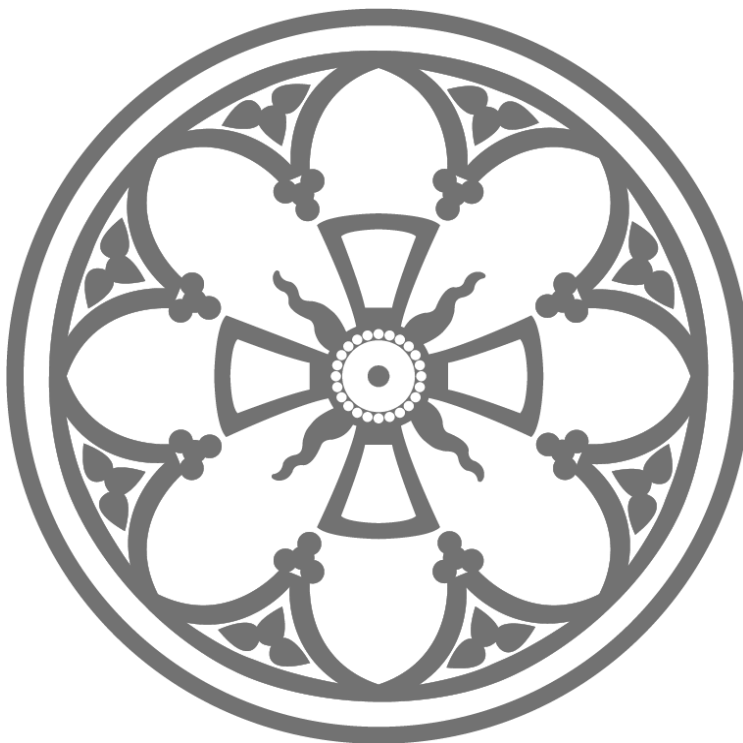




THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 24
OCTOBER 18, 2026

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through
the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

WELCOME! St. Paul's Church builds bridges — to God, to one another, to the city and beyond. We are glad you have joined us today.

During Ordinary Time, we gather as the people of God, week by week, to meet Christ, dying and rising in our midst. Christ's presence is revealed in our liturgical gatherings in Word and Sacrament, and in us, as members of Christ's Body, by our daily lives of ministry to others in concrete acts of love and caring.

This service booklet, *The Book of Common Prayer* (red), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue), and *Wonder, Love and Praise* ("WLP," green paperbound) provide the resources needed for participation in our worship. Please silence your cell phones.

MUSIC NOTE

This morning we welcome the St. Paul's Choristers, our children's choir, as they sing the first anthem during communion. We are thankful that this group has many new members and would love to welcome even more! The choir is open to kids of all ages and rehearses each Sunday at 11:30 for about ten minutes. For more information, please contact John Sherer at jsherer@stpaulsec.org.

THIS MORNING'S OFFERINGS

Childcare available every Sunday at 10:00.

Sunday School for children in PK-5th grade upstairs from the Parish Hall at 10:00.

Adult Forum and Adult Formation meet each week at 9:00 in the Vestry and Cadigan Rooms.

Please ask an usher for help in finding these locations.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

Readers: Nancy Gear, Ingrid Stanlis (8:00)

Bill Moore, Ingrid Stanlis, Chandler Moran (10:15)

Eucharistic Ministers: TBA (8:00)

Erin Glanton, Joan Flint, Judy McGrath (10:15)

Crucifer: Dan Wright (10:15)

Altar Guild: Linda White, Andrew Ferrante, Jackie Barnes, Margaret Cochran,
Carey Wilcox

Ushers: Al Zenner, Gretchen Zenner, Diane Healy, Floyd Bayley (10:15)

ASL Interpreter: Jean Rodman (10:15)

Live-Stream Operator: Carmen Liberatore (10:15)

Sexton: Dave McEntee

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*Before worship, let God speak to you. During worship, speak to God.
After worship, speak to one another.*

VOLUNTARY

In Quiet Mood

Florence Price

✠ *indicates to stand as able.*

✠ HYMN 573

Father Eternal, Ruler of Creation

Langham

✠ OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

✠ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*spoken at 8:00, see pew card at 10:15*) John W.W. Sherer

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

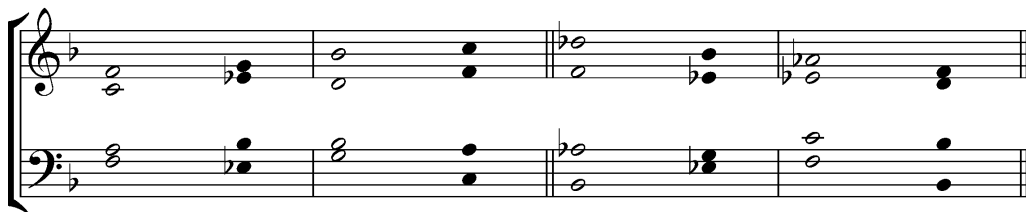
FIRST LESSON

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

PSALM 96:1-9 (*Said at 8:00; Sung by ALL at 10:15*)

Chant: Harrison



- 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.
- (repeat second part of chant)*
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of / holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble be-/fore him.

SECOND LESSON

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

✠ HYMN 665 (*stz 1, 2 & 3*) All My Hope on God is Founded

Michael

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

✠ HYMN 665 (*stz 4 & 5*) All My Hope on God is Founded

Michael

SERMON

The Rev. Jay Burkardt

A brief period of quiet reflection follows the sermon.

✠ NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

✠ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and those in need.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Kara our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, praying especially for...

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for...

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

✠ CONFESION OF SIN

Deacon We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in Christ's Name. Words of welcome and announcements are then made.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

✠ SAID AT 8:00 **All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM **Sing We Merrily Unto God** **Adrian Batten**

*Sing we merrily unto God our strength; make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret, the merry harp with the lute. Blow up the trumpet
in the new moon; even in the time appointed and upon our solemn feast day. For this was
made a statute for Israel and a law of the God of Jacob.*

As the offering is brought forward, the children of the congregation are invited to gather around the High Altar for the Eucharistic Prayer.

✠ AT THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: HYMN 291 (*stz. 3, sung by all*)

Wir pflugen

We thank thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food:
The gifts we have to offer are what thy love imparts,
But chiefly thou desirest our humble thankful hearts.
All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Presider adds a proper preface, concluding...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

✠ SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS(*spoken at 8:00, see pew card at 10:15*) John W.W. Sherer

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The congregation may remain standing or kneel, as the Presider continues.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

✠ AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All are welcome at God's table.

All are encouraged to come forward for Communion at the direction of the ushers. The Sacrament is given in both kinds: bread and wine. If you are not able to go to any of the stations, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available.

COMMUNION ANTHEMS

Hallelu, Hallelu

Traditional song
arr. Esther Jones

Hallelujah, praise ye the Lord!

Ich Freue Mich Im Herrn

Gottfried A. Homilius

*I will rejoice in the Lord, and my soul shall be joyful in my God;
rejoice and bid you welcome.*

✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

✠ THE BLESSING

✠ HYMN 594

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

✠ THE DISMISSAL

*The children and Deacon dismiss the people, saying,
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

We Are Marching in
the Light of God

South African melody
arr. John Behnke

PRAYER LIST

We entrust into your unfailing care, Merciful God...

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Kara Wagner Sherer, our Bishop; and
the Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leaders of St. Paul's Church

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Canada

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: Grace Mission, Lyons

Margi Moore, Tara, Bob, Sarah Wilson, Brendan Pressimone, Beverly Brooks,
Walter Rohlin, Maryann Plaia, Adele, Frank Holiday, Peter Merrill, Jack
Worboys, Mallory, Claudius Scott, Mara Hazzard-Wallingford, Lois, Scott, Bertha
Simpkins, Amelia Smith, and Bill Dewart.

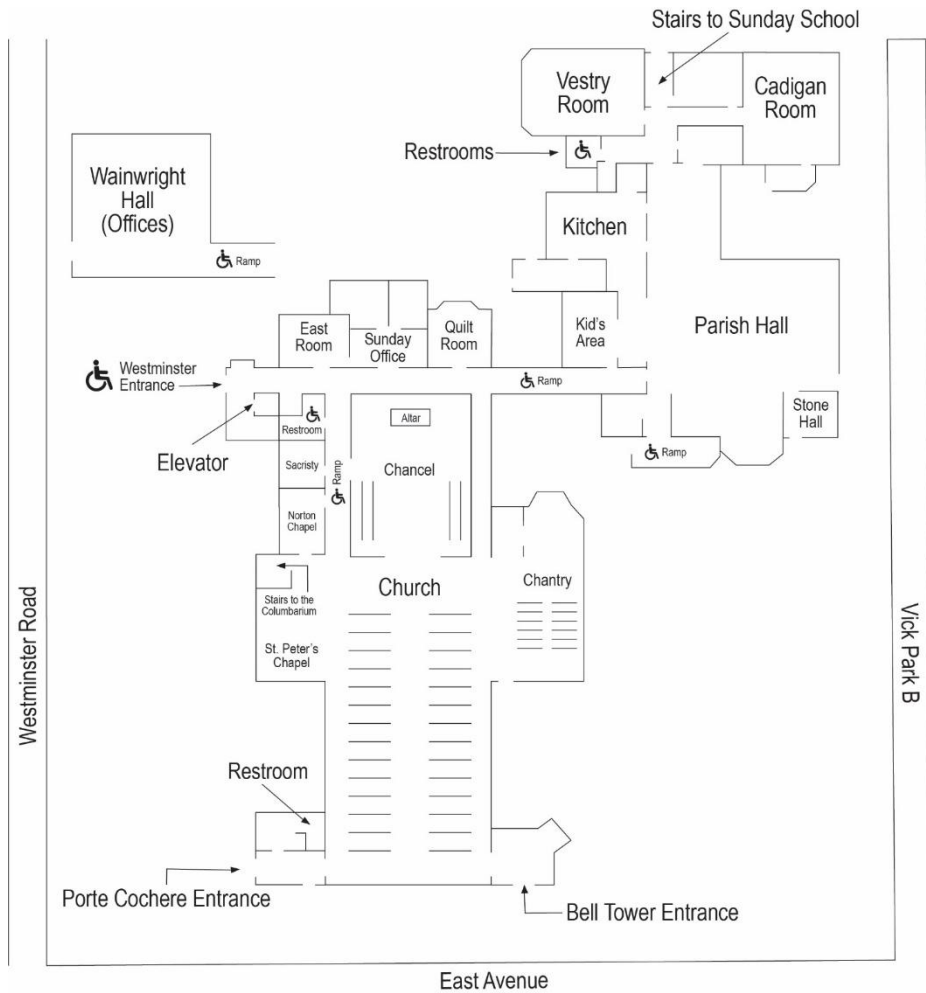
Those who have died.

*Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and
in memory of Peter E. Baltzer, and Dot & Wat Plummer

When immigrants live in your land with you, you must not cheat them.
Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your
citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants
in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.
Leviticus 19:33-34 (CEB)



All are invited to make a gift to support our mission:

As the plate is passed, • By scanning the QR code at the left. • Online at stpaulsec.org/donate. • By texting PAUL to 73256 and following the prompts.

Thank you for your generosity!

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S

8:00 am: Holy Eucharist (Chantry)

9:00 am: Adult Formation—Visio Divina Bible Study (Vestry Room)

9:00 am: Adult Forum - Discerning & Using Your Spiritual Gifts (Cadigan Room)

9:50 am: Chorister's Rehearsal (Church)

10:00 am: Nursery Care

10:15 am: Holy Eucharist & Family Sunday (Church)

11:30 am: Fellowship Hour (Parish Hall)

11:30 am: Chorister's Rehearsal (Church)

3:00 pm: Third Sunday @3pm Concert (Church)

4:30 pm: Youth Group (Stone Hall)

Monday, October 19th

7:00 pm: Book Group (Zoom)

7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

Tuesday, October 20th

7:00 pm: Vestry (Cadigan Room)

Wednesday, October 21st

9:00 am: Wednesday Women AA (Stone Hall)

Noon: Holy Eucharist (St. Peter's Chapel)

6:00 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (Youth Choir Room)

7:00 pm: St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal (Church)

8:15 pm: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)

Thursday, October 22nd

3:00 pm: Book Group (Wainwright)

6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)

8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

Saturday, October 24th

10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)

8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **Family Sunday:** Members of all ages will be with us TODAY during the 10:15 service, which will feature a sermon just for our youngest members, an invitation to join the clergy at the High Altar for the Eucharistic Prayer, and a special Children's Choir Communion anthem!
- ❖ **Third Sundays @3pm:** St. Paul's concert series continues TODAY, with Italian Organist Alessandro Bianchi performing music by Arturo Clementoni, Joseph Bonnet, Marco Enrico Bossi, and Jean Langlais.
- ❖ **All Are Welcome at God's Table,** our 2027 giving campaign, is underway. Your commitment sustains worship, learning, fellowship, and outreach at St. Paul's. An informational mailing was sent; brochures are available throughout the church, or you may visit our website. Please give prayerful consideration to God's generosity and respond by Ingathering Sunday, All Saints' Day, November 1st.
- ❖ We are gathering the names of people in our lives whom we love but no longer see and that we would like to remember and pray for on **All Saints' Day** during the Necrology. Please fill out the papers around the church with the names of those who have died in the past year and place them in an offering plate, or contact the church office (frontdesk@stpaulsec.org, 585.271.2240) by noon on Monday, October 26th.
- ❖ **Adult Forum class** on Discerning & Using Your Spiritual Gifts led by Deacon Sue concludes today, October 18 at 9:00 am in the Cadigan Room.
- ❖ **Halloween Party:** All Mini Ghouls and Goblins are invited! Join your Sunday school friends for a frightfully fun time of games, crafts, and lunch! Sunday, October 25th, after the 10:15 service in Stone Hall. Wear your costume!
- ❖ **St. Joe's House is currently collecting** new and used coats, coffee, men's XL underwear, gloves, men's hats, long underwear, and travel-size toiletries. They can be dropped off in the basket at the back of the church.

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