



St. Paul's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

200
FOUNDED IN 1827

March 15, 2026
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist Rite II
8:45 am & 11:00 am

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

8:45: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*- St. Columba, arr. Bay

11:00: *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*- Ghanaian folk song, Colvin and Powell

Proclamation Hymn: *Christ is the World's True Light*

H-542

*Christ is the world's true Light, its Captain of salvation,
The Daystar clear and bright of every race and nation;
New life, new hope awakes, for all who own his sway:
Freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.*

*In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting:
When Christ is throned as Lord all shall forsake their fear,
To ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning hook the spear.*

*One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee;
The world has waited long, has travailed long in vain;
To heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.*

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

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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.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The people sit.

The First Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 (8:45: *Spoken responsively*/11:00: *Sung by Adult Choir.*)

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1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

The Second Reading:

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “ Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on 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 family at the Peace.)*

Gospel Hymn: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

H-490

The Holy Gospel

John 9:1-41

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

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “ Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “ Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “ Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “ Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “ It is he.” Others were saying, “ No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “ I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “ Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “ The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘ Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “ Where is he?” He said, “ I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “ He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “ This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “ How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “ What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “ He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “ Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “ We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “ He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “ Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “ I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “ What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “ I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “ You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “ Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “ You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “ Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “ And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “ You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “ Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “ I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said

to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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 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: *This Little Light of Mine*- Spiritual

11:00: *There is a Balm in Gilead*- Spiritual, arr. Dawson (Josh Post, soloist)

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: *There is a Balm in Gilead*- Spiritual

Amazing Grace- Newton, arr. Duncan

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light- Thomerson

11:00: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*- St. Columba, arr. Schweizer

*(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: *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

H-493

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
And spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.*

*Jesus! The name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.*

*He speaks and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
The mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.*

*Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold, your Savior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!*

*Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

8:45: *Shine, Jesus, Shine*- Kendrick/11:00: *Andante in C minor*- J. Blied

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, *Bishop*

The Reverend W. R. "Rusty" McCown, *Rector*

The Reverend Monna Mayhall, *Associate Rector*

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

Donna Stokes-Rogers, *Music Minister* • Holli Scholz, *Organist*

Libby Sullivan, *Children's Minister* • Brett Smith, *Youth Minister*

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

Kristy Moore, *Finance Manager* • Shannon Buttrey, *Parish Administrator*

Paula Sherman, *Communications Manager*

BIRTHDAYS:

Sunday: John Philip Cost, Judy Alexander, Ginny Brewer **Monday:** Kristin Schmitter-Webster **Tuesday:** Pat McCracken, Will Loeffel, Jeff Williams **Wednesday:** Cooper Morreale **Thursday:** Ruth Campbell **Friday:** Darrell Harris **Saturday:** Bill Heard

ANNIVERSARIES:

Thursday: Justin and Lori Jones **Friday:** Wallace and Liz Lilly **Saturday:** Iain and Peggy Macpherson

PARTICIPANTS:

	8:45 am	11:00 am
Usher:	Chris Oberholtzer	Tom Sharpe
Usher:	Ed Miller	Debbie Sharpe
Chalice Bearer:	Katie Faulkner	Daniel Alvarado
Chalice Bearer:	Mike Gengler	John Bennet Waters
Crucifer:	Katie Faulkner	Susan Miller
1 st Reader:	Chris Oberholtzer	Mary Hill
2 nd Reader:	Bob Larson	Sam Barcus
Prayers:	Cyndy Howes	Pat McCracken
Torch Bearer:	Larson Rabinowitz	Piper Medlin
Torch Bearer:		Deacon Medlin
Altar Guild:	Karen Garfield	Karen Montefiori
Altar Guild:	*	Phyllis Thompson
Vestry Person of the Day:	Melissa Montero	
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, 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 15, 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 2 nd Floor Room 208
11:15-4:15	Church in The Yard (CiTY) in Nashville
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

Renewal Works Survey – Deadline tonight at midnight

Thank you to everyone who has taken the RenewalWorks Spiritual Inventory. The deadline for submitting your form is tonight at midnight. We received a great response, but our number is a little short of what RenewalWorks likes to see. Your participation matters! Renewal Works is a process meant to help our parish grow spiritually and begins with an online inventory. It is anonymous and confidential. Use this link:

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

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

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.

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, 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

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 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.) 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.

WSP Social & Kitchen Shower • Fri, 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

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 Thurs, Apr 16, 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.

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.

Youth

Episcopal Youth Group (EYG) • March 15, 22, 29 • 4:30-6:00 pm • Barnabas

All 6th - 12th grade students are welcome at St. Paul's Episcopal Youth Group! For the remaining weeks of Lent, we'll be focusing on creative ways to pray, like a prayer board and a prayer walk through Downtown Franklin, and service, by helping the Little Free Pantry restock and organize! Games, snacks, and friends included!

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.

Outreach

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

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

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>

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 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.

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>