



**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 10, 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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### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson

**Acts 17:22-31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 ***Who holds our souls in life, \****  
***and will not allow our feet to slip.***
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 ***You brought us into the snare; \****  
***you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.***
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 ***I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, \****  
***which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.***
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 ***Come and listen, all you who fear God, \****  
***and I will tell you what he has done for me.***
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 ***If I had found evil in my heart, \****  
***the Lord would not have heard me;***
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 ***Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \****  
***nor withheld his love from me.***

## The Epistle

## 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

## The Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

Kennedy Horton

## The Nicene Creed

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## The Prayers of the People

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

## The Peace

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*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

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## The Lord's Prayer

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## The Breaking of the Bread

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*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

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## **Sending out of the Eucharistic Visitor**

*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**

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## **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 by Soleta Baird in memory of Bessie Mary Baird and Elise Morris and in honor of all mothers. Arranged by the Flower Guild.

### **PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED:**

***For the special needs and concerns of this congregation;*** especially Celeste Ray, Sandra Mashburn, Ellen Nesbitt, Nikki Wickware, Linda Hilliard, Jim Hilliard, LaRue Downing, Bill Weston, Pam Uros, Lois Marble, 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, Andrew Recupero, Mike, Ryan, Mark Simon, Courtney Childers, Rhett Baker, Leslie Kingsley, F., Linda Wandless, Pam and Bob Pate, Jr., Linda Carrne, the Spraggins family, Jim Sealock, Charles Courtney.

***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.

***For all those who have died;*** especially, Betty Ray.

### **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 homemade bagels for breakfast in Tyler Hall. Then at 9:30 AM, two options for Adult Formation:*** at the Sunday Forum, Mtr. Kimberly leads 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.

***Today: Episcopal Youth & Children's Services special offering.*** EYCS is a unique organization in the Diocese of Georgia that provides need-based college scholarships for undergraduates and financial assistance for children who might otherwise not be able to go to summer camp at Honey Creek, the Episcopal camp & conference center of the Diocese of Georgia. Several Saint Paul's youth have been among the many recipients of this college scholarship. To make a donation, please make your checks payable to Saint Paul's and note your gift to EYCS; online gifts choose special offering then EYCS. We will mail the offering Wednesday, May 27.

**All women are invited to Paint and Pray, our final spring semester W.E.E.M. (Women's Enrichment and Empowerment Ministry) gathering, May 12, 5:30-7 PM.** We will have all of the items you will need to complete a small painting project. Bring a poem or prayer to share (optional) and invite a friend to join us in Tyler Hall for heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks. For more information, contact Mtr. Kimberly (kdunn@saintpauls.org) or Summer Bell (summerfin@gmail.com).

**RSVP for Parents' Afternoon Out Saturday, May 16, (time TBA around 1 PM).** This afternoon is set aside for parents to reconnect and recharge while children enjoy a movie. We will be watching either the Prince of Egypt or the Mario movie depending upon interest and availability. Contact Aubrey Hinkson for more information at ahinkson@saintpauls.org. RSVP required.

**Don't miss the last Senior Lunch for the program year! Join us Wednesday, May 20, at 12 Noon in Tyler Hall** for a relaxing social time. Lunch is provided but donations welcome. Please sign up in the Narthex on Sunday mornings or on our website. A direct link is available in the *Weekly Postings*.

**Help us package our next set of Snack Packs, Saturday, May 23, 9 AM in Tyler Hall.** Snack Packs are small bags of food containing some type of protein, cracker, water, etc., to help sustain someone until their next meal. Two ways to help: Donate items for our snack packs, especially protein (example: tuna pouches, Vienna sausages with a pull tab, meat sticks, meat jerky) and/or help us pack bags in Tyler Hall. Contact Mandy Harmon (msamandajoy27@hotmail.com) or Melissa Friedman (friedmanme2@gmail.com) for more information.

**Pentecost is 2 weeks away! Wear red and bring a dish to share to our Parish Potluck May 24, following the 11 AM service.** The church will provide chicken. Please bring a large side, salad, or dessert to share to the River Room kitchen before the 11 AM service.

**Eat, Pray, Swim— Let's launch the summer with an afternoon of food, fellowship and fun at Wildwood Park, on Clark's Hill Lake, May 31, 1-4 PM.** We will leave right after the 11:00 AM service and enjoy burgers and hot dogs, buns, condiments, iced tea and lemonade. Please sign up on our website to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. More information and an RSVP direct link available in the *Weekly Postings* and on the flyer in the narthex.

**Name tags allow us to get to know each other and be a welcoming community to all.** If you need a name tag or have just misplaced yours, email the parish office (cstuckey@saintpauls.org) or ask an usher for the yellow form to request a name tag.

**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.

## SERVING TODAY

The Reverend Kimberly E. Dunn  
Kennedy Horton  
Stan Taylor  
Jim Hancock  
Martin Schwerzler  
Catherine Stuckey

Celebrant  
Preacher  
Eucharistic Minister  
Eucharistic Visitor  
Vestry Member  
Altar Guild

## 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 - 12:00 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 – Kathleen Fickling
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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