



St. Paul's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

200
FOUNDED IN 1827

March 8, 2026
The Third Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist Rite II
8:45 am & 11:00 am
THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

8:45: *Land of Rest*- arr. William Bay

11:00: *Adagio* from Toccata Undocomo- Muffat

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 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 know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95 (8:45: Spoken responsively/11:00: Sung by Adult Choir.)

BCP, p. 724

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving ***
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

4 **In his hand are the caverns of the earth, ***
and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 **Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, ***
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

8 **Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, ***
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *

"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."

11 So I swore in my wrath, *

"They shall not enter into my rest."

The Second Reading:

Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

H-692

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;

In your weariness lay down your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;

I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live."*

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;

My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;

Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;

And in that light of life I'll walk, till pilgrim days are done.

The Holy Gospel

John 4:5-42

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

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who

is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest?’ But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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 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: *The Mighty God with Power Speaks*- Irish Tune, arr. William Bay

11:00: *Amazing Grace*- Arlen Clarke

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: *Rock of Ages*- Hastings, arr. Craig Duncan & *O Perfect Love*- arr. Pell

As the Deer Pants for the Water- arr. Pell

11:00: *Rock of Ages*- Annette Phillips, soloist, verse 3 arr. Dr. Stephen Schaeffer

(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: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever sing to thee, I will ever sing to you.*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

8:45: *They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love*- arr. Pell

11:00: *Verso in G minor*- D. Zippo

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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BIRTHDAYS:

Sunday: Jeff Cost, Sandy Gibson **Monday:** Joy Craid **Tuesday:** Reed Loeffel, Ben Nance, Burns Rogers, Kathryn Johnson **Wednesday:** Alexis Miniati, Steve Thompson, Tim Chew **Thursday:** Peggy Goss, Rowan Benson **Friday:** Vanessa Bryan, Sharon Crumpton, Mark Paris, Julia Foote **Saturday:** Joseph Hallett, Kristin Chew

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday: Bob and Jean Larson **Tuesday:** Rick and Fran Osteen **Saturday:** Jared and Caroline Sullivan

PARTICIPANTS:

	8:45 am	11:00 am
Usher:	Greer Carlisle	Judy Stockton
Usher:	Ed Miller	Chris Oberholtzer
Chalice Bearer:	Becky Gengler	Andy Peterson
Chalice Bearer:	Katie Faulkner	Ann Denson
Crucifer:	Elizabeth Webster	John Bennet Waters
1 st Reader:	Jay Fahey	Robin Hensley
2 nd Reader:	Ellen Kirk	Iain Macpherson
Prayers:	Gerald Hancock	Pamela Bradley Smith
Torch Bearer:	Kathleen Webster	Forrest Latta
Torch Bearer:		
Altar Guild:	Laura McCown	Karen Montefiori
Altar Guild:	*	Phyllis Thompson
Vestry Person of the Day:	Chris Oberholtzer	
Musicians:	Derek Pell, violin & John Pell, 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, Virginia Callicott, Sharon Collins, John Nickerson, 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 8, 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** 2nd Floor Room 208
12:00-12:30 **Coffee Minute** in Founders Hall

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER “News From the Pews”



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

Churchwide Events

Renewal Works Survey

RenewalWorks is here! Renewal Works is a process meant to help our parish grow spiritually and begins with an online inventory. Everyone age 18 and over is encouraged to take the inventory. Use the following link between February 22 and midnight March 15th. The 30–45 minute inventory is a great opportunity to listen and reflect on where your spiritual journey and our journey as a whole church is right now. It is anonymous and confidential.

<https://www.research.net/r/RenewalWorks2335>

Christian Formation Classes • Sundays • 10:00 AM

Adult Formation • Today • 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. 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

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.

Women In Theological Studies (WITS) • Mar • Thursdays • 9:30-11:00 am • 2nd Floor Meeting Space, Room 205

For the Thursdays in March, WITS will offer Lenten-focused gatherings. On **Mar 12 & 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. On **Mar 19** (Founders), Phyllis Thompson will offer Proximity to the Mysteries of God. Phyllis shows how sacred things of the church are beautifully braided in beauty, order, and mystery. (Mar 26 - No WITS: Spring Street.) If you have any questions please contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Episcopals Trivia Night • Tuesday, March 10 • 6:00 PM • McCreary's

The EpiscoPals are at it again! College students and young adults in your 20s or 30s are invited to join us! Trivia begins at 7 PM.

Understanding Art Made Fun • Tues, Mar 10 & 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 Tues, Apr 14, 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.

Pathfinders – Senior Adult Ministry • Tues, Mar 17 • 11:30-1:00 • Otey

Join us on St. Patrick's Day for lunch, fun, and fellowship. Pathfinders is a ministry planned for people 55 years old and older – though we welcome all ages! \$10 for lunch - RSVP by Mar 13 and note any dietary restrictions to monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 790-0527. Pay for lunch at the event.

Grief Support Group • Wed, Mar 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

WSP Social & Kitchen Shower • Mar 20 • 6:00 • Otey Hall

We will have a Social/Kitchen Shower for our very own new and beautiful kitchen! Bring a snack and/or beverage to share! You can purchase an item off the Amazon wish list here: <https://bit.ly/SP-kitchen>

Holy Hikes • Sat, Mar 21 • 9:00 am • Harpeth River Trail

Join us for our next Holy Hikes. Meet at the Intersection of 3rd Avenue North and 5th Avenue North (Bicentennial Park behind Tiny Donuts in Franklin)

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

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.

Youth

Episcopal Youth Group (EYG) • March 15 • 4:30-6:00 pm • Barnabas

All 6th - 12th grade students are welcome at St. Paul's Episcopal Youth Group! Due to the Diocesan Youth Event and Spring Break, EYG's next meeting is March 15!

Children

Royal Table Family Communion Class • Tues, Mar 24 • 6:00-8:00 • 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 and we will save a seat for you!

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

Birthdays Outreach Ministry • 2nd Tuesday of Every Month • March 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 – a Homeless Ministry • 3rd Sunday of Every Month • Mar 15

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 Kirk 615-545-8820/ellenvkirk@gmail.com or Gerald Hancock [615-604-9635](tel:615-604-9635)/gwhancock44@gmail.com

Announcements

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>

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.

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>

Stephen Ministry

There are periods when one feels empty or broken-hearted, or times when there are too many questions and not enough answers. The help of a Stephen Minister may be part of the answer. We are not the solution, but we can be the sounding board for your inner thoughts and search for direction. We can walk with you in search for answers. If interested, please contact Monna Mayhall at 615-618-2276 or Carol Waters at 615-364-3405.

Holy Week through Easter Sunday Schedule

Sunday March 29 - Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am, and 6:00 pm
10:00 am Palm Procession

Wednesday April 1

5:30 – 7:00 The Royal Table—Communion Class/Dinner for Children and their Families

Thursday April 2

6:00 pm Maundy Thursday (Foot Washing and Holy Eucharist)

Friday April 3

12:00 Noon Good Friday (Holy Eucharist)

Saturday Apr 4

7:30 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday Apr 5 – Easter Sunday

Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am, 8:45 am, and 11:00 am
10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

The Season of Lent at St. Paul's

Lenten Devotions - Be sure to pick up a copy of Mercy, Passion, and Joy—Lenten Daily Devotional booklet. Available in the Narthex, Front Office, and Founders Hall.

Lenten Meditations - Sign-up to receive daily email meditations that offer an invitation to rediscover—or deepen—holy habits of prayer, worship and engagement with Scripture. Follow link below to subscribe to the Daily Episcopal Relief and Development Meditations.

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>

Wednesday Evening Lenten Programs - March 11, 18, 25

5:00 PM - Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary

5:30 PM - Supper in Otey

Sign up here to lead Stations or bring supper: <https://bit.ly/LentenSeries2026>

6:00 -7:00 PM Lenten Program – Will You? - The Baptismal Covenant has “Will You” questions that articulate how we are to animate our baptism, to follow Christ's example in our relationships with others, our communities, and the world. Join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent to explore all that we can do and will do...With God's Help. If you need childcare, please contact Libby at libby@stpaulsfranklin.com