



The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

May 24, 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, 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. 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.

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.

Almighty God, who on this day didst open the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of thy Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs— in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 ***Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.***
- 27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 ***All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.***
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 ***You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.***
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 ***May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.***
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 ***I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.***
- 35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 ***Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!***

The New Testament

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— Jews or Greeks, slaves or free— and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-23

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

The Sermon

The Reverend Kimberly E. Dunn

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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Celebrant Dear People of God: Our Lord Jesus Christ sealed the Paschal mystery of his death and resurrection in his ascension and gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. That same Spirit continues to give birth to God's people by the waters of Baptism. I call upon you, therefore, to renew your own baptismal covenant.

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 into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED:

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially Louis Walker, Celeste Ray, Sandra Mashburn, Ellen Nesbitt, Nikki Wickware, Linda Hilliard, Jim Hilliard, LaRue Downing, Bill Weston, Pam Uros, Lois Marble, 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, Joyce Mitchell, Shirley B., Mike Ivey, Jan McElreath, Laura Luther Medved, 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, Jim Ring, Bennett Ivey, Isaac Mikell, Zach Nevard, Jackson Smith, Brandon Walker.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend Eric Bidy, 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— Please join us for a continental breakfast in Tyler Hall, then at **9:30 AM at the Sunday Forum: The Gospel of John in the Berlin Room and the Sunday Lectionary Discussion in the Chapel.**

Following the 11:00 AM Service — **Please join us in the River Room for our annual Parish Pentecost Dinner.**

Caring Prayer Thursday, May 26, is for anyone who wants to pray and needs support. The group is appropriate for caregivers, for anyone who is mourning, lives with chronic illness, has lost their job, or faces any kind of challenge that might be helped by love and prayer. Gather at 3:30 PM in the chapel to pray Evening Prayer together, check in with each other, and provide mutual support. For more information contact Mtr. Kimberly at kdunn@saintpauls.org.

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.

Common Ground Fellowship, our young adult ministry, will partner with Project Refresh for a mobile shower service day, June 6, 9 AM-12 PM at Saint Paul's. Volunteers are needed to greet guests and assist with forms and other tasks. Project Refresh (www.projectrefreshinc.com) was organized by local healthcare workers witnessing the effect a shower has on the spirit of those in need. Email the parish office (mailbox@saintpauls.org) for info on helping with this new service opportunity. All ages welcome.

Send a gift with our mission team to Ecuador. We're collecting over the counter first aid items needed in Quito until June 3. A "wish list" of medical supplies is available in the *Weekly Postings*. We've placed a box in the office for collection. For more information, contact Gene Helmich at ehelmich21@comcast.net. Gifts may be also made using the QR code to the right and the Outreach Committee will do the shopping.



Open Sundays for Altar Flowers: June 7, August 16 and 30, September 6, 13 and 20. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday in honor or memory of someone, please contact the Parish Office at mailbox@saintpauls.org. The normal charge is \$125.

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.



SERVING TODAY

The Reverend Kimberly E. Dunn
Jason Massie
Becky Wright
Summer Bell
Bobbie Ingenito

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

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 - 8:45 AM	HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I
9:00 AM - 10:45 AM	CONTINENTAL 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) (returns Early August)
5:30 - 6:15 PM	CELTIC EVENING PRAYER & COMMUNION WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Nursery care offered in the Children's Ministry Center (CMC) 9:20 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

Linda Hardy, Sr. Warden
Bryan Hawkins, Chancellor

Charlie Tudor, Jr. Warden
Julie Badger, Clerk of the Vestry

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Vestry Term Expires 2027

Kathleen Chandler
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Melissa Friedman

Vestry Term Expires 2028

Jerry Ashmore, III
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Tom Robertson

Vestry Term Expires 2029

Will Badger
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Martin Scherzler

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Flower Guild – Barbara Register & Laurie Montgomery
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Nursery Grandmother's Guild – Coleman Graham
Pastoral Care Ministry – Ellen Nesbitt
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