



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The people are invited to sit for the readings.

Old Testament

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 ***You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
 you cast out the nations and planted it.***

9 You prepared the ground for it; *
 it took root and filled the land.

10 ***The mountains were covered by its shadow *
 and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.***

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
 and its branches to the River.

12 ***Why have you broken down its wall, *
 so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?***

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
 and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 ***Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
 behold and tend this vine; *
 preserve what your right hand has planted.***

The Epistle

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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.***

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Ted H. Clarkson

The Nicene Creed

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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.***

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Sending out of the Eucharistic Visitor	
<i>Celebrant</i>	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.
<i>All</i>	<i>We, who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.</i>
The Blessing	Page 339
The Dismissal	
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
<i>People</i>	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Lois Hand
in loving memory of Bob Hand, Jimmy Hancock, and Bruce Hancock.
Arranged by the Flower Guild.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially Juliana Lindsey, Ann Pendarvis, Rain Coleman, 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 Sealock, 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, Rob Verfurth, Victor Dunn, Jamie Medved, Sonia Bentley, Warren Sealock, Arion Strothers, Betty Harrod, Ann Parker, Nancy Kotti, Shane Prince.

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.

COME TO A FALL STEWARDSHIP GATHERING

Join others in fellowship, conversation, and discussion about the importance of giving and what our giving says about where we place our priorities and our trust. Thank you to those who will host these gatherings! Choose the date/time best for you by using this QR code or emailing Toni Clayton at tclayton@saintpauls.org. In the abundance we have been given may we all consider our own calling to give abundantly as well.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following this service— Please join us for homemade bagels and all the fixin's for breakfast in Tyler Hall. Then at 9:30 AM at the Sunday Forum in the Berlin Room, we'll continue our journey through the catechism by focusing on its claims about divine power. Following the track of God as creator, we will then wonder about the fullness of creation—of what is included when we confess that God created all that is, seen and unseen.

Next Sunday at Adult Forum - Meet Amy Lewis, our intern for the next two years. Amy will host “Ask me anything” regarding her discernment and ordination process, her life of faith, first impressions of Saint Paul's, the role of the church in the world, or, well, anything!

4 PM in the Churchyard, Blessing of the Animals—Bring your best friend for a celebration and blessing. Donations of paper towels, bleach, Dawn detergent, 13-gallon garbage bags, or cash/checks for The Augusta Humane Society will also be accepted. All animals must be on a leash or in a carrier.

First Sunday Offering— Your generous non-pledged offerings on the first Sunday each month support our clergy's Discretionary Accounts. These funds (cash or designated checks to their accounts) are used to meet urgent needs in our community, ministries of the church when other funds are not available, and support community programs and institutions that serve those in need.

Sharing kindness and care with Hornsby Elementary - we will collect essential personal-care items to donate to students. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant or monetary gifts used to purchase these will be accepted through October. Collection boxes are located in the Narthex and Tyler Hall. Contact Barbara Coleman (barbaracoleman@gmail.com) for more information.

The 38th season of Tuesday's Music Live continues October 6 with a free 30-minute concert at 12:00 Noon performed by Anita Graef, cello, and Nathan Canfield, piano. More information at tuesdaysmusiclive.com or 706-722-3463.

Join us for our next Men's Monthly Meal (Mmm!) scheduled Wednesday, October 7. (Men gather at 4 PM to cook, the parish gathers at 6 PM for dinner.) On the menu: spaghetti and meatballs, bread and salad. Please RSVP on the website, so that we may be a good host. A direct link is available in Friday's *Weekly Postings*.

Daughters of the King invite you to Quiet Morning - Saturday, October 10, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM, beginning in the chapel. You may bring any “prayer tools” such as your bible, journal, etc. for scripture-lead meditation with communion. A pot-luck lunch follows in Tyler Hall. Contact Mtr. Kimberly at kdunn@saintpauls.org.

Spiritual Explorations meets October 11 from 4 -5 PM in the Berlin Room. Linda Hardy will lead a discussion of Visio Divina. All are welcome. For further information contact Lydia Bliven at bliven@comcast.net or Linda Hardy at lindahardy703@gmail.com.

W.E.E.M. (Women's Enrichment and Empowerment Ministry) focuses on Breast Cancer Awareness, Tuesday October 13, 5:30 PM in Tyler Hall. For more information contact Summer Bell (summerfin@gmail.com) or Mtr. Kimberly (kdunn@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 Ted H. Clarkson
The Reverend Eric Biddy
Bobbie Ingenito
Catherine Stuckey
Martin Schwerzler
Bobbie Ingenito

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

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Linda Hardy, Sr. Warden
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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
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Flower Guild – Barbara Register & Laurie Montgomery
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Pastoral Care Ministry – Ellen Nesbitt
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Linen Guild – Tricia Nixon
Outreach – Marilyn Grau
Stewardship – Linda Hardy and Charlie Tudor
W.E.E.M. – The Rev. Kimberly Dunn & Summer Bell

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