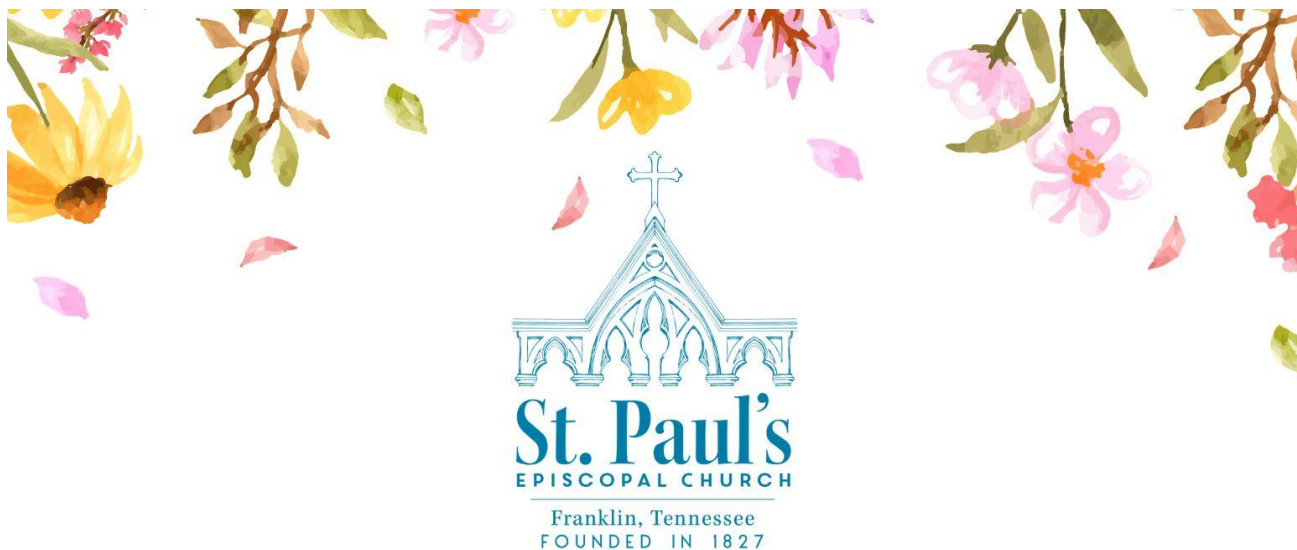




The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

8:45 and 11 am

Children's Service

Same Ideas, New Language

Understandable for Children, Enlightening for Adults





A note about today's Liturgy & Readings

Welcome to St. Paul's Children's Service! We, like many others, find that when you speak directly to children, everyone listens. In this service, the teaching, the songs, and the prayers will be aimed at the hearts and minds of our young worshippers, with the hope that we will all learn something about the God who loves us.

The readings in today's service are from
God's Word, My Voice: A Lectionary for Children.



THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

8:45: *Traditional* (Wynder Munsch, piano)

11:00: *Traditional* (Alaina Smith and Holli Scholz, organ)



Processional Hymn: *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole wide world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the mommies and the daddies in his hands.

He's got the mommies and the daddies in his hands.

He's got the mommies and the daddies in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the little bitty babies in his hands.

He's got the little bitty babies in his hands.

He's got the little bitty babies in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got ev'rybody in his hands.

He's got ev'rybody in his hands.

He's got ev'rybody in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

Opening Sentence

Celebrant: We come together to offer praise and worship to God. This is both serious and joyful, all at the same time. God gives us so much. One of the things we can give back to God is our attention. So let's give our full attention to God in this service.



Song of Praise: *This Little Light of Mine*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



The First Lesson *Seated*

Exodus 17:1-17

The children of Israel were marching through the desert as God commanded. At one camp, they found no water at all to drink and they whined to Moses about it. Moses said, "Why are you whining to me? Don't you think God grows tired of your whining like I have?" "We can't believe you brought us out of Egypt to let us and our cows die of thirst out here in the desert. We're not sure if God is with us any more or not," replied the people.

Moses went to talk to God: "I don't know what to do with these people. They're ready to stone me because they are so thirsty."

"Okay," God said. "Take some of your best people with you, along with the staff I gave you. I will be standing on the rock at Horeb. Hit it with your staff and water will come out of it and all the people can drink." So Moses did it and all the people had water to drink.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 *Said responsively.*

Listen to me, people. Be quiet long enough to hear what I have to say.
I will tell you stories of how things are, and tell you stories of days long ago.
We will teach each other the stories of God's power.

I will pass along what our fathers knew.

In the years to come, we will tell each other the stories of God's power and the amazing things God has done.

We will teach each other the stories of God's power.

God divided the sea in two, made the water stand up like walls, and let the people walk on dry land.

We will teach each other the stories of God's power.

God led the people with a cloud during the day and by night with a glow of fire. God split rocks open in the desert and water poured out. Streams broke through the cliffs and the waters gushed like raging rivers.

We will teach each other the stories of God's power.



The Second Lesson

Philippians 2: 1-13

I hope you are encouraged in Christ, are sharing the Spirit with each other, and are full of compassion and sympathy. If you are, then I am a happy man. Walk in the same direction with each other, agreeing about things that matter. Don't be selfish or too full of yourselves, but remember who you are and honor others first. Don't just think about yourselves, but keep each other in mind. Allow yourselves to think and be like Jesus. Jesus didn't take advantage of his position as God, but emptied himself for our sake, being born as one of us. He humbled himself, and was obedient, even when it came to dying on the cross. Because of this, God lifted him up and gave him a name that is above every other name. Everyone should kneel when they hear Jesus' name, everyone in heaven and everything on earth and under the earth. Every tongue should be saying that Jesus Christ is Lord of all, to the glory of God our Father.

Therefore, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed me, keep working on your salvation, being in awe of God who is working hard in you, helping you to do God's will and please God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Hymn: *This is My Father's World* *Standing*

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world: the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.*

*This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!*



The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21: 23-32

Priest

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the priests came while he was teaching and said, "Who gave you the authority to do what you are doing?" Jesus said, "Let me ask you this question. If you know the answer, then I'll answer your question. Did the baptism that John the Baptist did come from heaven or did he do that all by himself?" They argued with each other. "If we say 'from heaven,' then he'll say, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' But if we say, 'of human origin,' we'll be in trouble with the people because they believed John was a prophet." So they said, "We don't know." Jesus said, "Then I'm not going to tell you by what authority I do what I do."

"What do you think about this? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' The son said, 'No, I don't want to go.' But later he changed his mind and went to work. The father told the second son to go work in the vineyard. That son said, 'Sure, I'll go,' but then he didn't. So which of the two did what the father wanted?"

They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the sinners are closer to the kingdom of God than you are. John the Baptist came to you and you did not believe him, but people you call sinners believed him. Even when you saw how they were changed, you didn't bother changing your minds to believe."

Priest:

The Gospel of the Lord.

People:

Praise to you, Lord Christ.



Homily

Libby Sullivan, Children's Minister



The Creed *Standing*

**We believe in God above
We believe in Jesus' love
We believe in the Spirit, who
Comes to teach us what to do
We believe that we can be
Kind and gentle Lord, like thee.**



Prayers of the People

God, we pray for Christians everywhere, and for all people who try to follow you.

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

God, we pray for this country and its leaders.

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

God, we pray for people in our neighborhood, our country, and around the world--for everyone who needs help, for everyone who is hungry.

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

God, we pray for our friends and family, and everyone who is sick or sad.

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

God, we pray for all who have died, especially those close to us. Hold them close to you, Lord.

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

God, we pray for all of these things, and for everything we are thinking and feeling but haven't said out loud.

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.



The Confession

People: We are sorry for the things that we've done wrong and for the things we should have done but didn't. We will try our best to love you and follow you. **Amen.**

Celebrant: God loves us and forgives us and helps us.



The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION



Offertory: *Here I am, Lord* (Children of St. Paul's)



Presentation Hymn: *We Gather Together Standing*

During the hymn, children are invited to come forward to gather around the altar. Please remember, this is a holy time and sacred space, so we ask that children be as quiet as possible and hold their questions for Sunday School. Children will return to their families to receive communion following the Breaking of the Bread.

*We gather together to ask the Lord's Blessing
He chastens and hastens his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.*



The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of
glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of
interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us
the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed
your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets
and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the
fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to
fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Sanctus: Sung at both services

God is so good. God is so good.

God is so good. He's so good to me.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**



The Lord's Prayer

And now in the words that Jesus taught us to pray:

**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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The children return to their families.

Communion *We invite all who seek God, and are drawn to Christ by the Spirit, to join us at this Table.*



Music During Communion:

8:45: *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (Oliver and Isla Werner, duet)

Traditional (Isla Werner, piano)

Traditional (Corinne Noffsinger, piano)

11:00: *Traditional* (Elizabeth Smith, piano)



The Prayer after Communion *Standing*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Holy God, you have welcomed us into the family of Jesus your son and you have given us spiritual food to nourish our body and soul. Send us out into the world to make all things new. Give us strength, courage, and hope to love and serve you with grateful hearts through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Blessing

Celebrant:

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his grace. And the

blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**



Recessional Hymn: WLP- 787 *We Are Marching in the Light of God (Sung through twice)*

All Children are invited to come to the front of the church at this time. We will sing the first verse, and then lead the recessional.

*We are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching...Oo oo. We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching...Oo oo. We are marching in the light of God.*



Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

St. Paul's Prayer List

Susannah Pierce, Dave Berexa, Jack Honeycutt, Terry O'Donnell, Glenn Trahan, Robyn and Matt Painter, Eliot Williams, Joy Craig, Jim Gray, Phyllis Gray, Virginia Callicott, Sharon Collins, Mary Suttle, John Looney, Bob Van Dervoort, Terry Cross, Elmer White, Inez Rice, Darrell Harris, Mary Hill, Connie Trahan, Dee Rainey, Doug Little, Jess and Dorothy Fitzpatrick, George Gibson, Jane Malatak, Tom Love, Sam, Griffin, Michael, Martha, Meg and Fulton, Reed, Meg, Katie, Lynette, Bennett, John, Linda, Brittain and Strider, Beverly, Robin, Debbie, Pat, Kay, Benji, Victoria, David, Sara, Lance, Scott and Donna, Jenn, Mike, Cheryl, Theresa, Tim, Tom, Bob and Gloria, Gary, Randy, Linda, Sue, Oliver, Emron, Wells and the Warren family, Mimi, Steve, Felicia, Kim, Paul, John, Marianne, Sheryl, Shannon, Chris, Sam and Shirley, Tommy and Sue, Noah, Jim, Gannon, and Peter

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

8:45 PARTICIPANTS:

1st Reader: Isla Werner

2nd Reader: Corinne Noffsinger

Prayers of the People: Katie Liang

Ushers: William Liang

Altar Guild: John Bennet Waters

Greeters: Landon Kowalski

Chalice Bearers: Chris Oberholtzer & Katie Faulkner

Crucifer: Bonnie Sullivan

Torch Bearers: JT Sullivan

Musicians: Melanie Alvey, violin
John Pell, guitar

11:00 PARTICIPANTS:

1st Reader: Ace Hogan

2nd Reader: Elizabeth Smith

Prayers of the People: Theodore Walters Young

Ushers: Virginia Hogan, Elizabeth Smith,
Mary Margaret Ramirez

Altar Guild: Karen Montefiori & Phyllis Thompson

Greeters: Henry Boyd, Mary Jack Hogan,
Alaina Smith

Chalice Bearers: Lucinda Dyer & John Bennet Waters

Crucifer: Piper Medlin

Torch Bearers: Deacon Medlin, Shelby Medlin

Musicians: Adult Choir

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

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

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

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

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

Paula Sherman, *Communications Manager*

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rick Jackson from the Reinhardt Family and in thanksgiving for the children of St. Paul's.

BIRTHDAYS:

Sunday: Bo Butler **Monday:** Henry Ingram, Elizabeth Power, Becky King, Charlie Palmgren, Genevieve Phillips

Tuesday: Carson Beck, Wallace Beauchamp **Wednesday:** Shannon Seibert **Thursday:** Lynn Cook, Creighton Cook, Ed Miller **Friday:** Tav Cooke **Saturday:** Carolyn Savage, Marion Werner

ANNIVERSARIES:

Wednesday: Anthony and Susan Topper **Thursday:** Dean and Robbi De Peri, Fred and Carolyn Loeffel, Jeff and Sadie Cost

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY RECOGNITION

At St. Paul's, children are surrounded by a parish family that supports and encourages them. Many thanks to everyone who makes this space welcoming for children and families, and especially these volunteers who make our children's programming possible throughout the year.

Godly Play Volunteers

Mindy Boggs, KC Burton, Robin Hensley, Jackie King, Pat McCracken, Laura McCown, Maria McPherson, Chris Paris, Sara Richter, Lisette Smythe, Cindy Tumblin, and Beth Woodruff

Children's Chapel Volunteers

Kathy Berry, KC Burton, Robin Hensley, Jackie King, Maddie Rogers, Donna Stokes-Rogers

St. Paul's Nursery

Maggie Gilchrist, Piper Medlin, Sophie Spain, Bonnie Sullivan, Elizabeth Webster

Week of Wonder 2026 Volunteers

Andrea Hyssong, Ann Denson, Bonnie Sullivan, Brett Smith, Brooke Zegley, Cindy Tumblin, Darcy Grimenstein, Deacon Medlin, Donna Stokes-Rogers, Effie Woods, Finn O'Brien, Gina Grande, Jackie King, Jenna Martin, Jim Miller, JT Sullivan, Katie Liang, Keegan Hine, Laura McCown, Linda Hall, Louise Renaudin, Mac Hine, Maddie Rogers, Maggie Riebau, Margot Hall, Marty Karpie, Monna Mayhall, Nora Myers, Olivia Hartzog, Owen Delery, Piper Medlin, Reagan Zegley, Robert Collins, Rusty McCown, Sally Gray Branson, Shelby Medlin, Sophie Spain, Tina Carpenter, Wynder Munsch

For the Care of Children

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ.



TODAY – September 27, 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	Children's Christian Formation in Godly Play Rooms
10:00-11:00	Youth Christian Formation in Barnabas
10:00-11:00	Adult Christian Formation
4:30-6:00	Episcopal Youth Group in Barnabas

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

“News From the Pews”



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

Churchwide Events

Blessing of the Animals • Sun, Oct 4 • 2:00 • Location TBD

Bring all your animals for a sweet blessing and treat on Sunday, October 4! If your pet is sick or if you have lost a pet family member this past year and would like their name included in the prayers, sign up here: <https://bit.ly/BlessingofAnimals2026>. Please submit names by Wednesday, Sept 30.

Christian Formation Classes • Sundays • 10:00 AM

Adult Formation • 2 Classes Offered

- Walk in the footsteps of faithful men and women who have done their best to follow God's call. The Path is the story of the Bible, excerpted from the New Revised Standard Version so that it is clear and easy to read. With informative trail signs to help you see how each piece of the narrative fits together, The Path is an experience unlike any other: an amazing 360-degree overview of the vast, sweeping story of God's extraordinary love for ordinary people. We will meet in Room 205 and class will be facilitated equally by both clergy and lay members.
- The Open Book is a Christian formation class at St. Paul's, exploring thoughtful works on Christian life. Our first selection is N. T. Wright's Paul: A Biography. Sponsored by Adults with Families, the group is open to all adults, and no prior background is needed. Join us for lively, welcoming conversation as we consider Paul's life, faith, and enduring significance

Youth Formation • Sundays • Barnabas

Youth Formation is for all 6th - 12th Graders! Our curriculum this year, The Path, will parallel the adult class and provide a great opportunity for discussion at home for families! It will take us through the Bible, using story telling and discussion prompts to engage with the wonders of Biblical stories.

Children Formation • Godly Play • Godly Play Rooms

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

Parish Life

Women In Theological Studies (WITS) • Thursdays • Resumes Oct 1

Men of St. Paul's Annual BBQ • Sat, Oct 3, 2025 • 2:00 PM

The 66th Annual BBQ, sponsored by the Men of St. Paul's, will be held on **Saturday, Oct 3, 2026, from 2:00 until we sell-out**. All of our traditional offerings will be available: Award-Winning Pulled Pork BBQ, Smoked Chicken, Whole Pork Butt, Chicken Quarters, Family Pack Meals. Cash, checks, credit cards, or prepaid tickets will be accepted as payment. For more information or to pre-order, click here: <https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/bbq>. Sign-up to volunteer here: <https://bit.ly/MOSPBBQ2026>.

Women of St. Paul's Bake Sale • Volunteers Needed • Sat, October 3, 2026

The **WSP** are hosting a **Bake Sale on Sat, Oct 3, 2026, at 2:00 PM**, and they need volunteers to donate delicious treats. You can contribute everything from whole cakes and pies to cookies and candies, but please ensure items are neatly packaged, using clear-top boxes for cakes and pies. Donations should be dropped off on Saturday between 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM (or Friday). Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/WSPBake2026> or contact Jenna Martin (931) 215-3399 or Suzanne Dibble (731)-313-0425 with any questions.

Become a Stephen Minister • Training begins Oct 3

"I was sick and you took care of me" -Matthew 25: 36

The Stephen Ministry Series is a complete system for training and organizing lay people to provide ONE-TO-ONE Christian care to hurting people in and around the St Paul's congregation. The Stephen Ministry is Christ-centered, is always about finding people who want to listen and care for other people, will equip a Stephen Minister for the work they are to do, will support all Stephen Ministers through faith, sharing and love. Training classes for anyone interested in becoming a Stephen Minister will begin in early October and run through early March (total of 18 gatherings). Besides the initial Saturday class (Oct 3), classes will meet on Tuesday evenings at Franklin First United Methodist Church from 6:30-9:00 pm. Questions? Contact Monna Mayhall monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

Sacred Ground • Mondays, Oct 5-Dec 14 (11 weeks) • 6:30-7:30 • Zoom

Sacred Ground is an opportunity for education and conversation through an 11- week film and reading-based dialogue series based on Race and Faith. This workshop is presented by the Beloved Community Commission of the Diocese of TN, and is created by the national Episcopal Church for the purpose of promoting racial reconciliation. Sacred Ground is: Anchored in impactful documentary films and readings. Explores U.S. racial history alongside current scholar perspectives. Intersects Indigenous, Black, Latino, Asian, and European American histories. Centers on personal story-sharing and building deep connections. Addresses mutual racial harms to foster intentional healing. Connects race with class, geography, politics, and family history. Framed as a Christian spiritual journey toward a beloved community.

For more information, contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com. REGISTER HERE:

<https://bit.ly/sacred-ground-workshop> More information about the Beloved Community can be found on the diocesan website at: <https://edtn.org/programs/beloved-community-commission-racial-reconciliation/>

Grief Support Group • Wed, Oct 7 & 21 • 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

Pathfinders – Senior Adult Ministry • Tues, Oct 20 • Lunch and Program • Otey Hall

Come join us for a magnificent meal, lots of laughs, and exciting entertainment

\$10 for lunch --- RSVP by Thursday, Oct 16.

11:30 am –12:00 noon Catered Lunch

12:00 noon –1:00 pm Program with brief activity followed by musical entertainment – “3 minutes and 15 seconds.”

RSVP to Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527 and note any dietary restrictions - Pay for lunch at event.

Youth

Episcopal Youth Group (EYG) • Sundays • 4:30 - 6:00 PM • Barnabas

All 6th - 12th grade students are welcome at St. Paul's Episcopal Youth Group! This year, we are learning about saints from around the world, trying new foods, and playing wild games! EYG will not meet October 11 due to Fall Break.

Outreach

Volunteers Needed • Sat, Oct 17 • 7:00 am

Calling all Early Birds! Our Love Thy Neighbor Ministry will be working with GraceWorks on Saturday, October 17th at 7:00 a.m. in Fairview. We will be helping with their Mobile Food Pantry. This outreach effort provides a welcome source of perishable and non-perishable food to families and individuals facing hunger. St. Paul families are most welcome to join this opportunity to help our less fortunate neighbors! We will arrange a carpool from Barnabas if there is any interest. Please contact Pat McCracken at 615-351-1113 if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

Announcements

Nursery Mural

Have you visited our new nursery yet? You may have noticed the great space and wonderful new toys, and of course the adorable children who fill it with joy on Sunday mornings. It needs some help to make it feel like home, though. Luckily for us, graphic artist Mel Ferrer has agreed to paint a lovely mural to make the space cozy and welcoming-and we need your help! Our goal is to raise \$8,000 to cover the cost of our one-of-a-kind mural. Donations may be made by check with "nursery mural" in the memo line. Gifts can be made in honor or memory of a loved one. If you have questions, please reach out to libby@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Godly Play Leaders Needed for the Fall!

Christian Formation for all ages begins September 20th, and we are in need of more volunteers to help with Godly Play: our children's curriculum. Volunteers can be a storyteller, who leads the week's story, or a doorperson who serves as the extra adult in the room to support the children. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up 1-2 times per month, but any help is appreciated and we will work around your schedule! If you are interested, please email libby@stpaulsfranklin.com

Christmas Tea

Please join us for a festive afternoon of tea and shopping, as we celebrate the flavors of Scotland on Saturday, December 12 at 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm Seatings. Adults: \$50 and Children: \$25. This year's seating will consist of 15 eight-seat tables. If you would like to reserve an entire table, please be sure to purchase tickets for the entire table at one time as soon as possible. Seating is limited, and we will do our best to sit groups together, but it cannot be guaranteed. We regret that there are no allergen-friendly plates available. St. Paul's members may purchase their tickets at <https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/tea> beginning Monday, October 5th. General Public tickets are available beginning Monday, October 12th.