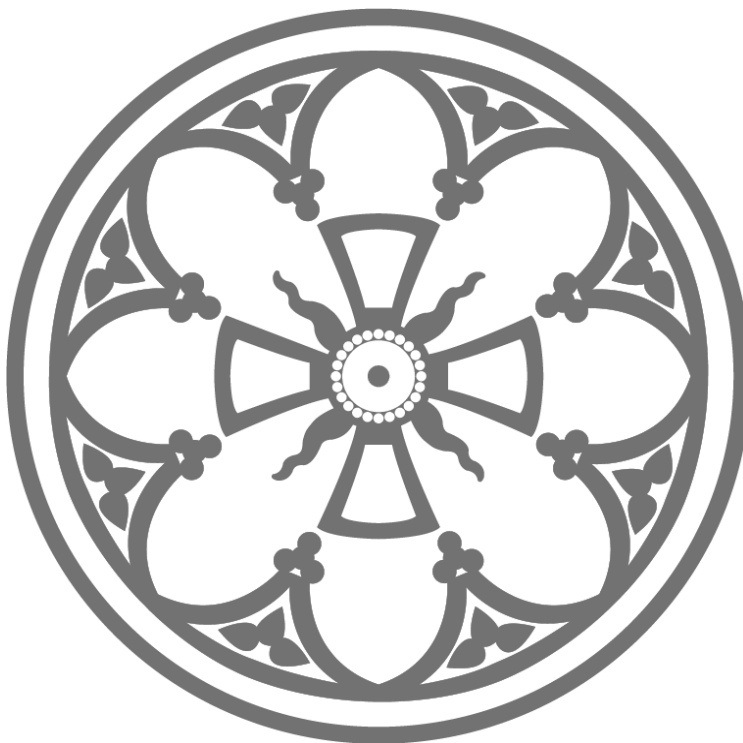




THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 19

SEPTEMBER 13, 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

Today we welcome back the St. Paul's Choir and invite anyone who enjoys singing to consider joining them on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 for their rehearsal. The Handbell Choir has also begun rehearsals at 6:00 pm on Wednesday evenings and has openings for anyone interested. Also, the Choristers, our children's choir, would love to welcome new members, and rehearsals begin today at 11:30 am in the church.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Childcare: Available every Sunday at 10:00 am.

Adult Formation meets each week at 9:00 in the Vestry Room

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

Please ask an usher for help in finding these locations.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

Readers: Susan Jones, Stephen Chepiga(8:00)

Mara Hazzard-Wallingford, Julie Gedro, Andrew Ferrante (10:15)

Eucharistic Ministers: Suzanne Spencer (8:00)

Cynthia Miller, Erin Glanton, Nancy Curtis (10:15)

Altar Guild: Jackie Barnes (8:00)

Andrew Ferrante, Nancy Gear, Lindsay Korth, Judy McGrath (10:15)

Ushers: Albert Zenner, Gretchen Zenner, Jennifer Bleecker, Philip Bleecker

ASL Interpreter: Luane Haggerty (10:15)

Live-Stream Operator: Anita Chen (10:15)

Sexton: Bob Potter, 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

Triptyque from *Festo Trinitatis*

Charles Tournemire

✠ *indicates to stand as able.*

✠ HYMN 410

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda anima

✠ 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, S-280 sung at 10:15*)

Robert Powell

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. God of deep compassion, you welcome the weak and free us from the bondage of sin. Break the cycle of judgement and violence through Jesus our forgiveness, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21

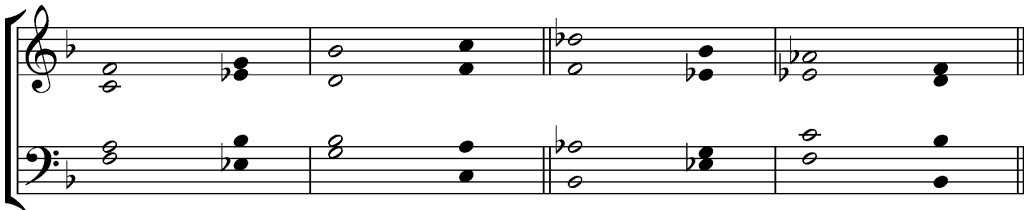
Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:8-13 (*Said at 8:00; Sung by ALL at 10:15*)

Chant: Harrison



- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and / mercy, *
slow to anger and of great / kindness.
- 9 He will not always a-ccuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for / ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our / sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our / wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the / earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who / fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the / west, *
so far has he removed our sins from / us.
- 13 As a father cares for his / children, *
so does the Lord care for those who / fear him.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

✠ HYMN 674 (*Stz 1&2*) Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Detroit

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord

ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

✠ HYMN 674 (*Stz 3&4*) Forgive Our Sins, as We Forgive

Detroit

SERMON

The Rev. Dan Burner

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.

✠ CONFESSION 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.

The Presider pronounces the Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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 Swell the Full Chorus George Frideric Handel
Swell the full chorus to sound the Lord's praise. For God is our King and the sun of our days. Flow sweetly the numbers that dwell on his name and rouse the whole nation in songs to his fame.

✠ AT THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: HYMN 376 (*stz. 3, sung by all*) *Hymn to Joy*
**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ, our Brother; all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

✠ 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 (10:15 see pew card)

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. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. 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 ANTHEM

The Call

Kenneth Jennings

Come my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a Way, as gives us breath; such a Truth, as ends all strife; such a Life as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Light as shows a feast; such a Feast, as mends in length; such a Strength, as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy, as none can move; such a Love, as none can part; such a Heart, as joys in love.

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 in Aotearoa, New Zealand
and Polynesia

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. John's Church, Catharine

Walter Rohlin, Maryann Plaia, Adele, Frank Holiday, Sharyn Duffy, Chris S.,
Peter Merrill, Jack Worboys, Abby, Chris, Mallory, Paul Achop, Mary Jane
Thomas, Claudius Scott, Mara Hazzard-Wallingford, Bill & Diane Bailey, Lois,
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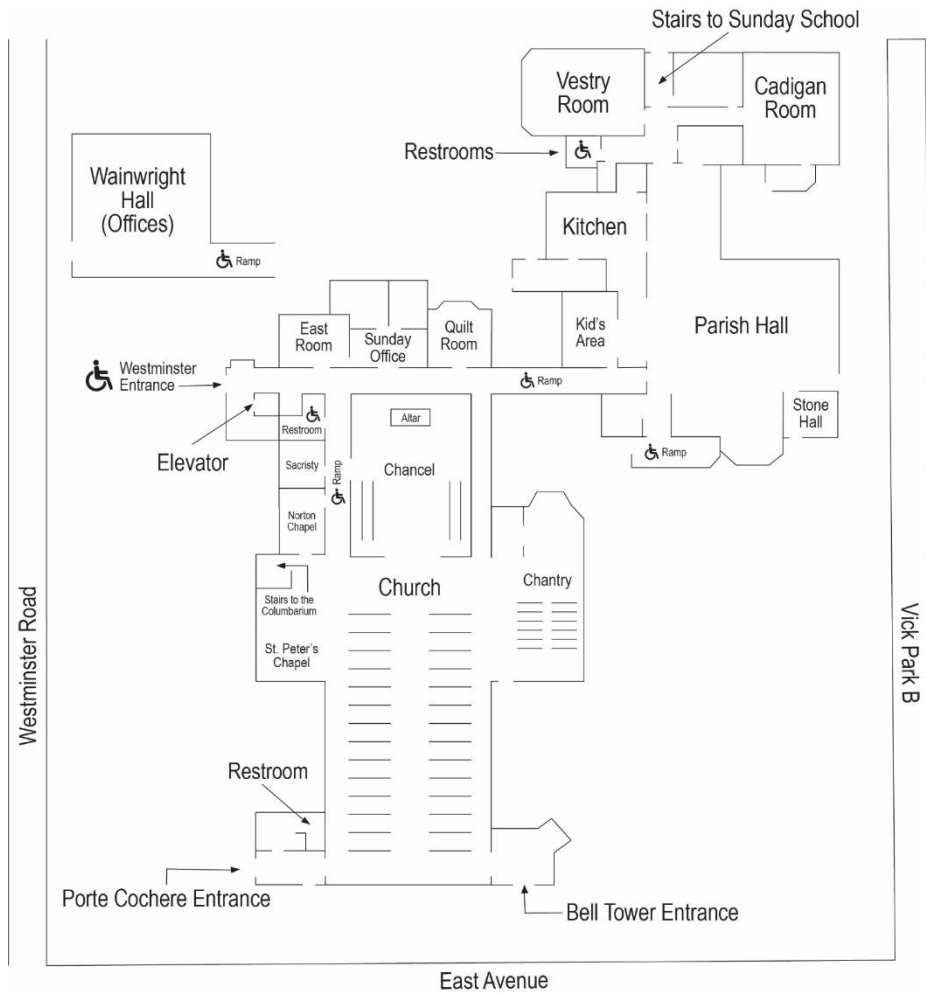
Almighty God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on your Church, St. Paul's,
and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we
may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our
ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*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 honor of James & Mary Louise Herendeen,
Mary Jane Reoch, and James Herendeen Jr.
and the music ministry of Augustine Sobeng

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: Bible Study (Vestry Room)
10:00 am: Sunday School
10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)
11:30 am: Fellowship Hour (Parish Hall)
11:30 am: Stewardship Meeting (Vestry Room)
11:30 am: Chorister's Rehearsal (Church)

Monday, September 14th

10:00 am: Archives Team (Stone Hall)
7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

Tuesday, September 15th

7:00 pm: Vestry Meeting (Cadigan Room)

Wednesday, September 16th

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 (Parish Hall)
7:00 pm: Songs in the Key of Eastman, C. J. Costello, tenor – *Fringe Festival*
8:15 pm: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)

Thursday, September 17th

6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)
7:30 pm: Dancing Viola, Joyce Tseng, violist – *Fringe Festival* (Church)
8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

Saturday, September 19th

10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)
3:00 pm: Chili & Chocolate, Mariami Bekauri, soprano – *Fringe Festival* (Church)
7:00 pm: The Brazilian Jazz Quartet – *Fringe Festival* (Church)
8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **Sunday School** resumes TODAY at 10:00 am. For more information, please email Amy Welker at awelker@stpaulsec.org.
- ❖ **Augustine will be playing his Doctoral Lecture Recital** on Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 pm at Third Presbyterian Church. Come and support him as he comes closer to earning his doctorate!
- ❖ St. Paul's is a host site for **Fringe Fest this year, September 15-26**. There are schedules around the building, or you can check our website at stpaulsec.org and click on the Fringe Festival at St. Paul's button.
- ❖ **Book Group:** Beginning the week of September 28th, we are holding a book group to share in reading together Elaine Pagels' The Historical Mystery of Jesus. The study will meet two ways: one over Zoom on Monday evenings at 7:00pm and one in person on Thursdays 3pm-4pm in Wainwright. Both sessions will cover the same material so you can attend whichever fits best into your schedule! If you are interested or have questions, contact Nancy Grear at (nancy.grear@gmail.com) or 585-305-5727.
- ❖ **Choir Rehearsals** are on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm; Bell Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, and Choristers will start TODAY at 11:30 am. We would love to welcome new members to all these groups this coming season! Please get in touch with John Sherer at jsherer@stpaulsec.org for more information.
- ❖ **Altar Flowers:** There are opportunities to donate altar flowers on Sunday, October 11th, "In memory of" or in "celebration of" an event. Please call Nancy Andrus at 406-8545 or email nancyandrus308@gmail.com.
- ❖ **Adult Formation** is currently offering a class on Visio Divina. Beginning next week, the class will focus on the sin of Christian Nationalism, its appeal, its dangers, and how it works against many tenets of Christianity itself.
- ❖ **Third Sundays @3pm:** St. Paul's concert series continues September 20th with "*If Music Be the Food*" with Mimi Huang. Donations of non-perishable food or cash to benefit Foodlink.
- ❖ **Titanic Concert:** Music From and in Honor of the Unsinkable Ship featuring John W.W. Sherer, organist, will be on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00 pm.

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