



St. Paul's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
200
FOUNDED IN 1827

February 1, 2026
The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist Rite II
8:45 am

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude: *Simple Gifts*- Shaker hymn

Processional Hymn: *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

H-398

*I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
He formed the creatures with his Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.*

*There's not a plant or flower below, but makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;
And everywhere that I could be, Thou, God, art present there.*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **BCP, p. 355**
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant Almighty God, to you... Through Christ our Lord
People **Amen.**

Gloria **Hymnal, 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 and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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:

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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: *Blessed Jesus at Thy Word*

H-440

*Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee;
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee;
By thy teachings pure and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.*

*All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
Till thy Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded;
Thou alone to God canst win us; thou must work all good within us.*

*Gracious Lord, thyself impart! Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open thou our ears and heart, help us by thy Spirit's pleading,
Hear the cry thy church upraises; hear and bless our prayers and praises.*

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend W.R. “Rusty” McCown

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People: Form IV

BCP, p. 388

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: *Prayer of Mother Teresa- Craig Courtney*
(Donna Stokes-Rogers, soloist)

Presentation Hymn:

H-375, vs 1 and 3

*Give praise and glory unto God, the Father of all blessing;
His mighty wonders tell abroad, his graciousness confessing.
With balm my inmost heart he fills, his comfort all my anguish stills.
To God be praise and glory.*

*What God hath wrought to show his power he evermore sustaineth;
He watched o'er us every hour. His mercy never waneth.
Through all his kingdom's wide domain, his righteousness and justice reign.
To God be praise and glory.*

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

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:

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 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*

Hymnal, S-154

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Music During Communion

It is Well With My Soul- Bliss, arr. Bay
Rock of Ages- Hastings, arr. Duncan
Let Us Break Bread Together- Spiritual

*(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.

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

<i>Celebrant</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Sweet By and By*- Webster, arr. Duncan

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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*

Maggie Gilchrist, *Nursery Coordinator* • Ashley Anderson, *Youth Intern*

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 Samantha Rose Sheridan by her family.

BIRTHDAYS:

Sunday: Austin Pratt, Eliza Tyer **Monday:** Julie Reinhardt, Julia High, Marie Lemmons **Tuesday:** Melanie Lampertz, Landon Kowalski **Wednesday:** Susi Trabue **Saturday:** Philip Phillips, Bob Johnson, Jack Buse, Paul Hannah

PARTICIPANTS:

Usher:	Bill Brandon
Usher:	Mary Kate Brandon
Chalice Bearer:	Mike Gengler
Chalice Bearer:	Becky Gengler
Crucifer:	Katie Faulkner
1 st Reader:	Becky Gengler
2 nd Reader:	Kathy Ulezelski
Prayers:	Rick Leet
Torch Bearer:	Adelina Brown
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Altar Guild:	Laura McCown
Vestry Person of the Day:	Jim Miller
Musicians:	Derek Pell, violin
	Kent Burnside, guitar

St. Paul's Prayer List

Susannah Pierce, Dave Berexa, 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, Mary Suttle, John Looney, Andy McKinley, Cheryl Russell, Celia Skaggs, Bob Van Dervoort, Terry Cross, Debbie Sharp, Elmer White, Inez Rice, Mason Hart, Neil Atkinson, Abu-Ali Abdur 'Rahman, Chloe Hannah, Tom Stearns, Catherine Mayhew, Sam, Griffin, Richard, Michael, Martha, Fred, Meg and Fulton, Reed, Meg, Bob, Jim, Susan, Katie, Colton, Lynette, Bennett, John, Guy, JoAnn, Linda, Brittain and Strider, Beverly, Robin, Debbie, Pat, Kay, Benji, Victoria, Michael, Stanton, Wendi and Steve, David, Sara, Bill, Leda, Lance, Scott and Donna, Ellie, Jenn, David, Elizabeth, Madelinn, Mike, Ralph, Cheryl, David, Elizabeth, Theresa, Tim, Janelle, Tom, Rhoda, Dexter, Bob and Gloria, Gary, Randy, Linda, and Wendi

Military

Currently deployed: Danny, Nick, Billy, Jacob, Roy, Nicholas, Daniel, and Chris

Currently serving in the Armed Forces: Tyler, Leelee, Michael, Drew, Lee, Emily, Larry, Amanda, Gray, Zach, Jake, William, and Adria



TODAY – February 1, 2026

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

9:45-10:00	Biscuit Minute in Founders Hall
10:00	Annual Parish Meeting in Otey Hall
10:00	Christian Formation Children and Youth Only
12:00-12:30	Coffee Minute in Founders Hall
4:30-6:00	Episcopal Youth Group in Barnabas

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

“News From the Pews”



Including: Food Pantry List, a full Calendar, and so much more!

Churchwide Events

Annual Parish Meeting • Today • 10:00 • Otey Hall

Join us to discuss Parish business! We will review the 2026 Budget and vote on our new 2026 Vestry. You won't want to miss it!

Gathering for Good: Jambalaya and Jeopardy • Wed, Feb 4 • 5:30 pm • Otey Hall

Dinner is \$5 per person or \$20 family max. The jambalaya will be available with and without shrimp. Sign up for dinner here: <https://bit.ly/gathering-jan-2026>. Childcare will be available.

Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Supper • Wed, Feb 17 • 5:30 -7:00 pm • Otey

Join us for our annual Pancake Supper, presented by the St. Paul's youth! Enjoy pancakes with all the fixins, hash brown casserole, and bacon (it's back!). Enter a raffle to nominate yourself or someone else to be crowned king or queen - the winners will lead our parade around Otey! Come out to enjoy this fabulous evening and support the St. Paul's youth! Dinner is \$10 per person or \$30 family max.

Christian Formation Classes • Sundays • 10:00 AM

Adult Formation • Resumes Next Sunday • Otey Hall

The Apostle Paul is often considered the greatest influencer, after Jesus, in the history of Christianity. Using Peter Walker's book, "In the Steps of Saint Paul," along with other resources, we will explore and discuss St. Paul's wide-ranging travels. We will not only dig deeper into the places and the people, but also look at what motivated Paul to continue his missions. Grab a cup of coffee, a biscuit, and a friend, and come join us class to learn more about our parish namesake.

Young Adult Formation • Resumes Next Sun • Conf Room-2nd floor

Join the Young Adult Group at St. Paul's Episcopal Church for a Christian formation book study of What's So Amazing About Grace? Together, we'll explore how grace challenges, comforts, and transforms our lives and faith. All are welcome.

Youth Formation • Today • Barnabas

All 6th – 12th grade students are welcome!

Children Formation • Today • Godly Play Rooms

All children from 3 years old through 5th grade are welcome!

Parish Life

Episcopal Youth Group • Sundays • Feb 1, 15, 22: 4:30-6:00 pm • Feb 8: 12-1:30 pm • Barnabas

All 6th - 12th grade students are welcome at St. Paul's Episcopal Youth Group! Our Spring Semester will kick off on February 1 with activities, small groups, and snacks! February 8th we will meet for lunch and make hash brown casseroles for Pancake Supper!

Pickle Ball Anyone? • Interest Meeting • Sun, Feb 1 • 12:00 • Otey Hall

Great news...St. Paul's is in the process of forming a Pickle Ball Group. St. Paul's EpicklePalians invite you to join them for fun and fellowship. All levels of play (or no level of play) are welcome. There is an interest/organizational meeting in Otey Hall after the 11:00 am service on Sunday, February 1st. If you are interested in or have any questions about St. Paul's EpicklePalians, please contact Daniel Robicheaux at robicheauxdaniel@gmail.com.

Bad Girls Book Club • Tues, Feb 3 • 6:00-8:00 pm • Founders Hall

Our Tuesday, January 27 Book Club meeting will move to Tuesday, February 3 - same time, same place, same plans - 6:00 in Founders & we'll be planning for the year & select our titles.

Coffee Club • Wednesdays • 6:45 AM • Barnabas

The men's Coffee Club meets on Wed mornings to discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel. All men of the parish are invited. We look forward to seeing you.

Grief Support Group • Wed, Feb 4 & 18 • 10-11:00 am • Founders Hall

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 key is not to isolate yourself. St. Paul's offers a morning Grief Support Group on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Please note the new meeting space. Questions: Contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com

Women In Theological Studies (WITS) • February • Thursdays •

9:30-11:00 am • 2nd Floor Meeting Space, Room 205

We are gathering in our new space on February 5th! If you have any questions, please contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com.

2026 Youth Confirmation Class • Sun, Feb 8 • 10:00 • Barnabas Conf. Rm.

Is your child in 8th grade? If so, it is a great time to consider Confirmation! The holy sacramental rite of Confirmation is a mature commitment to Christ and an important part of being a Christian and an active member of St. Paul's. Classes will consist of 10 sessions throughout the semester until the annual visitation of Bishop John Bauerschmidt on Sunday, May 17. Please email Brett at brett@stpaulsfranklin.com if your child would like to participate.

Seekers Class 2026 • Sundays, Feb 15- April 19 • 10:00 • Room TBD

Beginning Sunday, Feb. 15, our annual "Seekers" Class will begin. This is the class traditionally offered for those adults who wish to join the church through Confirmation or Reception. However, please know that all are welcome, especially current congregants of St. Paul's who would like a refresher course. We will look at church subjects such as worship, church history, and Episcopal theology. The course will last for eight sessions, with a couple Sundays off for various reasons. The diocesan bishop will then make his annual visit to St. Paul's for Confirmation on May 17. If you have any questions please contact Rusty via email: rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com or by phone 615-790-0527.

Pathfinders • Senior Adult Ministry • Tues, Feb 24 • Amerigo Italian Restaurant

Save the date and watch for details.

Outreach

Birthday Outreach Ministry • 2nd Tuesday of Every Month • Feb 10

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. 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? Location: Charter Senior Living (105 Sunrise Circle, Franklin) Contact Monna at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

CITY (Church in the Yard – a Homeless Ministry) • 3rd Sunday of Every Month • Feb 15

On the third Sunday of each month, a group from St. Paul's travels to the Church of the Holy Trinity in downtown Nashville to participate in Church in the Yard (a.k.a. "CITY"). We serve hot meals to 125-150 of our homeless brothers and sisters and provide them with a small ToGo bag of food that they can take with them to eat later. Throughout the year we also provide coats, scarves, gloves, socks and other essential clothing when we can.

There are many ways to help - If you have questions or want more information, please contact Ellen Kirk 615-545-8820/ellenvkirk@gmail.com or Gerald Hancock 615-604-9635/gwhancock44@gmail.com

Spring Street • Volunteers Needed • Feb 26

This month, we are continuing the Valentine's Day love with bingo and a fun photo booth. We will be serving an Italian-themed lunch starring Kathy U's famous baked ziti. The plan is to have "punch cups" for prizes so no big prizes will be needed. Thank you so much for your dedicated support and welcome to our new volunteers! <https://bit.ly/Spring-Street-02-2026>

Announcements

Meet our 2026 Vestry Nominees

Pick up a copy of their bios in the Narthex or visit here:

<https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/vestry-bios/>

Feast of Absalom Jones • Sun, Feb 15 • 6:00 • Christ Church Cathedral

Join us for a service of Holy Eucharist in honor of The Rev. Absalom Jones, The first African American priest in The Episcopal Church.

Preacher: *The Rev. Ed Smith, II, Associate Rector of St. Bartholomew's - Nashville* **Celebrant:** *The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt, Bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee*

Musical Guests: *St. Paul's Adult Choir - Franklin*

Donations will go to support the work of our two Episcopal HBCU's –

Saint Augustine's University in Raleigh, NC and Voorhees College in Denmark, SC. You can donate to Episcopal HBCUs here. https://tithely.give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/2278810. This service is a Partnership of Beloved Community: Commission for Racial Reconciliation and Christ Church Cathedral. "Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again by the yoke of bondage."