



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 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.

- We share communion from three locations: we receive at the altar rail and on the floor below the pulpit (especially for those who need or would prefer to avoid stairs). Or, the ministers can bring bread and wine to you in your pew (please notify an usher).
- At the altar rail, a minister will share bread and another minister will follow with a cup of wine. Those who are drinking from the common cup of wine will eat the bread and then drink from the cup. Those receiving by intinction should hold the bread until the Lay Eucharistic Minister approaches with the wine. The LEM will dip the bread in the wine and then return it. After receiving communion or a blessing, the people exit through the door to the left (as you face the altar).
- To receive a blessing instead of either or both the bread and/or the wine, cross both arms over your chest, with palms on your collar. The church has always taught that Christ is fully present in each element of communion, and so receiving only the bread, for instance, has no effect on the amount of grace enjoyed in the sacrament.
- If your children are in the nursery, you are invited to bring them to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.
- Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the person sharing the bread.

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 people are invited to stand.

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

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Kyrie eleison and 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.

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. ***Amen.***

The people are invited to sit for the readings.

Old Testament

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 ***I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;***
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 ***When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.***
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 ***They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.***
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 ***Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.***
- 9 ***The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.***

The Epistle

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

The People are invited to stand.

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

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Kimberly E. Dunn

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

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The Confession and Absolution

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The People are invited to stand.

The Peace

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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.***

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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Agnus Dei

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The Communion

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

The Post-Communion Prayer

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

The Dismissal

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

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

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Mary Bryson Stuckey and Matthew Acosta. They were arranged by the Flower Guild.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially Dee Richardson, Sandra Mashburn, Betsy Rollins, Kisha Seals, Yvona Myrna, Francis O'Shea, Ann Kilpatrick, Lois Hand, Ricie Eubanks, Dorine Smith, Suzanne Pursley-Crotteau, Samm Fusselle, Katie Delaigle, Susan Keithley, Margaret Lodi, Gary Crotteau, Louis Walker, Jimmy Dykes, Greg Maxie, Jim Sealock, Charles Courtney, Laura Luther Medved, Drew Sandbach, Rhett Baker, Mitch Wyatt, Susan Wyatt, David Hawkins, Jim Williams, Pearce Truesdale, Zach Beckham, Shirley Courtney, Jane Silcox, Jeremy Carr, Mark Simon, Martha Chandler, Rob Verfurth.

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

For the departed; especially Jeanne Ashmore, Steven Chandler, Philip Wasson, Bill Houghton.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following this service— Please join us for breakfast in Tyler Hall, then at 9:30 AM at the Sunday Forum, Questions of Faith: What's Wrong (and Right) with People? This week at the Sunday Forum, we continue our exploration of the catechism by turning to human nature. The leading question from the catechism is "What are we by nature?" From there, we'll explore what it means to be made in the image of God and what it means to be set within creation.

9:30 AM in Tyler Hall Snack Pack Outreach—Join us to pack 90 Snack Pack Mini's for daily distribution in the Narthex of Saint Paul's. Snack Packs are small bags of food containing some type of protein, cracker, water, etc., to help sustain someone until their next meal. Simple handwritten notes can be included in the bags.

Newish? Following the 11AM service, come to Saint Paul's 101. Join us to connect with Saint Paul's parishioners, clergy, staff, and lay leaders. These events are a great chance to familiarize yourself not just with the people but the facilities and ministry opportunities that make this church come to life. Light snacks will be provided. Contact the parish office for more information at mailbox@saintpauls.org.

Caring Prayer, Thursday, August 27, 3:30 PM, in the Chapel, is for anyone who wants to pray and needs support. The group is for caregivers, anyone who is mourning, lives with chronic illness, has suffered loss of a job, or faces any kind of challenge that might be helped by love and prayer. For more information, contact Fr. Biddy at ebiddy@saintpauls.org.

Join our Greeter team, August 30, following the 11 AM service. A warm welcome can change a newcomer's entire Sunday. Join our upcoming Greeter Orientation to learn the ropes and become part of our front-line welcoming team. Contact Jackie Pingel, jackiepingel@gmail.com, or Dianne L'Heureux, dithehappy1@gmail.com, for more information.

Common Ground Fellowship will gather for silent prayer, Compline, and then go out to dinner together, Wednesday, August 26, 7 PM in Tyler Hall. 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 at ebiddy@saintpauls.org.

The Flower Guild 2027 wall calendar featuring photographs of some of this year's floral arrangements is available for pre-sale (\$25) until September 30th. If you would like one for yourself or as a gift, use the Giving QR code below or visit our website; Choose Flower Guild and add a comment "2027 Calendar" or place a check in the offering plate with "Flower Guild Calendar" on the memo line. If you need further information, contact Laurie Montgomery at lauriefm628@gmail.com.

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.



IT'S HAPPENING! SAINT PAUL'S DIRECTORY IS UNDERWAY.

We are excited to introduce Realm, a new online church community designed to help us stay connected, communicate more effectively, and engage more fully in the life of Saint Paul's.

Our church directory will be part of Realm, giving parishioners a convenient way to connect with one another while keeping contact information current. As we roll out Realm, members will be able to create and update their profiles, choose what information they wish to share, and connect with fellow parishioners, groups, and ministries. As Realm expands throughout the parish, it will also provide opportunities to register for events, receive parish announcements, manage giving and view giving history, and most importantly stay connected.

We are committed to protecting the privacy of our parish community. Members will have control over the information they share in the directory, and parents will be able to review and manage information related to minors.

We encourage you to participate in this new online community and help us build a more connected Saint Paul's. More information, training opportunities, and instructions for getting started will be shared in the coming weeks including opportunities to take a picture with our staff and if you choose, update your profile by paper. We look forward to using Realm to strengthen relationships and support the life of our parish.

SERVING TODAY

The Reverend Kimberly E. Dunn
Bobbie Ingenito
Becky Wright
Melissa Friedman
Bobbie Ingenito

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

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Altar Guild – Catherine Stuckey
Buildings and Grounds – John Robertson
Endowment – Monty Osteen
Finance – Cameron Nixon
Flower Guild – Barbara Register & Laurie Montgomery
Interior Design – Julie Badger
Lectors & LEM – Robin Merriman
Nursery Grandmother's Guild – Coleman Graham
Pastoral Care Ministry – Ellen Nesbitt
Ushers – Rex Teeslink & Cindy Shafer

Acolytes – Meg & Donald Horton
Daughters of the King – Kathleen Fickling
Eucharistic Visitors – Ellen Nesbitt
Facebook – Stacy Nuessle & Aubrey Hinkson
Hospitality and Parish Life – Eric Friedman
Invite, Welcome, Connect – Jackie Pingel & Dianne L'Heureux
Linen Guild – Tricia Nixon
Outreach – Marilyn Grau
Stewardship – Kitty Gordon
W.E.E.M. – The Rev. Kimberly Dunn & Summer Bell

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Eric Biddy, Rector ext. 205
The Reverend Kimberly E. Dunn, Assoc. Rector ext. 204
The Reverend Dr. William K. Dolen, Assisting Priest
The Reverend Dr. Cynthia Taylor, Assisting Priest
The Reverend Erwin Veale, Assisting Priest
The Reverend Ted H. Clarkson, Assisting Priest
Aubrey Hinkson, Director of Children & Youth Ministries
Keith Shafer, Director of Music ext. 215
Catherine Stuckey, Liturgy and Parish life ext. 203
Elisabeth Price, Parish Administrator ext. 225
Norm Nieminen, Parish Accountant ext. 206
Toni Clayton, Assistant for Administrative Projects
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