



The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

**October 18, 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 in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ 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 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 ***Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.***
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 ***For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.***
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 ***Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!***
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 ***Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.***
- 9 ***Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him***

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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.***

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Eric Biddy

The Nicene Creed

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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 II

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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

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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.

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 thanksgiving for the marriage of Henry Nixon and Aisling Leogue, son of Cameron and Tricia Nixon and grandson of Cobbs and Minta Nixon. They were arranged by the Flower Guild.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially Beth Pate, Michon Couloute, 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, Nancy Kitchens, Herb Upton, John and Alice, Jean Verduce.

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. There are three dates and times left to choose from. Please take a moment to sign up for a stewardship gathering using this QR code or by sending an email to 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— Join us for breakfast in Tyler Hall, then at 9:30 AM at the Sunday Forum in the Berlin Room: We continue our journey through the Catechism with the question, "If God is Father, does that mean that God is a dude?" (Note: that is not a quote from the Prayer Book.) We'll explore some of the basics of how we talk about things that exceed the capacity of human language, and the role metaphor and symbol play in shaping our faith.

Join us at the Sunday Forum next week as we continue our journey through the Catechism. On October 25, we will be exploring the question "what is a covenant?" and thinking about what it means for truth to be communicated through a relationship with a community. If we have time, we will also approach some of the thorny issues around terms like "Old Covenant" to refer to God's ongoing relationship with Israel.

Please sign the Birthday Card - Margaret Lodi turns 105 years old on October 29! She has not attended church in person recently but receives communion from a Eucharistic Visitor each month. Help us send well wishes to our oldest member from her church family by signing the card in the narthex.

The Augusta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists invites you to a Spooky Members Recital, at Saint Paul's tomorrow at 7 PM. This recital will feature many of the CSRA's local organists performing favorites from J.S. Bach to Hollywood and Disney! There is no minimum or maximum age requirement for attendance. All are welcome (but not required) to attend in costume! This concert is offered to our community free of charge.

The 38th season of Tuesday's Music Live continues October 20 with a free 30-minute concert at 12:00 Noon performed by Eduardo Bentancourt, Harp. More information at tuesdaysmusiclive.com or 706-722-3463.

Join us for our next Senior Lunch, Wednesday, October 21, 12 Noon in Tyler Hall. While gearing to retirees, anyone is welcome. No agenda; just a relaxing social time. Lunch is provided but donations are welcome. Please sign up in the Narthex on Sunday mornings or by using the link in Friday's *Weekly Postings*.

Caring Prayer, October 22, is for anyone who wants to pray and needs support. We gather on the fourth Thursday of each month at 3:30 PM in the chapel to pray Evening Prayer together, check in with each other, and provide mutual 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. Contact Fr. Eric (ebiddy@saintpauls.org) for more information.

Hornsby Elementary has planned a Fall Carnival for their students October 30, 5-7 PM, and hopes to have many volunteers to donate individually wrapped candy and prizes for games, or volunteer to help with game booths, set up, clean-up, and food distribution. To volunteer, contact Barbara Coleman at barbaracolem@gmail.com.

Help us package our next set of Snack Packs, Saturday, October 31, 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. More information in Friday's *Weekly Postings* or by contacting Mandy Harmon (msamandajoy27@hotmail.com) or Melissa Friedman (friedmanme2@gmail.com) for more information.

All Saints' and All Souls' Prayer List — On All Saints' and All Souls' Sunday, November 1, we remember especially those in our parish family and in our families who have died in the past year. Please email Catherine Stuckey (cstuckey@saintpauls.org) by Wednesday October 28, if you would like to place someone special on the list.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 1, on All Saints' Sunday. All who wish to be baptized are invited to contact Fr. Eric at ebiddy@saintpauls.org.

Need help joining the new Church Directory with Realm? We're happy to help you get started and answer your questions. Contact Toni (tclayton@saintpauls.org) if you did not receive an invitation link, if your link has expired, if you need help with the Realm settings or the Realm app.

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
Stan Taylor
Barbara Coleman
Melissa Friedman
Bobbie Ingenito

Preacher, 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 – Linda Hardy and Charlie Tudor
W.E.E.M. – The Rev. Kimberly Dunn & Summer Bell

CLERGY AND STAFF

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