



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**September 6, 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 us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The people are invited to sit for the readings.

Old Testament

Ezekiel 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalms 119:33-40

Prayed responsively by whole verse.

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 ***Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.***

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

**36 *Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.***

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

**38 *Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.***

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

**40 *Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.***

The Epistle

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

The People are invited to stand.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

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The People are invited to stand.

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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.***

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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.***

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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 by Dianne L'Heureux to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Janet Fariss Greenleaf.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially Dee Richardson, Sandra Mashburn, Betsy Rollins, Kisha Seals, Yvona Myrna, 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 Seacock, Charles Courtney, Laura Luther Medved, 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, Victor Dunn, Jamie Medved, Sonia Bentley.

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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following this service— Please join us for Homemade bagels with all the fixin's in Tyler Hall, then at 9:30 AM at the Sunday Forum for a conversation with our own Dr. M.G. "Bucky" Sheftall about his books Hiroshima: the Last Witnesses and Nagasaki: the Last Witnesses. These books (the Embers series) chronicle the experiences of survivors of the atomic bombs in intimate, harrowing detail. Bucky will introduce the books, and then he and Father Eric will lead a discussion of some of the relevant theological themes, such as memory, empathy, suffering, perseverance, community, and redemption.

Ironman Weekend Sign-ups for Sept. 26 and 27. We will have a fantastic weekend with volunteer opportunities for each of us to be involved in some way. Scan this QR code or contact Kim Butler at kimberlybutler@gmail.com for more information.



Sunday Forum 9/13 - Questions of Faith: What is Monotheism and Why Does it Matter? We'll continue our exploration of the catechism by asking what we learn about God through the revelation to Israel. The Book of Common Prayer answers in familiar words: "there is one God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen." What difference does monotheism make for how we live our lives of faith? What does idolatry look like today? And how do we make sense of the claims of other religions?

Hornsby Book Drive begins today—Support young readers at Hornsby Elementary by giving a new or gently read book (all ages, picture book - 5th grade). A list of suggested titles is available. Help us spark a love of reading in young minds and make a lasting impact on our community. For more information contact Barbara Coleman at barbaracoleman@gmail.com.

First Sunday Offering— Your generous non-pledged offerings (cash and designated checks) on the first Sunday each month support our clergy's Discretionary Account. These funds are used to meet urgent needs within our community.

ERD Offering —The Outreach Committee has voted to send \$1000 to Episcopal Relief and Development's International Disaster Fund to support in support of the flooding in Nepal. We will collect gifts from the parish, and then will send a combined check from the people of Saint Paul's Wednesday, September 23. If you would like to add your gift, please make your check payable to Saint Paul's Church with a notation ERD Disaster Fund. You may also use the Giving QR code below or visit our website; Choose Special Offering and ERD sub fund.

Invite a friend to our next gathering of W.E.E.M. (Women's Enrichment and Empowerment Ministry), September 8, 5:30-7 PM, Tyler Hall. Rachel Ray from Enoch Tarver Law Firm will be our guest to walk us through the importance of estate planning. For more information, contact Mtr. Kimberly (kdunn@saintpauls.org) or Summer Bell (summerfin@gmail.com).

Common Ground Fellowship will gather for a pool party, Saturday September 12. 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 event address or more information contact Fr. Eric at ebiddy@saintpauls.org.

Dish and serve ice cream and cookies at our quarterly Veteran's Social September 13, 2:30-3:30 PM. We'll meet at the GA War Veterans' Nursing Home located at 1101 15th Street to share a dessert and then spend much-appreciated time visiting. For more information contact Gene Helmich at ehelmich21@comcast.net.

Spiritual Explorations class will begin September 13, 4 -5 PM in the Berlin Room. Linda Hardy will discuss meditation including a brief review of both Christian and Western meditation styles, and will lead a guided meditation for the group. All are welcome. For further information contact Lydia Bliven at bliven@comcast.net or Linda Hardy at lindahardy703@gmail.com.

Join us for our first Senior Lunch of the season, Wednesday, September 16, 12 Noon in Tyler Hall. While gearing to retirees, anyone is welcome. No agenda; just a relaxing social time every third Wednesdays September to May. Lunch is provided but donations are welcome. Please sign up in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. A direct link is available in Friday's Weekly Postings. Contact Gene Helmich (ehelmich21@comcast.net) for more information.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

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.



BE PART OF OUR SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH DIRECTORY!

We're excited to create a new Saint Paul's Church Directory through Realm—a wonderful way to stay connected and strengthen our parish family. Next week you will receive an invitation to join Realm. Please create your Realm login, review your information and privacy preferences, and upload a photo.

Need help with Realm? We'll be in Tyler Hall from 9-10:45 AM and on the east Portico following the 11 AM service on **Sunday, September 13** and **Sunday, September 20**. We're happy to help you get started, answer your questions, and take your family photo if you need one. For weekday appointments, contact Toni (tclayton@saintpauls.org).

Your participation is important! The more of our parish family who participate, the more meaningful our directory will be. We hope everyone will join in!

SERVING TODAY

The Reverend Kimberly E. Dunn
Bobbie Ingenito
Catherine Stuckey
Charlie Tudor
Bobbie Ingenito

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	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 & YOUTH
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) (please see the EYC calendar for dates)
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	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 – Linda Hardy and Charlie Tudor
Ushers – Rex Teeslink & Cindy Shafer	W.E.E.M. – The Rev. Kimberly Dunn & Summer Bell

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