



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

Eight o'clock in the Morning

WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

We are glad you are here. 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. After receiving the bread and wine or a blessing at the altar rail, please exit through the door to the left of the altar and return to your pew via the side aisles.
- For those who may prefer not to receive communion at the main altar, a communion station is provided on the main floor. 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, an usher, or place it in the offering plate. Please feel free to fill out as much or as little information as you'd like so we can connect with you.

Holy Eucharist: Rite One

The Word of God

Our Service Begins in the Book of Common Prayer

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Collect for Purity

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Gloria

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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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Prayed responsively by whole verse

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

- 4 ***Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.***
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 ***Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.***

The Epistle

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

The Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

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

People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Kimberly E. Dunn

The Nicene Creed **Page 326**

The Prayers of the People **Page 328**

We will omit the Confession of Sin during the Great Fifty Days as part of our Easter Celebration.

The Peace **Page 332**

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

Parish Greetings & Announcements

The Reverend Kimberly E. Dunn

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.***

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer I **Page 333**

The Lord's Prayer **Page 336**

The Breaking of the Bread **Page 336**

We will omit the Agnus Dei and the Prayer of Humble Access during the Great Fifty Days as part of our Easter Celebration.

The Communion *All who come in faith are welcome at the Lord's table.*

The Post-Communion Prayer **Page 339**

Sending out of the Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All ***We, who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.***

The Blessing **Page 339**

The Dismissal

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

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS SUNDAY

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mickey Goodwin by Tori, Braye, Hollis & Camden and arranged by the Flower Guild.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED:

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially Sandra Mashburn, Ellen Nesbitt, Hank Wickware, Linda Hilliard, Jim Hilliard, LaRue Downing, Bill Weston, Pam Uros, Lois Marble, 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, Sharie Wylie-Gruen, Michael Krepps, Joy Mallard, James Wesley Schutte, Andrew Recuperero, Mike, Ryan, Mark Simon, Courtney Childers, Beatrice Wiglesworth, Rhett Baker, Leslie Kingsley, F., Linda Wandless, Joshua Wickware, Pam and Bob Pate, Jr., Linda Carrne, the Spraggins family.

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, Brandon Walker.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend Eric Biddy, Rector of Saint Paul's, is on sabbatical through June. Saint Paul's is grateful to all the clergy and lay leaders making our worship possible this week.

Following this service in Tyler Hall: Homemade bagels with all the fixin's for breakfast. Then at 9:30 AM, two options for Adult Formation: at the Sunday Forum, Mtr. Kimberly begins a study of the Gospel of John in the Berlin Room, and in the chapel, Lectionary Discussion Group for an informal discussion of the Sunday scriptures we read in church.

4 PM in the Berlin Room—Spiritual Explorations—Please join us for our formation series exploring ways to know God and ourselves through the heart. Our last session, Visio Divina: Seeing the Divine in Art, is led by Lydia Bliven. Visio divina is a prayer practice of "divine seeing" in which we look at an image and invite the divine to speak to our hearts.

The Daughters of the King invite you to a spiritual morning of quiet solitude May 2, 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 Tyler Hall. Contact Mtr. Kimberly for more information at kdunn@saintpauls.org.

It's Taco Night at our next Men's Monthly Meal (Mmm!) scheduled Wednesday, May 6 in the River Room. (Men gather at 4 PM to cook, the parish gathers at 6 PM for dinner.) On the menu: Tacos, with a vegetarian option, black beans, street corn (off the cobb). PLEASE RSVP on the website, so that we may be a good host. A direct link is available in Friday's *Weekly Postings*.

Common Ground Fellowship will gather Wednesday, April 6 for a social evening of fellowship, refreshments and recreation. For more information and location, contact the parish office at mailbox@saintpauls.org. 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.)

Parents of graduating high school seniors: Senior Sunday is May 10. There are several opportunities to participate! Please contact Aubrey Hinkson (ahinkson@sainpauls.org) as soon as possible if your student is interested in being included in this service.

Support the Women Spring Drive through Mother's Day— The Daughters of the King have partnered with four local agencies to gather gently used bras, new packaged undergarments, and feminine hygiene product to meet the needs of women and young girls in the CSRA. The teal collection boxes are located in the Narthex and in Tyler Hall, or make a gift using the QR code to the right and the Outreach Committee will do the shopping for you. More information is available in Friday's *Weekly Postings*, or by contacting Janet Olson at janetolson@bellsouth.net.



Save the Date for Eat, Pray, Swim, our Saint Paul's Parish Day at the Park, May 31, 2026. We have an afternoon of fun and fellowship planned for all ages at Wildwood Park with an indoor, air-conditioned group shelter. More information to come!

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@sainpauls.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 sainpauls.org/giving, or by mail to Saint Paul's Church, 605 Reynolds St., Augusta, GA 30901. Thank you.



SERVING TODAY

The Reverend Kimberly E. Dunn
Stan Taylor
Jim Hancock, Bobbie Ingentio
Martin Schwerzler
Kathleen Fickling, Becky Wright

Celebrant and Preacher
Eucharistic Minister
Eucharistic Visitors
Vestry Member
Altar Guild

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

Nursery care offered in the Children's Ministry Center (CMC) 9:30 AM - 12:00 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

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

Vestry Term Expires 2027

Kathleen Chandler
Patsy Davis
Melissa Friedman

Vestry Term Expires 2028

Jerry Ashmore, III
Katherine Ferrara
Tom Robertson

Vestry Term Expires 2029

Will Badger
Summer Bell
Martin Schwerzler

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Altar Guild – Catherine Stuckey	Acolytes – Meg & Donald Horton
Buildings and Grounds – John Robertson	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	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	W.E.E.M. – The Rev. Kimberly Dunn & Summer Bell

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