



The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 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, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through 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

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 1

Prayed responsively by whole verse.

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 ***Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.***

- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 ***It is not so with the wicked; ****
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 ***For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, ****
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

The People are invited to stand.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

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

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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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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 by Steve Ruby
in celebration of the October birthdays of his grandchildren: Barrett, James, and Righton Robertson.
Arranged by the Flower Guild.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially Anne Way, Eryn Eubanks, 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

Please join us for this final opportunity to gather! Come enjoy good food, fellowship, and meaningful conversation as we look ahead to 2027. Hear the latest updates on our plans, ask Fr. Eric your questions, share your thoughts on next year's budget, and let us know what matters most to you at Saint Paul's. Your ideas and perspective are important, and we want to hear from you! You may also sign up by sending an email to Toni Clayton at tclayton@saintpauls.org.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following this service— Please join us for breakfast in Tyler Hall. Then at 9:30 AM at the Sunday Forum in the Berlin Room: Questions of Faith: What is Covenant. This week we will be exploring 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.

4 PM Guided Labyrinth Walk—Robin Merriman will provide instruction and a guided walk with our labyrinth in the Berlin Room. No previous experience is necessary, and all are invited to participate. For more information about labyrinths, please visit veriditas.org. This walk is sponsored by the Daughters of the King.

5-7 PM Costumes and the Crypt for Cornerstone—All area Episcopal Youth Community Groups (grades 6-12) are invited to Cornerstone at Saint Paul's. We will eat pizza, have a pumpkin painting and costume contest and finish the evening with smores and a tour of the crypt with accompanying liturgy. RSVP to Aubrey Hinkson at ahinkson@saintpauls.org.

Please sign the Birthday Card - Help us celebrate with Margaret Lodi who turns 105 years old on October 29! Though she has not attended church in person recently, Margaret receives communion from a Eucharistic Visitor each month. Send a birthday greeting and well wishes by signing the card in the narthex on Sunday.

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.

The 38th season of Tuesday's Music Live continues November 3 with a free 30-minute concert at 12:00 Noon performed by Bloom Funkhouser Duo. More information at tuesdaysmusiclive.com or 706-722-3463.

Come for a pizza party and salad at our next Men's Monthly Meal (Mmm!) scheduled Wednesday, November 4. (Men gather at 4 PM to cook, the parish gathers at 6 PM for dinner.) We'll display a build your own pie table for those with a distinctive pizza palate, time, and patience. Or choose from the pies the kitchen turns out. PLEASE RSVP on the website, so that we may be a good host. A direct link is available in Friday's *Weekly Postings*.

The Saint Paul's Choir will sing Evensong on Sunday, November 8th at 5:30 PM. The service will include the world premiere of a setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis composed by Allen Webber, formerly Professor of Music at Paine College. Mr. Webber is traveling to Augusta to be present for the first performance of his music. Also on the program is his anthem, "Praise ye the Triune God." Please invite family and friends and stay for the reception in the River Room following the service.

The Hospitality Committee invites you to make or purchase a "finger food", appetizer, or beverage for the Fall Evensong reception immediately following the Evensong service at 5:30 PM, Sunday, November 8th, 2026. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Saint Paul's Church and annotate it for the "Evensong Reception." As always, we also need teams to help set up, serve, and clean up. Please sign up to bring items and/or serve on our website. A direct link is available in Friday's *Weekly Postings*. For more information contact Eric Friedman (bige.fried@gmail.com) or Catherine Stuckey (cstuckey@saintpauls.org).

Still haven't joined 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.

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
Jason Massie
Becky Wright
Katherine Ferrara

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

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
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