Saint Paul's Church

Gather by the River

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 2, 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.***

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Kyrie eleison and Gloria **Page 324**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. ***Amen.***

The people are invited to sit for the readings.

The First Reading **Amos 5:18-24**

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

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

Psalm 70 *Prayed responsively by whole verse.*

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,"Great is the Lord!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

The Epistle **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

The People are invited to stand.

The Holy Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

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

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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

The Sermon **The Reverend Kimberly E. Dunn**

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The People are invited to stand.

The Peace **Page 332**

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

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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 the Daughters of the King in thanksgiving for the leadership as Chapter President of Suzanne Pursley-Crotteau.
They were arranged by the Flower Guild.

Prayers are Requested

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially Anne Way, Eryn Eubanks, Beth Pate, 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, Greg Maxie, Laura Luther Medved, Mitch Wyatt, Susan Wyatt, David Hawkins, Jim Williams, Pearce Truesdale, Zach Beckham, Shirley Courtney, Jane Silcox, Jeremy Carr, Mark Simon, Rob Verfurth, Jamie Medved, Sonia Bentley, Arion Strothers, Becky Harrod, Ann Parker, Nancy Kotti, Shane Prince, Nancy Kitchens, Herb Upton, Jean Verduce, Diana, Dana Biddy, Chris Dahl.

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, Adam Robinson, Helen Sharpe, Emma Robinson, Charlie Robinson, Delores Tyler.

2027 Annual Campaign Update

Our 2027 annual pledge campaign has officially ended. Thank you for your gifts and for your faithful conversations during this year's campaign. To date we have received 119 pledges with a total pledged income of $819,004. If you haven't yet submitted a pledge, please don't delay; the Finance Committee will begin work soon on drafting the 2027 budget. Our collective estimates of giving (pledges) allow well-informed budget and ministry decisions. Deliver or mail your pledge card to the parish office or use this QR code to pledge online.

Parish Announcements

4 PM Spiritual Explorations in the Berlin Room — This month "Painting the Parables" we will try our hands at producing our own visual interpretations of a familiar parable from the Bible. All are welcome. For further information contact Lydia Bliven at bliven@comcast.net or Linda Hardy at lindahardy703@gmail.com.

5:30 PM Evensong — The Saint Paul's Choir will sing Evensong tonight instead of the usual Celtic Service. The service will include the world premiere of a setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimmitis 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.

Our next W.E.E.M. (Women's Enrichment and Empowerment Ministry) meets Tuesday, November 10, 5:30-7 PM in Tyler Hall. Join us for fellowship, prayer, and education. In November our gathering will focus on Gratitude and Seasonal Transition. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. All women are invited. For more information contact Summer Bell (summerfin@gmail.com) or Mtr. Kimberly (kdunn@saintpauls.org).

Common Ground Fellowship will gather Wednesday, November 11, 7 PM for a faith discussion and Friendsgiving. Bring a dish to share. This group is "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.

Ever thought about serving on the altar guild? Our work is important in celebrating the Holy Eucharist (rarely involving polishing silver!) and most find it enhances their own personal journey. We will meet Saturday, November 14, 10:00 AM in the chancel for training. If interested, please contact Catherine Stuckey at cstuckey@saintpauls.org.

SAVE THE DATE for Primetime, November 15, 5:30-7:30 PM at the home of Naila Assad. Please note the change of time. Primetime for parishioners 55+ is an opportunity to gather with old and new friends. Bring an appetizer to share and $10 at the door per person. Contact Catherine Stuckey in the parish office for address and directions (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. We have scheduled a Realm Help Sunday and picture day next Sunday, November 15 in Tyler Hall 9-10:40 AM and on the Portico following the 11 AM service. 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.

Join us for our next Senior Lunch, Wednesday, November 18, 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 on our website (A direct link is available in Friday's *Weekly Postings*.) Contact Gene Helmich for more information at ehelmich21@comcast.net.

The Daughters of the King invite you to a spiritual morning of quiet solitude, Saturday, November 21, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM, beginning in the chapel. Bring "prayer tools" such as your bible, journal, or anything used for meditation. A pot-luck lunch follows in Tyler Hall. Contact Mtr. Kimberly (kdunn@saintpauls.org) for information.

New to Saint Paul's in the last year? Join us for our Fall Newcomer Party November 22, 12:15 PM. Join us for heavy appetizers and lively conversation. Get to know your fellow worshipers, pick up your Saint Paul's t-shirt, and meet some of Saint Paul's vestry and staff. All who haven't attended a Newcomer Party before are welcome! For more information contact Elisabeth Price at mailbox@saintpauls.org.

Thanksgiving Eve— Bring your family and friends to the Community Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist, Wednesday, November 25 at 7 PM. The service includes joyous music, featuring the Saint Paul's Choir and lessons and prayers of thanks and praise. The Thanksgiving Eve offering will be given to the DCCM (Downtown Cooperative Church Ministries) Food Bank. Donations may also be made online at saintpauls.org/giving. Choose Special Offering and DCCM.

Name tags allow us to get to know each other and be a welcoming community to all. If you need a name tag or have just misplaced yours, drop by the greeters table to complete a yellow form. We'll make the tag and you'll find it at the table next week. Or, email the Catherine Stuckey (cstuckey@saintpauls.org).

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 Kimberly E. Dunn	Preacher, Celebrant
John Bradley	Eucharistic Minister
Catherine Stuckey	Altar Guild
Jerry Ashmore, III	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	**Vestry Term Expires 2028**	**Vestry Term Expires 2029**
Kathleen Chandler	Jerry Ashmore, III	Will Badger
Patsy Davis	Katherine Ferrara	Summer Bell
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