



The Feast of Independence Day

July 5, 2026

Eleven 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 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.

Celebration of The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

Organ Voluntary

Variations on "America"

Charles Ives

Written in 1891 at the age of 17 by one of America's greatest composers this set of variations incorporates numerous musical treatments of the theme, including some Mozart, a circus calliope and two bands approaching each other performing the hymn in two different keys simultaneously

At the Procession, Hymn 717

America, arranged by Richard R. Webster

"My country, 'tis of thee"

Commissioned in honor of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America by Saint Paul's Church, Augusta, Georgia, Established in 1750

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from
4 Our fa - ther's God, to thee, au - thor of

lib - er - ty, of thee I sing; land where my
no - ble free, thy name I love; I love thy
all the trees sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal
lib - er - ty, to thee we sing; long may our

fa - thers died, land of the pil - grim's pride,
rocks and rills, thy woods and that tem - pled hills;
tongues a - wake, let with all that breathe par - take,
land be bright with free - dom's ho - ly light;

from ev - ery moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.
my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our pro - long King.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis Deo

S-280, by Robert Powell



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - v'nly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 10:17-21

The LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 607

Ellacombe, arranged by James Biery and Keith Shafer

"O God of every nation"



1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength - en all who la - bor that we may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and na - tion and blind - ness to your way,
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!
with fath that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

Hymn 719

Materna, arranged by Richard R. Webster

“O beautiful for spacious skies”



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, whose stern im - pas - sioned stress
 3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 4 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat a - cross the wild - er - ness,
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
 thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! may God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,



and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law!
 Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness and ev - ery gain di - vine!
 and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

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

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

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Eric Biddy

The Nicene Creed

The People are invited to stand.

All ***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

The People are invited to remain standing or kneel.

Celebrant In gratitude and hope, let us pray for our Church, our Nation, and our World:

Leader Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

People **Heal us.**

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

Forgive us.

We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

Inspire us.

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

Enlighten us.

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

Renew us.

We pray for the needs in our parish and world.

The People may add their own petitions, either silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear us.

Celebrant Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The People are invited to stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant

The Offertory Anthem

arranged by Arlen Clarke and Keith Shafer

"God of the ages"

The Saint Paul's Choir

The Independence Day Brass and Percussion

God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise. Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land with thee our lot is cast; be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, thy Word our law, thy path our chosen way. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense; thy true religion in our hearts increase; thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace. Refresh thy people on their toilsome way; lead us from night to never-ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

- Daniel Crane Roberts (alt)

Presentation Hymn

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Old 100th

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heav - 'nly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1

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.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People are invited to remain standing or kneel.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Saint Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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 who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Fraction Anthem

The refrains are sung by all.

S-169, by Ray W. Urwin

Cantor



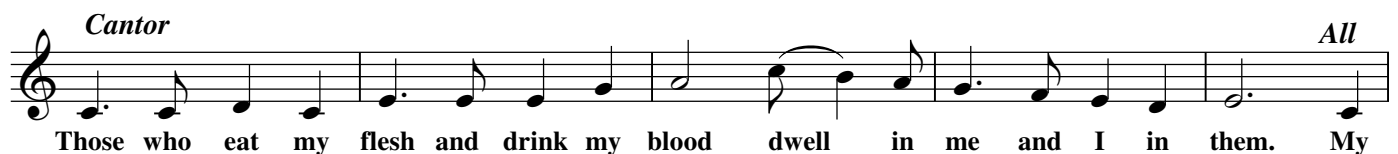
My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the

All



Lord. My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Cantor *All*



Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My



flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

The Communion

All who come in faith are welcome at the Lord's table. Please process to the altar by the center aisle, exit through the door to the left of the altar, and return to your seat by the side aisles. More information is available on the inside front cover of this bulletin.

The Communion Music

Organ Voluntary

Paul Bouman, Charles Callahan, Larry Shackley

Variations on "Melita"

Hymn 579

Melita, arranged by Paul Walton and Keith Shafer

"Almighty Father, strong to save"



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic
3 O Spi - rit, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
runs a - main by moun - tain pass or val - ley low; wher -
firm - a - ment; O Wind of hea - ven, by thy might save
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed li - mits keep: O hear us when we
ev - er, Lord, thy peo - ple go, pro - tect them by thy
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
guard - ing hand from ev - ery per - il on the land.
watch - ful care from ev - ery per - il in the air.
rise to thee glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.

The Post-Communion Prayer

The people are invited to stand or kneel.

All

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Celebrant

Hymn 680

St. Anne, arranged by John Rutter

"O God, our help in ages past"



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;
6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.
6 be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Geoffrey Liu

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Elizabeth and Charlie Tudor in memory of Colonel Samuel Hammond, patriot, soldier, and statesman.

They were arranged by the Flower Guild.

TODAY'S SPECIAL MUSIC IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND

In memory of Randolph R. Smith, by Rebecca Ashmore.

In thanksgiving for my Saint Paul's family, by Naila Assad.

Remembering with love, Paige Folley Christian, who died July 4, 2019, and Dr. Joe Christian Jr., U.S. Air Force, by Ann Claiborne Christian.

In memory of Sergeant Elmore G. Davis, by Glen and Camille Davis.

In thanksgiving for Keith Shafer, by William and Carolyn Dolen.

In memory of Gordon and Martha Claire Farmer, by Jim Farmer.

In memory of Chester Holmes Jr., by Kurt Holmes.

In honor of Erick Montgomery in recognition of his efforts in preserving history, by his family.

In thanksgiving for the 250th Anniversary of American independence, by Ellen Nesbitt.

In memory of Harry M. Osteen and Charles H. Drayton, by Molly and Monty Osteen.

In appreciation of my two sons and their families, by Ann Y. Pendarvis.

In memory of Bowdre P. Mays, by Catherine Robertson.

In thanksgiving for God's blessings, by Kyaw Thein and Thinn San.

In honor of William Todd Shafer, U.S. Air Force; and in memory of William Albert, U.S. Army; Catillo Apa, U.S. Navy; Elton Harry Shafer, U.S. Army; Ellis Gale Shields, U.S. Navy; and Sidney Shields, U.S. Army, by Keith and Cindy Shafer.

In memory of Marine Lieutenant Colonel Jimmie Dyess, recipient of the Carnegie Medal and the Congressional Medal of Honor.

In honor of all military personnel who have valiantly served America, by Rex and Lou Teeslink.

In memory of Oren, miss you every day, by Nancy and Abby.

In thanksgiving for the St. Nicholas and Canterbury Choirs, by Elizabeth and Charlie Tudor.

In thanksgiving for our grandson, Hunter Hurrion, by Pam and Nick Uros.

In memory of our son, Mark Yarbrough, M.D., by Al and Laraine Yarbrough.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially, Betsy Rollins, Kisha Seals, Mary Lynn Ford, Yvona Myrna, Francis O'Shea, Ann Kilpatrick, Lois Hand, Ricie Eubanks, Dorine Smith, Wayne Matthews, Suzanne Pursley-Crotteau, Samm Fusselle, Katie Delaigle, Susan Keithley, Margaret Lodi, Gary Crotteau, Louis Walker, Jimmy Dykes, Greg Maxie, Bill Houghton, the Woods-Bates family, Sam Downing.

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.

For all who have died; especially, Eric Albertin, Deborah Bates.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following today's service, we will gather in the River Room for a BBQ Parish Dinner. Please join us.

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. These funds are used to meet urgent needs within our community, to further the ministries of the church when other funds are not available, and to support community programs and institutions that serve those in need.

Sunday Forum this Summer—Throughout July, the Sunday Forum will feature guest clergy and lay leaders sharing reflections on faith and theological topics. Next Sunday, Lydia Bliven and Tom Smyth will present the lesson "The Synthesis of the Eucharist" for Adult Formation at 9:30 AM. Together the class will look at the prayers, gestures, and concrete elements of the liturgy to explore how they connect. Join us for a hands-on, global view of the Eucharist.

Registration for EfM begins on July 15th and weekly meetings begin in early September. What is EfM? The Education for Ministry program is designed to help move individuals toward a deeper understanding of the fullness of God's kingdom and one's individual and shared role in it. More details available in Friday's *Weekly Postings*. Questions, contact tom.smyth@icloud.com for additional information.

Help us package our next set of Snack Packs, Saturday, July 25, 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. Donate food and/or help us pack. More information available in the Narthex, in Friday's *Weekly Postings*, or by contacting Mandy Harmon (msamandajoy27@hotmail.com) or Melissa Friedman (friedmanme2@gmail.com).

Back-to-School Blessing—We're sending our students and educators back to school with our prayers and blessings. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite your friends to join us for this special service, August 2, 11 AM. All students, teachers, and administrators are encouraged to bring book bags, briefcases, or laptops to be blessed for the new school year.

August 2, following the 11 AM service, all kids and their families are invited to Sundaes Sunday in Tyler Hall. Grab an ice cream and tour the children's formation rooms and meet our amazing volunteers. We will answer any questions about Sunday School offerings. All are welcome! For more information about our Children and Youth Ministries, contact Aubrey Hinkson at ahinkson@saintpauls.org.

A Note about our Prayer List: Twice a year the parish begins a new prayer list: January 1 and July 1. Email Catherine Stuckey (cstuckey@saintpauls.org) in the parish office to let us know you'd like a name (new or continuing) to be added to our new list.

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, drop by the greeters table to complete a yellow form. We'll make the tag and you'll find it at the table next week.

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 Eric Biddy
The Reverend Kimberly E. Dunn
Keith Shafer
Carolyn Dolen
Mat Merriman, Robin Merriman
Bert Powell, Ellen Nesbitt
Abby McQueen, Bill Badger, Kemp Badger, Harrison Young
BJ Blackwood, Catherine Stuckey
John Luther, Cindy Shafer, Sally Simkins, Charlie Tudor
Katherine Ferrara
Summer Bell, Ellen Nesbitt, Ann Pendarvis
Fabio Mann and James Vaughn, Trumpets;
Blake Allen, Horn; Kate Jenkins, Trombone;
Jeremy McLeroy, Bass Trombone;
Kevin Baggott and Tyler Milford, Percussion;
Dr. W. Dan Hardin, Guest Organist

Preacher and Celebrant
Assisting Priest
Director of Music and Organist
Verger
Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors
Acolytes
Altar Guild
Ushers
Vestry Person of the Day
Eucharistic Visitors
The Independence Day Brass

VESTRY

Linda Hardy, Sr. Warden
Bryan Hawkins, Chancellor

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

Will Rice, Treasurer

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

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