



## **The Second Sunday in Lent**

**March 1, 2026**

**Eight o'clock in the Morning**

### **WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH**

No matter who you are, no matter where you come from, and no matter where you are on the journey of life — you are welcome in this church.

We hope you will find Saint Paul's to be a place of refreshment and renewal, where you experience the presence of the risen Christ. We have been serving Christ in this location for over two hundred seventy-five years. The monuments in our church and the graves in our churchyard reflect the conflicts and complexities of our nation's and our city's history. While our building is old and beautiful, our mission is contemporary and forward moving. Here you will find a people very much connected with the questions and struggles of modern life and faith and of following the way of Jesus.

# TO ALL OUR VISITORS & GUESTS

## About Worship

If the liturgy (worship) of the Episcopal Church is unfamiliar, then we hope you will find this information helpful.

You are welcome in the Episcopal Church, and so the first and best resource we offer are your neighbors in the pews. Just say, "I'm visiting," and they will gladly help.

The worship of the Episcopal Church is rooted in the practices of ancient Christianity. The structure of our services, the architecture of our building, the music, our physical postures, and participatory responses ALL hold rich meaning about our beliefs and are intentional expressions of our relationship with God.

- In this bulletin you will find:

***Responses spoken by the people are printed in bold italics.***

*Directions for the people are printed in italics.*

- We encourage families with children to sit at the front of the Nave so that children can easily see and hear the liturgy. We are delighted to offer activity bags for families to help keep little hands busy and engaged during worship services. Feel free to pick one up at the entrance!
- Episcopalians customarily pray either standing or kneeling, so please do what you find most comfortable.
- Notify an usher if you require an assisted listening device or any other assistance.
- Restrooms are located in the parish hall. An usher will direct you.

## About Receiving The Holy Communion

ALL who come in faith are invited to receive Holy Communion at Saint Paul's.

- During communion, the people form two short lines in the center aisle, sorting themselves according to how they would like to receive. Those who come to the "pulpit side" (east) will be given bread and offered a common cup of wine from which to drink. There is no intincting/dipping on the pulpit side of the altar rail. For those on the lectern side (west, the big eagle), the minister will dip the bread in the wine for the people, and offer a piece of bread that has already been "intincted." All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please, no one may dip their own bread in the wine.
- For those who may prefer not to receive communion at the main altar, a communion station is provided on the main floor to the right of the center aisle. Here, the minister will dip the bread in the wine for you. If you are unable to receive at either station, the clergy will bring the bread and wine to your pew. Please notify an usher before the service begins.
- To receive a blessing without receiving Communion, cross both arms over your chest, palms on your collar.
- If your children are in the nursery, you are invited to bring them to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

## Connect with Us

We invite you to share your contact information on a connect card, located in each pew. Hand it to one of our clergy after church. Please feel free to fill out as much or as little information as you'd like so we can connect with you.

# A Penitential Order: Rite One

## The Word of God

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### The Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People* ***His mercy endureth for ever.***

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### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And with thy spirit.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

**The Old Testament Lesson** **Genesis 12:1-4a**

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

### Psalm 121

*Prayed responsively by whole verse*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?
  
- 2 ***My help comes from the LORD, \****  
***the maker of heaven and earth.***

- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 ***Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;***
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 ***So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.***
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 ***The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.***

## The Epistle

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Lector The Word of the Lord.  
People ***Thanks be to God.***

## The Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

**Sermon**

**The Reverend Kimberly E. Dunn**

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

**Parish Greetings & Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Sentence**

**Presentation of the Offering**

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People* ***And of Thine own have we given Thee.***

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**The Communion**

*All who come in faith are welcome at the Lord’s table.*

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**The Solemn Prayer**

*Celebrant* Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## SERVING TODAY

The Reverend Kimberly E. Dunn  
John Bradley  
Becky Wright  
Jerry Ashmore, III

Celebrant and Preacher  
Eucharistic Minister  
Altar Guild  
Vestry Person of the Day

## PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED:

***For the special needs and concerns of this congregation;*** especially LaRue Downing, Bill Weston, Pam Uros, Lois Marble, Beth Pate, Adair Blackwood, Fred Kidd, Cindy Shafer, Riley Rivers, Kisha Seals, Mary Lynn Ford, Rain Coleman, Francis O’Shea, Ann Kilpatrick, Lois Hand, Ricie Eubanks, Dorine Smith, Wayne Matthews, Suzanne Pursley-Crotteau, Samm Fusselle, Katie Delaigle, Susan Keithley, Margaret Lodi, Yvona Myrna, Gary Crotteau, Greg Maxie, Jimmy Dykes, Russell Smyre, Jan-Blaise MacEachern, Andrew, Margaret Smith, Eugene, Vincent McClure, Gina Hall, Joyce Mitchell, Steve Scott, Shirley B., Mike Ivey, Jan McElreath, Laura Luther Medved, Kacie Daniel, Sharie Wylie-Gruen, Michael Krepps, Joy Mallard, James Wesley Schutte, Andrew Recupero.

***For those serving our country at home and abroad;*** especially, Sam and Lara Powell, Joe Way, Jim Ring, Bennett Ivey, Isaac Mikell, Zach Nevard, Jackson Smith.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

***First Sunday Offering—*** Your generous non-pledged offerings (cash and designated checks to Fr. Biddy’s discretionary and Mtr. Kimberly’s Discretionary) on the first Sunday each month support our clergy’s Discretionary Accounts.

***Following this service at 9:00 AM, breakfast in Tyler Hall. Then at 9:30 AM, two options for Adult Formation:*** this year’s Lenten Book Study God Is On the Cross: Reflections on Lent and Easter, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer at the Sunday Forum in the Berlin Room. Also, in the chapel, Lectionary Discussion Group for an informal discussion of the Sunday scriptures we read in church.

***4 PM —Lenten reflection and a Guided Labyrinth Walk in the Berlin Room.*** The labyrinth is a single path that has been used as a walking meditation and path for prayer since ancient times. No experience walking a labyrinth is required. There will be a brief introduction to walking a labyrinth and a time for reflection prior to the walk. Please wear or bring socks to wear after removing your shoes.

***5 PM —EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) will gather for food and fun at Top Golf,*** 437 Topgolf Way, Augusta. All youth are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. Just let us know so we have a final headcount. Contact Aubrey (ahinksonsaintpauls.org) to RSVP or for questions.

***The 37<sup>th</sup> season of Tuesday’s Music Live continues with a free concert by Liana Paniyeva, Pianist, March 3, 12:00 Noon.*** Visit Tuesday’s Music Live (TuesdaysMusicLive.com) for more information and the full schedule.

***Common Ground Fellowship will gather Wednesday March 4.*** This group is our “common ground” for adults in their 20’s to 40’s to gather in fellowship, service, and deepening faith, whether single or partnered. (Note: these events do not include childcare.) For more information contact Fr. Eric (ebiddy@saintpauls.org).

***The Daughters of the King invite you to a spiritual morning of quiet solitude March 7, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM in the Chapel.*** Bring “prayer tools” such as your bible, journal, or anything used for meditation. A pot-luck lunch follows in the Children’s Ministry Center. Contact Mtr. Kimberly (kdunn@saintpauls.org) for more information.

***Spring forward! Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 8.*** Be sure to set your clock one hour ahead Saturday night.

***Dish and serve ice cream and cookies at our quarterly Veteran’s Social March 8, 2:30-3:30 PM.*** We’ll meet at the GA War Veterans’ Nursing Home located at 1101 15th Street to share a dessert and then spend much-appreciated time visiting. For more information contact Gene Helmich at ehelmich21@comcast.net.

***Mark your calendar for our next gathering of W.E.E.M. (Women’s Enrichment and Empowerment Ministry), March 10, 5:30-7 PM.*** All women are welcome. Invite a friend and join us in Tyler Hall second Tuesdays of each month for heavy hors d’oeuvres and drinks. For more information, contact Mtr. Kimberly (kdunn@saintpauls.org) or Summer Bell (summerfin@gmail.com).

***Make plans to attend the Friday Night Fish Fry, March 13, 6 PM in the River Room.*** Dinner of fish, fries, hush puppies, and coleslaw from 6-7 PM. Bring your own beverage; tea and water available. As always, we appreciate your gift of time to serve on a parish life team. A RSVP is required before midnight March 11 for this dinner. A direct link to RSVP and to serve is available in Friday’s *Weekly Postings* and on our website.



***This year’s Rose Sunday Concert*** will be performed by Keith Shafer at 4 PM on Sunday, March 15 and features two newly discovered pieces of music written by Johann Sebastian Bach. Also on the program will be Four Pieces in Jazz Style by the Canadian composer, Denis Bédard, the Pastorale by Cesar Franck, and Mozart’s famous Fantasie in F Minor, K. 608. The concert is free and a reception follows in Tyler Hall.

***The Parish Life & Hospitality Committee invites you to make or purchase a dessert or beverage for the Rose Sunday Reception*** immediately following the concert at 4:00 PM, March 15 in Tyler Hall Sign up to bring an item and to serve on the hospitality team to set up or clean up on our website. A direct link is available in Friday’s *Weekly Postings*.



***The Annual Episcopal Visitation is Sunday, March 15.*** Bishop Logue will preside at the Holy Eucharist at both 8 AM and 11 AM with the rite of Confirmation and Reception at the 11 AM service. Please plan to join us in the Berlin Room for a “Conversation with the Bishop” at the Sunday Forum at 9:30 AM and share a few moments following the service with our Confirmands in the Churchyard.

***Save the Date —Our Neighborhood Partner School, Hornsby Elementary, will celebrate Field Day April 17*** and has asked for volunteers to help with set up and break down. Come, cheer and encourage, and celebrate with our friends from Hornsby. Details forthcoming.

***More information about these announcements*** and other events is available in Friday’s *Weekly Postings*, including registration and contact information. A copy is available in the Narthex and on our website; or join our email list by signing up on the website or contacting the parish administrator, at mailbox@saintpauls.org.

***Make a gift—“All that we are and all that we have comes from God. In gratitude, we honor him by giving of ourselves and our gifts to care for his world.”*** Gifts can be made using the QR Code to the right, on-line at saintpauls.org/giving, or by mail to Saint Paul’s Church, 605 Reynolds St., Augusta, GA 30901. Thank you for your generosity.



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

<b>8:00 - 8:45 AM</b>	<b>HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I</b>
<b>9:00 AM - 10:45 AM</b>	<b>COFFEE AND LIGHT BREAKFAST - TYLER HALL</b>
<b>9:25 - 10:00 AM</b>	<b>CHILDREN/YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSALS</b>
<b>9:30 - 10:30 AM</b>	<b>CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS</b>
<b>10:00 - 10:45 AM</b>	<b>CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR CHILDREN</b>
<b>11:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>HOLY EUCHARIST Rite II</b>
<b>Following the 11:00 AM Service</b>	<b>LEMONADE ON THE LAWN</b>
<b>5:00 - 7:00 PM</b>	<b>EYC (EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY)</b>
<b>5:30 - 6:15 PM</b>	<b>CELTIC EVENING PRAYER &amp; COMMUNION WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING</b>

Nursery care offered in the Children's Ministry Center (CMC) 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM.  
The 11 AM service is broadcast on Facebook and YouTube at Saint Paul's Church-Augusta  
and by radio at WGAC 580 AM Radio and 95.1 FM Radio. Listen live on-line at <http://wgac.com>

### VESTRY

Kitty Gordon, Sr. Warden	Charlie Tudor, Jr. Warden	Will Rice, Treasurer
Bryan Hawkins, Chancellor	Julie Badger, Clerk of the Vestry	

#### Vestry Term Expires 2026

Stacy Nuessle  
Tom Cathey  
Mary Porter Vann

#### Vestry Term Expires 2027

Kathleen Chandler  
Patsy Davis  
Melissa Friedman

#### Vestry Term Expires 2028

Jerry Ashmore, III  
Linda Hardy  
Tom Robertson

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Altar Guild – Catherine Stuckey	Acolytes – Meg & Donald Horton
Buildings and Grounds – John Robertson	Creation Care – in transition
Daughters of the King – Suzanne Pursley-Crotteau	Endowment – Monty Osteen
Eucharistic Visitors – Ellen Nesbitt	Finance – Cameron Nixon
Facebook – Stacy Nuessle & Aubrey Hinkson	Flower Guild – Barbara Register & Laurie Montgomery
Flower Delivery – Barbara Register & Margaret Scott Penix	History – in transition
Hospitality and Parish Life – Eric Friedman	Interior Design – Julie Badger
Invite, Welcome, Connect – Jackie Pingel & Dianne L'Heureux	Lectors & LEM – Robin Merriman
Linen Guild – Tricia Nixon	Nursery Grandmother's Guild – Coleman Graham
Outreach – Marilyn Grau	Pastoral Care Ministry – Ellen Nesbitt
Stewardship – Kitty Gordon	Ushers – Rex Teeslink & Cindy Shafer
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