



August 10, 2025
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 am

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude: *Gospel Plow*

Processional Hymn: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

H-686

*Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.*

*Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come;
And I hope, by thy good measure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Song of Praise: *Keep on the Sunny Side*- Entwisle

*Let us greet with a song of hope each day,
Though the moment be cloudy or fair.
Let us trust in our Savior always
To keep us every one in His care*

Refrain:

Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side

Keep on the sunny side of life.

It will help us every day, it will brighten all our way,

If we keep on the sunny side of life

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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:

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People Thanks be to God.

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, ***
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above ***
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; ***
for God himself is judge.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; ***
your offerings are always before me.
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; ***
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

The Second Reading:

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: *Do Lord-* Spiritual

Refrain:

Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me.

Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me.

Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me.

Look away beyond the blue.

I've got a home in Gloryland that outshines the sun.

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I've got a home in Gloryland that outshines the sun.

Look away beyond the blue. (Refrain)

The Holy Gospel

Luke 12:32-40

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend W.R. "Rusty" McCown

The Nicene Creed

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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

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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.

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: *Power in the Blood*

Presentation Hymn: *We Gather Together*- Traditional Hymn

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing,
He chastens and hastens his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.*

*We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
and pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!*

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B

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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

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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. *Soon and Very Soon*
2. *Lift Him Up*
3. *Top of the Hill*
4. *Pass Me Not*

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

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living 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 forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *I'll Fly Away*- Brumley

*Some glad morning when this world is o'er, I'll fly away.
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.*

Refrain:

*I'll fly away, O Glory, I'll fly away!
When I die, Hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away!*

*When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away.
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. Refrain*

*Just a few more weary days and then I'll fly away.
To a land where joys will never end, I'll fly away. Refrain*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Get in Line, Brother*

Musicians:

Charlie Pate, Vocals and Bass

Melanie Alvey, Fiddle

Kent Burnside, Guitar

Charles Butler, Banjo

Jeremy Holt, Mandoline

Holli Scholz, piano

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The Reverend Monna Mayhall, *Associate Rector*

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

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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 memory of Spencer Goodloe Cooke, from Carolyn and Tav Cooke.

BIRTHDAYS:

Sunday: Katelyn Waggoner, Bruce Theobald, **Monday:** Nancy Boring, Nan Jorgensen, Amanda Bushnell, **Tuesday:** Mike Wesson, Charles Marshall, Samantha Hennes, Calen Cussimano, **Wednesday:** James Sheller, Jim Suttle, **Thursday:** Leah Sutherland, Rod Heller, **Saturday:** Allison Pullen, Henry Martin

ANNIVERSARIES:

Monday: Joe and Pam Horne, **Tuesday:** Jim and Kim Poole, Bob and Jane Davis, **Thursday:** Mike and Karen Garfield

PARTICIPANTS:

10:00 am

Ushers:	Judy Stockton and Pam Leet
Chalice Bearers:	Gerald Hancock and Andy Peterson
Crucifer:	Fletcher Robinson
Acolytes:	Oliver Werner and Adeline Brown
First Reader:	Ellen Kirk
Second Reader:	Deweese Berry
Prayers of the People:	Robin Hensley
Altar Guild:	Karen Montefiori and Phyllis Thompson
Vestry Person of the Day:	Larry Whitlock

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, 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, April Wellikoff, George Gibson, Terry Cross, Patti Rodocker, Gloria Kinnard, Chris King, Jennifer Beck, Debbie Sharp, Sam, Griffin, Michael, Martha, Fred, Meg and Fulton, Reed, Meg, Richard, Janie and Tom, Bob, Jim, Carol, Susan, Katie, Colton, Lynette, Bennett, John, Guy, JoAnn, Linda, Brittain and Strider, Beverly, Robin, Debbie, Pat, Kay, Sara, Benji, Victoria, Michael, Stanton, Jack, Wendi

and Steve, David, Sara, Mickey, Bill, Leda, Lance, Scott and Donna, Bill, Garrett, Ron, Elizabeth, Ellie, Jenn, David, Elizabeth, Madelinn, Like, Tom, Ralph, Cheryl, the Bottoms family, Brittany, Tom, Campbell, David, Elizabeth, Theresa, Jessica, and Paul.

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, and William

Take-Out



TODAY – August 10, 2025

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

10:00 am **Bluegrass and Stained-Glass Service**

11:00-12:00 **Lemonade in the Shade**

4:00-5:30 pm **EYG 6th-8th Grade Bowling at Franklin Family Entertainment Center**

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

“News From the Pews”



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

Churchwide Events

St. Paul's Birthday Celebration • Save the Date • Sun, Aug 24 • 11:00 am

August has arrived and that means it's time to put St. Paul's 198th Birthday Party on your calendars. We'll gather to celebrate the birth of our beloved Church home in Barnabas on Sunday, August 24th, right after the 10:00 a.m. service. Please plan to join us!

Parish Life

St. Paul's College Dinner • Mon, Aug 11 • 7 pm • 301 Megan Court

All college students are invited to join us for a time to reconnect over dinner! If you are an EYG alumni or new to St. Paul's, please join us! RSVP to Brett Smith at brett@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Women of St. Paul's Fall Mum Sale (STARTS TOMORROW)

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, Founders Hall, Barnabas, or downloaded from the church website. Share the beauty of Fall with your family, neighbors, coworkers, and friends!

Pool Party Potluck * Saturday, August 16 * 5 PM * 1015 W Main Street

It's pool time! If you're a college student or in your 20s or 30s, please join us! Kids are welcome! Email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com for more information about the young adults group or to be added to our GroupMe.

EYG 9th-12th 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).

Grief Support Group • Wed, Aug 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

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.

Coffee Club • Resumes Wed, September 3

Women In Theological Studies • Resumes Thurs, September 11

WITS is taking a few weeks off and will not meet again until Thurs, September 11. If you read or run across anything you think that WITS would enjoy, please let me know, and as always, if you have any questions, please contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

Outreach

Birthday Outreach Ministry • 2nd 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 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.

Announcements

EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR FOOD PANTRY ITEMS

Please see the back of insert for a list of items needed or check on the church's Facebook page.

Food Pantry Needs

Our Food pantry needs your help! The following is a list if items most requested. Please bring items in reusable bags instead of plastic. Your contributions helped serve 8 families last week.

Needs:

Reusable bags	Canned Dinners (Ravioli, Stew, Chili, etc.)
Canned Chicken	Canned Soup
Canned Tuna	Peanut Butter
Full Size Cereals	Jelly/Jam
Boxed Oatmeal (in small packets)	Dried Rice and/or Boxed Rice
Dried Milk	Dried Beans
Canned Diced Tomatoes	Cake/Brownie Mixes
Canned Fruit	Cooking Oil (Vegetable or Canola)

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 at donnastokesrogers@gmail.com or 615-481-5144.

Education For Ministry (EFM) Register Now!

Now is the time to register if you are interested in EfM for the 2025-26 year. Please contact Jean Larson jam.larson@gmail.com or 847-987-6949 for more information.

Men of St. Paul's Annual BBQ and Women of St. Paul's Bake Sale • Save the date • Sat, September 27, 2025

Details to follow.

Building Update

After extremely hot weather in July, our building project remains on track for November completion. The 2nd Floor insulation is complete with a spray variety on the under roof and battens in the interior walls. This week, drywall is being installed upstairs as well as the sprinkler system. Founder's Hall sprinkler system will be installed in a couple of weeks. We'll keep you posted. Our new A/C units have been installed on the roof, and our electricians are working on getting them wired and inspected. It was an engineering feat and exciting to see those go up on the crane and be hoisted over buildings! It sure will be good to get some cool air in the building for our contractors. Brick is being installed and finished on the 6th Ave facade. The new brick perfectly blends with the existing brick. Some salvaged brick was used where necessary to finish the interior ramp wall and other small spots. Our brick masons have done a fantastic job. After the drywall is finished, next will be "Finishes". That means painting walls and ceilings, laying flooring materials like vinyl wood plank and porcelain tiles, installing lighting fixtures, and installing cabinets and shelving. This process will seem to take forever, so we must try to stay patient. We have had our initial look at new furniture like desks, tables, chairs, and task chairs. The interior design team at 906 is doing a great job at defining our needs and styles. Finally, the old existing restroom has been demoed!! This area is now being prepared for our new Coffee Bar area and Reception Area. A Hoity-Toity Porta Potty is now enhancing the 6th Ave side of the church. It has running water and soap and is locked except for Sunday services. Remember the Restrooms in Barnabas are also accessible; please plan accordingly. Thank you for your curiosity and patience with this project. We will be very glad to have this new space to grow and nurture our lives and spirits for years to come. Surely we will have much to be thankful for and to celebrate!



New Conference Room



Rusty's new office