



St. Paul's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

200
FOUNDED IN 1827

March 22, 2026
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist Rite II
8:45 am & 11:00 am

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

8:45: *Blessed Quietness*- Marshall, arr. Duncan
11:00: *When He Cometh*- G. Young

Processional Hymn: *O Bless the Lord, My Soul*
O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee proclaim!
And all that is within me join to bless his holy Name!

H-411

O bless the Lord, my soul! His mercies bear in mind!
Forget not all his benefits! The Lord to thee is kind.

He will not always chide; he will with patience wait;
His wrath is ever slow to rise and ready to abate.

He pardons all thy sins, prolongs thy feeble breath;
He health thine infirmities and ransoms thee from death.

He clothes thee with his love, upholds thee with his truth;
And like the eagle he renews the vigor of thy youth.

Then bless his holy Name, whose grace hath made thee whole,
Whose loving-kindness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my soul!

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. **BCP, p. 351**
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Decalogue: (Kneel if you are able) **BCP, p. 350**

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your
God.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**
Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**
Celebrant You shall not steal.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**
Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**
Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

The Confession and Absolution **BCP, p. 352**

Celebrant 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.

Kyrie: S-91 (*Sung.*)

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130 (*8:45: Spoken responsively/ 11:00: Sung by Adult Choir.*) **BCP, p. 784**

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

**4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.**

5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

**6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;**

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The Second Reading:

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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 families at the Peace.)*

Gospel Hymn: Come Down, O Love Divine

H-516

*Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.*

*O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.*

*And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till Love create a place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.*

The Holy Gospel

John 11:1-45

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany

was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in 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 I)

BCP, p. 383

The Leader and People pray responsively

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this community, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. Paul and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

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: *How Beautiful Heaven Must Be*- arr. Pell

11:00 *Out of the Deep* from Requiem- John Rutter (Adult Choir and Julie Adams, cello)

Presentation Hymn: *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* **H-380, vs 1 and 2**

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise!

Let the Redeemer's Name be sung through every land, by every tongue!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord, and truth eternal is thy word;

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

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:

S-124

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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 Lamb of God

Hymnal, S-161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace.

Music During Communion

8:45: *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus-* arr. Pell & *Spirit Come-* arr. Pell

Let Us Break Bread Together- arr. Pell

11:00: *Spirit of the Living God-* Iverson & *Sinfonia-* J.S.Bach

(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.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *Go Forth for God*

H-347

*Go forth for God; go to the world in peace; be of good courage, armed with Heavenly grace,
In God's good Spirit daily to increase, till in his kingdom we behold his face.*

*Go forth for God; go to the world in love; strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
Help the afflicted, richly from above his love supplies the grace and power we seek.*

*Go forth for God; go to the world in strength; hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
Render to no one evil; Christ at length shall overcome all darkness with his light.*

*Go forth for God; go to the world in joy; to serve God's people every day and hour,
And serving Christ, our every gift employ, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

8:45: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit-* Spiritual, arr. Duncan

11:00: *Canzona-* Zipalo (1688-1726)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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BIRTHDAYS:

Sunday: Bob Van Dervoort, Chris Paris, Ben Butler, Holly Spain, Dee Rainey, Johnny Dibble, Isla Werner **Monday:** Janet Carroll, Peyton Brandon, Nora Myers, Dash Anderson **Tuesday:** Charlie Curtiss, Knightly Max, Linda Roebuck **Wednesday:** Cam Kinnard, Janet Keith, Loren Robicheaux **Thursday:** Sophie Spain, Adele Revere **Friday:** Ellen More, Karen Martin, Katy Johnson **Saturday:** Scott Gain, Barb Green, Shelby Medlin, Sarah Aldrich

ANNIVERSARIES:

Friday: Bob and Ann Van Dervoort **Saturday:** Granville and Mimi Grant

PARTICIPANTS:

	8:45 am	11:00 am
Usher:	Bill Phelps	Laurie Austin
Usher:	Ellen Kirk	Michael Austin
Chalice Bearer:	Katie Faulkner	Ann Denson
Chalice Bearer:	*	Lucinda Dyer
Crucifer:	Katie Faulkner	John Bennet Waters
1 st Reader:	Ellen Kirk	Steve Thompson
2 nd Reader:	Jay Fahey	Chris Oberholtzer
Prayers:	Dewees Berry	Judi Culver
Torch Bearer:	Oliver Werner	Piper Medlin
Torch Bearer:		Deacon Medlin
Altar Guild:	Laura McCown	Chris Paris
Altar Guild:	*	
Vestry Person of the Day:	Jim Lambert	
Musicians:	8:45: Derek Pell, violin & John Pell, guitar	11:00: Julie Adams, cello

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, Phyllis Gray, Virginia Callicott, Sharon Collins, Mary Suttle, John Looney, Andy McKinley, Cheryl Russell, Celia Skaggs, Bob Van Dervoort, Terry Cross, Elmer White, Inez Rice, Mason Hart, Neil Atkinson, Abu-Ali Abdur 'Rahman, Tom Stearns, Catherine Mayhew, Margaret Brown, Mary Emilie Acklen, David Holt, Darrell Harris, Sam, Griffin, 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, Bob and Gloria, Gary, Randy, Linda, Wendi, Evelyn, and Victoria

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, Zach, Jake, William, and Adria



TODAY – March 22, 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
10:00-11:00 **Christian Formation** for all ages
10:00-11:00 **Seekers Class** in Sanctuary
12:00-12:30 **Coffee Minute** in Founders Hall
4:30-6:00 **Episcopal Youth Group (EYG)** in Barnabas

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER “News From the Pews”



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

Churchwide Events

Palm Procession • Sun, Mar 30

Palm Sunday is Sunday, March 30th. We will meet at 10:00 am at the Williamson County Archives' lawn for the Palm Procession. There will be food and refreshments following the Palm Procession.

Gathering for Good • Talent Show • Wed, Apr 22 • Otey Hall • 5:30

Do you sing? Dance? Write Poetry? Juggle? We need your acts! Please contact Donna Stokes-Rogers at 615-481-5144 to share your talents. Plan to join us for dinner at 5:30 pm and a great show starting at 6:00 pm!

Christian Formation Classes • Sundays • 10:00 AM

Adult Formation • Today • Room 205 – 2nd Floor

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. Grab a cup of coffee, a biscuit, and a friend, and come join us!

Adult Formation Book Study • Today • Conf Room - 2nd floor

Book study of What’s So Amazing About Grace? Together we’ll explore how grace challenges, comforts, and transforms our lives and faith.

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

Pickle Ball Anyone? • Sun, Mar 22 • 2:00 • Cottonwood Clubhouse

St. Paul’s has recently organized a Pickle Ball Group, EpicklePalians, and ready or not, we are getting out on the court (180 Cottonwood Dr., Franklin). Questions or interested? Contact Daniel Robicheaux at robicheauxdaniel@gmail.com

Understanding Art Made Fun • Tues, Mar 24 • 10:00-11:30 • Otey

The Maker's Table would like to invite everyone for a fun excursion. We will watch a video on "How to Look at and Understand Great Art" over two sessions: Tues, Mar 10 & 24. On Fri, Apr 10 (depart St. Paul's at 10:30), we will then visit the Frist museum and have lunch downtown. Cost is \$16-\$20. Please contact Donna Stokes-Rogers at (615) 481-5144 or donnastokesrogers@gmail.com.

Bad Girls Book Club • Tues, Mar 24 • 6:00-8:00 • Founders Hall

The Bad Girls Book Club will meet in March. Susan Hughes will lead a discussion of *The Body in the Library* by Agatha Christie. Please join us! Bring a sip or a nibble to share. We look forward to seeing you then.

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, Apr 1 & 15 • 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) • April • Thursdays • 9:30-11:00 am • 2nd Floor Meeting Space, Room 205 • No WITS on Mar 26 – Spring St.

On **Apr 2**, we will have the study entitled *Growing Up In Christ* Bishop Rob Wright, of Atlanta wrote, "[Everyone and every place], all will be better when we decide, with new resolve, to Grow up in Christ. If you have any questions, please contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Young Adults Dinner & Discussion • Thurs, Mar 26 • 6:30 • 2334 Bee Hive Dr., Columbia

College students and young adults in your 20s or 30s are invited to join us for dinner! Bring a dish to share and an item to stock the Little Free Pantry. RSVP to the young adults GroupMe event. Email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com for more information or to be added to the GroupMe!

Newcomers Dinner • Tues, Apr 14 • 6:00 pm • The Rectory

If you are new to St. Paul's, we would love to get to know you a little better. The staff of St. Paul's is hosting a Newcomers' Dinner at the home of The Rev. Rusty and Laura McCown on April 14th. This will be a time to get to know each other a little better and answer any questions you might have about St. Paul's. RSVP to the office at shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

Education for Ministry (EFM) • Open Meeting • Apr 14 • 6:00 • Conf. Rm.

St. Paul's Education for Ministry (EfM) group invites you to an open meeting You're invited! EfM is an adult formation program for the laity, administered by the University of the South. It examines the bible, church history, and Christian theology. The St. Paul's group meets weekly on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:30 pm, September through May. For more information about the open meeting or the EfM program contact Jean Larson at jam.larson@gmail.com or 847-987-6949 or Kelly Pitsenberger at pitz@bellsouth.net. Please let us know if you'd like to attend.

Youth

Episcopal Youth Group (EYG) • March 22 • 4:30-6:00 pm • Barnabas

All 6th - 12th grade students are welcome at St. Paul's Episcopal Youth Group! Join us this evening for a prayer walk through Downtown Franklin. We'll end at T-Op for boba tea!

Children

Royal Table Family Communion Class • Tues, Apr 1 • 5:30-7:00 • Founders Hall

Do you have children interested in Holy Communion? Would someone in your family enjoy a refresher? Does your family just need an evening in conversation with other families about one of the Sacraments of the church? If you've answered "yes", make plans to join us for the Royal Table on the evening of April 1st. We will share stories about Holy Communion, explore the importance of the Last Supper during Holy Week, learn more about what participating in Holy Communion means for our parish family, and share a meal together. If you are interested, just email libby@stpaulsfranklin.com.

VBS • Save the date for Week of Wonder 2026! • June 15-18

We are excited to have the Week of Wonder back on St. Paul's campus this summer! Children ages 3 years old through rising 4th graders are invited to participate in our version of VBS. Rising 5th graders through adults are encouraged to participate as volunteers and leaders, and the whole parish is invited to a cookout celebration on Thurs, June 18th. Look for registration near the end of April. Questions? Email libby@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Outreach

Spring Street

The next Spring Street gathering is March 26. We will celebrate Spring by making flower-decorated votive candle holders or tea cup bird feeders. We need donations of vintage teacups and saucers, and small glass jars. Please let me know if you can help and deliver to the church reception desk by Thurs, Mar 19. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/SpringSt-March2026>

CITY – a Homeless Ministry • 3rd Sunday of Every Month • Apr 19

On the third Sunday of each month, a group from St. Paul's travels to downtown Nashville to participate in Church in the Yard ("CITY"). We serve hot meals to 125-150 of our homeless brothers and sisters. There are many ways to help – Questions? Contact Ellen 615-545-8820 / ellenvkirk@gmail.com or Gerald 615-604-9635 or gwhancock44@gmail.com

Birthday Outreach Ministry • 2nd Tuesday of Every Month • April 14

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 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.

Announcements

Easter Choral and Floral Offerings • Deadline Mar 27 • Sign up link below

If you would like to offer a thanksgiving or memorial for a loved one on Easter, please sign up below for the Easter Floral and/or Choral offerings. After you have signed up below, you can send your donations online or mail a check, noting flowers or music ministry. <https://bit.ly/SP-altar-flowers>

Easter Egg Hunt • Drop off donations to Front Desk by Sun, Mar 29

It's time bring new or used plastic eggs and/or wrapped, peanut free candy to prepare for the annual egg hunt at 10 am on Easter Sunday.

Women of St. Paul's Flower Sale • Order by Apr 1 • Pickup on Apr 25

Are you ready for a little Spring? Order Spring and Summer all in one basket! The WSP is having its annual flower and fern sale. Give your friends, neighbors, and family a chance to have a little instant spot of beauty! Order forms are in the Narthex, Founder's, or download one online. Orders are due by Apr 1st and pickup is Apr 25th in Barnabas parking lot. Flower Baskets \$20 & Ferns \$22. Order Form: <https://bit.ly/WSP-spring2026-flowers>