



St. Paul's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

200
FOUNDED IN 1827

October 11, 2026
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite II
8:45 am & 11:00 am
THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

8:45: *A Glorious Church*- Hudson, arr. Duncan

11:00: *Fugette in D-sharp*, No. 4- G. F. Händel

Processional Hymn: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

H-408

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of Love, the God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul he fills, and every faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory.*

*What God's almighty power hath made, his gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of his might, lo! All is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory.*

*Let all who name Christ's holy Name give God all praise and glory;
Let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne, the Lord is God, and be alone:
To God all praise and glory.*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **BCP, p. 355**
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you... Through Christ our Lord
People **Amen.**

Gloria

S-277

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading:**Exodus 32:1-14**

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 (8:45: *Spoken responsively*/ 11:00: *Sung by Adult Choir.*) **BCP, p. 741**

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

**2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?**

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

**4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;**

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

**6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

**20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**

21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

**22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.**

23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

The Second Reading:**Philippians 4:1-9**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to

everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *Deck Thyself with Gladness*

H-339

*Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy thy praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded hath this wondrous banquet founded;
High o'er all the heavens he reigneth, yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.*

*Sun, who all my life dost brighten; Light, who dost my soul enlighten;
Joy. The best that any knoweth; Fount, whence all my being floweth;
At thy feet I cry, my Maker, let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, the glory, given.*

*Jesus, Bread of life, I pray thee, let me gladly here obey thee;
Never to my hurt invited, be thy love with love requited;
From this banquet let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
Through the gifts thou here dost give me, as thy guest in heaven receive me.*

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Monna Mayhall

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (Form III)

BCP, p. 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. (*Silence*)

Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant says:

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.

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: *Rejoice, O Pure in Heart*- Marion, Messiter, arr. Bay

11:00: *Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*- David N. Childs

Presentation Hymn: *The Spacious Firmament on High*

H-409, vs 1

The spacious firmament on high, with all the blue ethereal sky,

And spangled heavens, a shining frame, their great Original proclaim.

The unwearied sun from day to day does his Creator's power display;

And publishes to every land the work of an almighty hand.

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-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 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*

S-152

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Music During Communion

8:45: *Prayer of Mother Teresa*- C. Courtney
Just a Closer Walk with Thee- Spiritual
Dona Nobis Pacem- Traditional
11:00: *Come, My Way*- Mark 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. 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 Hymn: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

H-556, vs 1-3, and 6-7

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.*

*With all the angel choirs, with all the saint of earth,
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.*

*Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud;
While answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.*

*At last the march shall end: the wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem, the blest.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.*

*Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

8:45: *On Jordan's Stormy Banks*- Stockton, arr. Duncan

11:00: *Cantad El Señor*- arr. M. Burkhardt (Holli Scholz and Calvin Bottoms)

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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 in celebration of the birthdays of Amanda and Trevor Hyssong.

BIRTHDAYS:

Sunday: Sarah Nance, Andrew Preston **Monday:** Rebecca Attack, George Bishop, Bruce Burton **Tuesday:** Eliza Swihart
Wednesday: Arlene Berexa, Neil Atkinson, Grace McGinty **Thursday:** Bobby Pitts, David Shepherd, Melissa Montero **Friday:**
Trevor Hyssong, Anna Van Dusen, Cathy Stratton **Saturday:** Cash Schmitt

ANNIVERSARIES:

Wednesday: Mark and Lisa Robbins, Jeff and Kathy Bailey **Friday:** Chelsea and Jamie Rock, Syd and Patti Rodocker

PARTICIPANTS:

	8:45 am	11:00 am
Usher:	John Sykes	Chris Oberholtzer
Usher:	Ellen Kirk	Loren Robicheaux
1 st Reading:	Dewees Berry	Sam Barcus
2 nd Reading:	Bob Larson	Pat McCracken
Prayers:	Rick Leet	Michael Austin
Chalice Bearer:	Daniel Alvarado	Lucinda Dyer
Chalice Bearer:	Katie Faulkner	John Sykes
Crucifer:	Elizabeth Webster	Forrest Latta
Torch Bearer:	Adelina Brown	Harry Thurman
Torch Bearer:	Kathleen Webster	Winnie Thurman
Altar Guild:	Karen Garfield	Karen Montefiori &
Vestry Person of the Day:	Mark Tumblin	
Musicians:	Derek Pell and John Pell	

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, George Gibson, Jane Malatak, Tom Love, Cathy Stratton, Sam, Griffin, Michael, Martha, Meg and Fulton, Reed, Bob, 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, Peter, Phil

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 – October 11, 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 Youth and Adult

2:00

Pickleball in Cottonwood

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER “News From the Pews”



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

Churchwide Events

Stewardship 2027 Campaign

Our 2027 Stewardship Campaign has officially begun! Please keep an eye on your mailbox, as campaign information and materials will be arriving in the mail soon. We invite you to prayerfully consider your support for our shared ministry as we look forward to gathering our pledges on Commitment Sunday, October 25. Thank you for your continued faithfulness and generosity to St. Paul's.

In the Footsteps of St. Paul • A Shared Journey • Sun, Oct 25 • 12:15 • Otey Hall

All Forty-nine parishioners are back from a Pilgrimage to Greece! Tracing the missionary paths of St. Paul was an unforgettable experience of faith and history. Our camera rolls and more importantly, our hearts and minds are full. An experience like this feels incomplete until it is shared with our church community! We will be sharing photos, stories, and reflections of our journey for anyone who is interested. Please come join us on Sunday, Oct 25 at 12:15 pm in Otey Parish Hall.

Gathering for Good • Halloween Carnival • Wed, Oct 28 • 5:30-7:00 • Rectory

One of our favorite annual events is happening in the backyard of the Rectory. Games, music, a cake walk, bounce house fun, and the CHILI COOK-OFF! Prizes for best chili and costumes will be awarded. Sign up for chili entry here



← or bake (or buy) a dessert for the Cake Walk.



All Saints Sunday Concert • Sun, Nov 1 • 4:00 • Sanctuary

Join the Choir of St. Paul's, soloists Angela Fagella and Josh Post, and a chamber ensemble for a powerful performance of Chilcott's masterful, modern Requiem. We need your help to bring this magnificent concert to life. Please consider making a music memorial or thanksgiving donation to help fund the performance. As always, we deeply appreciate your support! See how below:

All Saints' Choral and Floral Offerings • Deadline Tues., Oct 27 by noon

If you would like to donate to the choral and/or altar flowers fund for All Saints Sunday, in memory of a loved one, please use this QR code. Mail a check to the church or pay through your Realm account, selecting "Music or Flower fund."



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

Christmas Tea • Tickets on Sale now

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> now. General Public tickets are available beginning Monday, October 12th.

Birthday Outreach Ministry • 2nd Tuesday of Every Month • Oct 13

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.

Women In Theological Studies (WITS) • Thursdays • Rm 205

In October, we will listen to the wisdom of some amazing preachers and speakers, followed by insightful, lively discussions, as always. Join us when you can. We gather on Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 am in Room #205. The dates we meet in October are: **Oct 15th, and 29th** (the 22nd is Spring Street Outreach). Questions? Contact Monna at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com

CiTY – a Homeless Ministry • 3rd Sunday of Every Month • Oct 18

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

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.