



St. Paul's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

200
FOUNDED IN 1827

May 3, 2026
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite II and Holy Baptism
8:45 am

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude: *Simple Gifts*- Shaker hymn, arr. Pell

Processional Hymn: *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

H-518

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.*

*All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.*

*To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With thy wonted lovingkindness bear thy servants as they pray,
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.*

*Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain;
What they gain from thee, forever with the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen. **BCP, p. 299**

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The First Reading:**Acts 7:55-60**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (*Spoken responsively.*)**BCP, p. 622**

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

**2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.**

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

**4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.**

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

**15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

The Second Reading:**1 Peter 2:2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision***H-488**

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
All else be nought to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.*

*High King of heaven, when victory is won,
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

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

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Monna Mayhall

HOLY BAPTISM

The Presentation of the Candidate

BCP, p. 301

Jesse Roan Martini

Baptismal Covenant

BCP, p. 304

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

BCP, p. 305

(People respond *Lord, hear our prayer*)

Baptismal Hymn to the Font:

H-296, vs 1 and 2

*We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;
And our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!*

*We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn we share with him an Easter life
As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia! Amen.*

The Baptism

BCP, p. 307

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

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: *The Call*- Vaughan Williams, arr. Jackson

Presentation Hymn: *Love's Redeeming Work is Done*

H-188, vs 1 and 3

*Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won.
Death in vain forbids him rise; Christ has opened paradise.
Soar we now where Christ has led, following our exalted head;
Made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies.*

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal, S-130

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

...And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem *Christ our Passover*

Hymnal, S-154

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

Music During Communion: *This Joyful Eastertide- Vreuchten*, harm. Wood

*We invite all who seek God, and are drawn to Christ by the Spirit, to join us at this Table.
If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will serve you in your pew.
If you need to receive a gluten-free host, please extend hands, crossed, palms down at the communion rail.*

The Prayer after Communion

BCP, p. 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional: *The Church's One Foundation*

H-525 vs 1, 2, and 5

*The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the word;
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

*Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.*

*Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One.
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy Lord, give grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.*

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude: *Voluntary and Fugue* - J. Reading

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

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

The Reverend Monna Mayhall, *Associate Rector*

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

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

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

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

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

Paula Sherman, *Communications Manager*

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and celebration of the baptism of Jesse Roan Martini and the 2nd birthday of Remy Lane Martini by their family.

BIRTHDAYS:

Sunday: Remy Martini **Monday:** Linda Wesson, David Zegley, Emily Peters, Kent Burnside **Tuesday:** David Rogers

Wednesday: Eleanor Smythe, Emerson Cook **Thursday:** Josey Messina, Wyatt Anderson, Tiffany Sugalski **Friday:** Sarah Ingram

Saturday: Wendy Heard, Murray Huber, Juliette Blackwelder

ANNIVERSARIES:

Thursday: Bill and Mary Kate Brandon **Friday:** Phil and Elizabeth Pace

PARTICIPANTS:

Usher:

Usher: Bill Phelps

1st Reading: Jay Fahey

2nd Reading: Chris Oberholtzer

Prayers: Gerald Hancock

Chalice Bearer: Katie Faulkner

Chalice Bearer: Mike Gengler

Crucifer: Bonnie Sullivan

Torch Bearer: JT Sullivan

Torch Bearer: Adelina Brown

Altar Guild: Karen Garfield & Phyllis Thompson

Vestry Person of the Day: Larry Whitlock

Musicians: Derek Pell and John Pell

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, Neil Atkinson, Abu-Ali Abdur Rahman, Catherine Mayhew, Margaret Brown, Mary Emilie Acklen, David Holt, Darrell Harris, Mary Hill, Kathy Germain, Connie Trahan, Desi Noller, Dee Rainey, Sam, Griffin, Michael, Martha, Fred, Meg and Fulton, Reed, Meg, Bob, Jim, Susan, Katie, Lynette, Bennett, John, Guy, JoAnn, Linda, Brittain and Strider, Beverly, Robin, Debbie, Pat, Kay, Benji, Victoria, Stanton, Wendi and Steve, David, Sara, Bill, Lance, Scott and Donna, Jenn, Madelinn, Mike, Cheryl, Theresa, Tim, Janelle, Tom, Rhoda, Bob and Gloria, Gary, Randy, Linda, Wendi, Evelyn, Connie, Pam, Laura, Bob and Sue, Oliver, Emron, Wells and the Warren family, the Parker family, Mimi, and Steve

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 – May 3, 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	Youth Confirmation Class in Barnabas
12:00-12:30	Coffee Minute in Founders Hall
2:00	Pickle Ball with a Pro at Cottonwood
4:30-6:00	Episcopal Youth Group (EYG) in Barnabas

Churchwide Events

May Gathering for Good • Meet & Eat: A Progressive Dinner •
Wed, May 13 • 5:30

Are you looking for a small group to socialize, eat, or study with? Then join us for our May Gathering for Good event! Dinner: \$10 Adults, \$5 Children, or \$30 Max per Family. Start in Founders for appetizers, followed by dinner in Otey Hall and dessert in the 6th Avenue Courtyard.

Bishop's Visit and Confirmation Reception • Sun, May 17

The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt's annual visit to St. Paul's is Sunday, May 17th. We will host a reception in honor of the Confirmands and the Bishop in Otey Hall after the 11:00 am service. Volunteers are needed to help set up, clean up, and prepare food. Sign-up here: <https://bit.ly/BishopReception2026> Questions? Please contact Melissa Montero at 4melissamontero@gmail.com. The loose offering taken during the Bishop's visit will be for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

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? • Sundays • 2:00 • Cottonwood Clubhouse

Great news... we're getting out on the court Sundays every week (180 Cottonwood Dr., Franklin. On May 3rd, a Pickle Ball Pro will offer a free clinic for us from 2:00-4:00 pm. If you are interested in learning to play Pickle Ball or are wanting to find people who like to play Pickle Ball, come out and join us for fun and fellowship. All levels of play (or no level of play) are welcome. Questions? contact Daniel Robicheaux at robicheauxdaniel@gmail.com Please contact Daniel Robicheaux at robicheauxdaniel@gmail.com

Mahjong Mondays • 1:15-4:00 • Barnabas

New to the game or playing for years, we'd love to have you join us. We open with a prayer, and play begins at 1:15 pm and runs until 4:00 pm. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. Please let us know if you are interested so that we have enough tables set-up for play. Contact Judy Larson (818-723-9395) or Jan Abstein (615) 347-8060 for more information.

Young Adults Trivia • Tues, May 5 • 6:00 • McCrearys

Home from college for the summer? In your 20s or 30s looking for friends and fun? Join the EpiscoPals as we take on Trivia Night at McCreary's! To be added to the Young Adults Group Me, email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com

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, May 6 & 20 • 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) • Thursdays • 9:30-11:00 am •

2nd Floor Meeting Space, Room 205

WITS (Women in Theological Study) - In May, we are bursting into bloom, so come join us whenever you can. Below is the calendar for WITS through the end of May. If you have any questions, please contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

May 7 – “A Franklin Franciscan's Spiritual Journey”

May 14 - “The Mysteries of Braille Solved”

May 21 – Book Swap – bring a book to pass along (or bring a book recommendation)

May 28 – No WITS - Spring Street

Compline • 4th Tues of the Month • May 26 • 8:15 PM • Founders Hall

Compline will be offered monthly. All are welcome - No RSVP needed. Simply bring your Book of Common Prayer (+ your Bible, if you wish) & enjoy sharing this peaceful service at the close of the evening with fellow participants. Contact Ann Denson if questions: densonannm@gmail.com.

Youth

Episcopal Youth Group (EYG) • Sun, May 3 • 4:30-6:00 • Barnabas

Our last official EYG of the year - let's make it special! All 6th - 12th grade students are welcome at St. Paul's Episcopal Youth Group!

Youth Sunday • Sign up by Today

As always, Mother's Day, May 10, is also Youth Sunday! Both morning services will be led by our youth, from readers and ushers to the sermon! Join us in between services for a Reception and Group Photo from 10:00 - 11:00 AM in Founders. Sign up to be a part of the services by today: bit.ly/EYGYouthSunday

Youth Pool Party • Sun, May 17 • 4:30-6:30 • Chestnut Bend Pool • 555 Ploughmans Bend Dr.

If you're in 6th - 12th grade, help us kick off summer with a pool party! Join us for pizza, swimming, friends, and of course some friendly competition!

Children

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

Outreach • Volunteers Needed for FES Field Day • Fri, May 8

Spring is here and Franklin Elementary School (FES) needs help with their end-of-school Field Day! This initiative stems from a partnership between St. Paul's Love Thy Neighbor ministry and United4Hope, an organization dedicated to connecting churches and public schools to help teachers, students and communities thrive. We need volunteers on Friday, May 8th, from 8:30 to 10:45 a.m. and/or 12:45 to 3:00 p.m. The morning session is for kindergarten and 1st graders; afternoon session is for 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders. Rain date is Monday, May 11th. Volunteers need to watch one hour of online training and complete a background check. Contact Pat McCracken at 615-351-1113.

Birthday Outreach Ministry • 2nd Tuesday of Every Month • May 12

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.

CITY – a Homeless Ministry • 3rd Sunday of Every Month • May 17

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

Announcements

Graduate Announcements • Submit by Today

Are you or a loved one graduating? We want to celebrate with you! Fill out the form by today to be recognized in the Youth Sunday bulletin! bit.ly/SPEGrads

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

Last Call for Recipes!

The St. Paul's Cookbook Committee has been hard at work testing delicious entries for our upcoming church cookbook. Since our original request was shared a while ago, we want to ensure everyone has a chance to be included—especially those who have joined our congregation recently or anyone who has discovered a new favorite dish in the meantime!

How to Submit:

In Person: Drop your handwritten recipes in the collection box located at the back of the Sanctuary.

By Email: Send to stpaulscooks@gmail.com

Please ensure your submission includes: a clear recipe title, an optional short story or description, ingredients and measurements listed in the order they are used, step-by-step instructions, and your name and email address.

*Thank you for helping us make this collection a success!