechanical decking still needing to be constructed. This decking is for where the new condensing units for our new mini-split air conditioning. This variety of air conditioning is extremely efficient as rooms will be controlled individually when necessary and in use. The rooms can be controlled in each room, remotely, or on a timer. Obviously, this is very cost-effective and environmentally responsible. Also, this week, all the electrical conduits, communication wires, ducting, and air conditioning wiring are nearly all installed. The exterior facade facing 6th Avenue has had fire-retardant pressure-treated plywood installed above the existing brick and will have new brick installed that will blend with the older brick. The back wall is having bricks installed on the new block wall. These masons are building a cantilevered scaffold so as not to disturb our neighbor's roof. The fire suppression sprinkler system will soon be installed. The City of Franklin's Fire Chief is now wanting us to sprinkle Founder's Hall in addition to the new facility. Originally, the City was fine with not sprinkling the historic areas (Founder's Hall and Sanctuary), but as chance would have it, the City has now deemed it important that we do. So...our Architects at 906 Studios and Contractors at Solomon are having to create new sprinkler / fire suppression drawings to be submitted to the City for review. This means a delay in our finish date of October 24 to as late as December 9. Our contractors are working on solutions to shorten that date as much as possible. In the end, it is smart to have fire suppression in the historical areas of course. We've had a small hiccup in regards to our completion date, however, we are still moving forward and have no real issues that will otherwise slow us down. Please remain confident that our team of contractors, architects, and designers has our best interests and will continue to work as efficiently as possible. Thank you for your curiosity and patience in the following months ahead.