



July 27, 2025  
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:00 am  
**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prelude:** *He is Exalted*- Paris

**Processional Hymn:** *O Praise Ye the Lord!* **H-432**

*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.**

**Song of Praise:** *O Worship the King* **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 Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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:** **Hosea 1:2-10**

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel." She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen." When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God." Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

**Reader**      **The Word of the Lord.**

**People**      Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 85:1-10** (*Spoken responsively*).

**BCP, p. 708**

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.

3 You have withdrawn all your fury \*  
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; \*  
let your anger depart from us.

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? \*  
will you prolong your anger from age to age?

6 Will you not give us life again, \*  
that your people may rejoice in you?

7 Show us your mercy, O LORD, \*  
and grant us your salvation.

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**The Second Reading:**

**Colossians 2:6-15**

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

**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:** *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*

**H-711**

**The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 11:1-13**

**Celebrant**      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will

be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

*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 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 his 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.

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

## Confession

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

**People:** 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

**Offertory Anthem:** *Our Father*- Craig Courtney

**Presentation Hymn:** *God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him* H-379, vs 1 and 2

*God is Love, let heaven adore him; God is love, let earth rejoice.*

*Let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice.*

*God who laid the earth's foundation, God who spread the heavens above,*

*God who breathes through all creation: God is Love, eternal Love.*

*God is Love; and love enfolds us, all the world in one embrace:*

*With unfailing grasp God holds us, every child of every race.*

*And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod,*

*Then we find that selfsame aching deep within the heart of God.*

**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** by Rick Jackson

*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.*

...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** by Rick Jackson

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

*Therefore, let us keep the feast.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Music During Communion**

1. *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*- Faber and Hampton
2. *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*- Thomerson, arr. Bay
3. *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*- Smith, arr. Bay

*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. 366**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn:** *Christ for the World We Sing!*

**H-537**

**Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude:** *A Glorious Church-* Hudson, arr. Duncan

# 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*

## BIRTHDAYS:

**Sunday:** Alexander Armstrong, Louise Beauchamp, Charles Carlisle, Judy Stockton **Monday:** Karen Montefiori, Lucetta Mannion, Jamie Cochrane, Jason Werner **Tuesday:** Debbie Sharpe, Mason Hart **Wednesday:** Larry Whitlock **Thursday:** Cindy Lewis, Laura Saylor, Shay Jacobs, JD Pirtle **Saturday:** Emily Nance, Robert Hennes

## ANNIVERSARIES:

**Monday:** Greg and Cindy Lewis **Tuesday:** Chris and Lyn Knopf **Wednesday:** Brandon and Libby Sullivan **Thursday:** Elizabeth and Hunter Humphreys

**Friday:** Charlie and Angela Curtiss **Saturday:** Phil and Annette Scharre, Cindy and Mark Tumblin

## PARTICIPANTS:

### 10:00 am

Usher:	Ed Miller
Usher:	Woody Woodruff
Chalice Bearer:	Andy Peterson
Chalice Bearer:	John Bennet Waters
Crucifer:	Hattie Lambert
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader:	Ron Howes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader:	Cyndy Howes
Prayers:	Pamela Bradley Smith
Torch Bearer:	Piper Medlin
Torch Bearer:	Deacon Medlin
Altar Guild:	Karen Montefiori
Altar Guild:	Phyllis Thompson
Vestry Person of the Day:	Angela Lassiter
Musicians:	Kent Burnside, guitar, Derek Pell, violin, & Jennifer McGuire, pianist

### St. Paul's Prayer List

Susannah Pierce, Dave Berexa, Alex Wilkerson, Jack Honeycutt, Terry O'Donnell, Glenn Trahan, Sarah Lauricella, Robyn Painter, Jim Lauricella, Eliot Williams, Joy Craig, 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, April Wellikoff, George Gibson, Terry Cross, Chris King, Jennifer Beck, Charlie Crumpton, Darrell Harris, Sam, Griffin, Michael, Martha, Fred, Meg and Fulton, Reed, Meg, Richard, Bob, Jim, Carol, Susan, Katie, Colton, Lynette, Bennett, John, Guy, JoAnn, Linda, Brittain and Strider, Beverly, Robin, Debbie, Pat, Kay, Benji, Victoria, Michael, Stanton, Jack, Wendi and Steve, David, Sara, Mickey, Bill, Leda, Lance, Scott and Donna, Bill, Garrett, Elizabeth, Ellie, Jenn, David, Elizabeth, Madelinn, Like, Tom, Ralph, Cheryl, the Bottoms family, Brittany, Tom, Campbell, David, Elizabeth, Theresa, and Jessica

## 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, Jake, William, and Adria



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**TODAY – July 27, 2025**

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

11:00-12:00  
4:00-5:30

**Mountain TOP Hour** in Barnabas

**Episcopal Youth Group (EYG)** Summer Edition in Barnabas

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**“News From the Pews”**



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

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## Churchwide Events

**Mountain TOP 2025 Recap • Sun, July 27 • 11:00 am • Barnabas Lounge**

Join us today after the 10 AM service in the Barnabas lounge to see photos and hear stories about MTOP 2025!

**Bluegrass and Stained Glass and Lemonade in the Shade**

Save the dates for **Bluegrass and Stained Glass** at the 10:00 a.m. service: August 10<sup>th</sup>. Also, join us this summer for **Lemonade in the Shade** after the 10:00 am service in the Main St. Courtyard. **Rite One Eucharist** at 8:00 am: August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Parish Life

**EYG: Summer Edition • Sun, July 27 • 4-5:30 pm • Barnabas**

See you all for our last movie night of the summer! Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be invited to join our events beginning in August – see you soon!

**Coffee Club – Summer Edition • Wed, July 30 • 6:45 AM • Barnabas**

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.

**Women In Theological Studies • Thurs, 9:30-11:00 • Barnabas**

During the month of July, WITS will gather to explore and discuss various topics. Come join us on Thursdays. WITS meets on in Barnabas from 9:30 -11:00 am. If you have any questions, please contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527. These are the July dates for WITS: **July 31**

### Grief Support Group • Wed, Aug 6 & 20 • 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](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com)

### EYG 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bowling • Sun, Aug 10 • 4-5:30 pm • Franklin Family Entertainment Center

To welcome our new 6<sup>th</sup> graders to EYG, middle school is going bowling! Two games, shoes, and snacks are included.

### EYG 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Dine Through Downtown • Sun, Aug 17 • 7-9 pm • Meet at Barnabas

All high school students are invited to join us for a special dinner! As a group, we will choose a different restaurant for appetizers, dinner, and dessert!

### Acolyte Training • Sunday, Aug 17 • 11:00 am

Calling on all our young people, your church needs you! If you are a fourth grader or up, we would love for you to become an acolyte at St. Paul's. Being an acolyte is a lot of fun and a big help during worship. If you are interested in learning more, please come to the Acolyte Training session in the church on Sunday, August 18, after the 10:00 am service. This training for ALL acolytes, both new and seasoned. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact Rusty ([rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com)).

### Bad Girls' Book Club • Tues, Aug 26 • 6:30-8:00 • Barnabas

The Bad Girls' Book Club's next meeting is August 26th from 6:30 PM to approximately 8:00 PM in Barnabas. We will discuss All the Colors of the Dark by Chris Whitaker. Please bring a light appetizer and/or a drink to share. Please bring a light appetizer and/or a drink to share.

## Outreach

### Birthday Outreach Ministry • 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Every Month • Aug 13

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com) or 615-790-0527.

## Announcements

### Lemonade in the Shade – Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help with Lemonade in the Shade on Sunday mornings after the 10:00 am service. Our regular volunteers need a much-deserved break for the summer. Tasks include putting out cookies, lemonade, napkins, cups and light clean up. If you can help, sign up here: <https://bit.ly/sp-lemonade> You can also email or text Donna Stokes-Rogers [donnastokesrogers@gmail.com](mailto:donnastokesrogers@gmail.com) or 615-481-5144.

### Education For Ministry (EFM) Registration Open

EFM Registration to Open at the Beginning of August - Please contact Jean Larson at [jam.larson@gmail.com](mailto:jam.larson@gmail.com) or 847-987-6949 if you are interested.

### Women of St. Paul's Fall Mum Sale

The WSP Retreat Committee is sponsoring a Fall Mum sale to help offset the cost for the 2026 heArt and Soul Women's Retreat. The mums come in 3-gallon containers with a sleeve. Color choices include: yellow, orange, purple, and burgundy. The sale will run Aug 11th through September 5th, with pickup Sep 20th, 11:00-12:30. Each mum is \$25. Payment can be made by cash or check to St. Paul's, with the memo line denoted "Mum Sale," and sent, along with your order form, to Cindy Tumblin at 425 Crofton Park Lane, Franklin, TN 37069. Order forms can be found in the Narthex or downloaded online. Share the beauty of Fall with your family, neighbors, coworkers, and friends!

### St. Paul's Annual BBQ • Save the date • Sat, September 27, 2025

Details to follow.



## Building Update

After the lift of the roof curb a month ago, the time arrived to lift the HVAC units! There were 4 condensing units and 1 outdoor air unit that were lifted to the roof of the building this week. The process was very similar to the lift before: the crane arrived, sets up, counterweights (40 tons worth) were added, and then the units were lifted to the roof. The crane contractor was very methodical with the setup and lift, and while it looked very complicated (and scary), it was actually a very basic lift for them. The units will now be connected to the piping and ductwork, and closer to our opening, will be started up and tested. The system is a mini-split system which means that every room will be controlled separately, which allows each occupant to set the temperature to their own needs. This will also be a more efficient system than a traditional system, which is controlled by only 1 thermostat.

-Jim Miller, Junior Warden



### ***Pictured below (left to right):***

Jim Miller, Jr. Warden  
Paul Hannah, Sr. Warden  
Paul's grandson, Camden



***Unit inside that distributes refrigerant to each room in the building***

