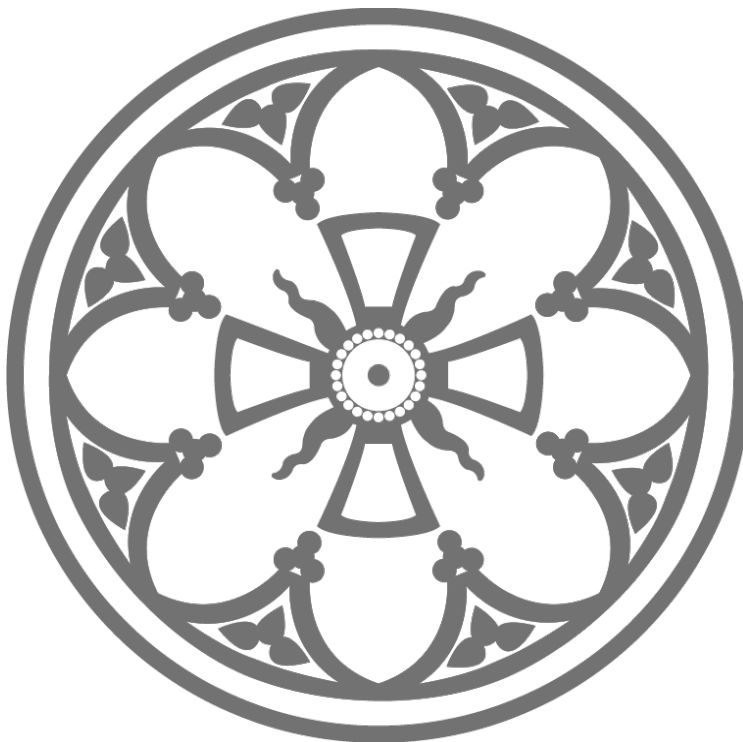




THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 18

SEPTEMBER 6, 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's closing voluntary was written by Alfred Hollins (1865-1942) who was a blind organist, composer and teacher. As a concert organist it is estimated that Hollins traveled 600,000 miles traveling around the globe multiple times. He composed over 50 works for the organ including A Trumpet Minuet in 1929.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Childcare: Available every Sunday at 10:00 am, including the summers & holidays.

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

Sunday School will resume September 13th for children in PK-5th grade upstairs from the Parish Hall. It will be held weekly.

Please ask an usher for help in finding these locations.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

Readers: James Dorr, John Currie (8:00)

Erin Wright, Andrew Ferrante (10:15)

Eucharistic Ministers: Timothy Dewart (8:00)

Angie Jones, Judy McGrath, Lindsay Korth (10:15)

Healing Prayers: The Rev. Sue Ouellette (8:00)

The Rev. Sue Ouellette, Lindsay Korth (10:15)

Altar Guild: Jackie Barnes, Erin Wright, Carey Wilcox, Linda White

Ushers: Ingrid Stanlis, Kevin Frisch, Lila Kennedy, Margaret Cochran

ASL Interpreter: TBA (10:15)

Live-Stream Operator: Sonja Slother (10:15)

Sexton: Dave McEntee

Cover illustration by Sonja Slother

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

VOLUNTARY

Adagio in E Major

Frank Bridge

✠ *indicates to stand as able.*

✠ 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*)

**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.**

✠ HYMN 518

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 15:15-21

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:33-40 (*Prayed responsively*)

- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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

Prayer is offered for the Church, Nation, world, those who suffer, and for the departed.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy;

People Hear our prayer.

Additional prayers may be offered, and the Presider adds a concluding collect.

✠ CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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 VOLUNTARY

Chanson de Matin

Edward Elgar
arr. A. Herbert Brewer

✠ AT THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: HYMN 380 (*stz. 3, sung by all*) *Old Hundredth*
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching our Worship, Prayer 3

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

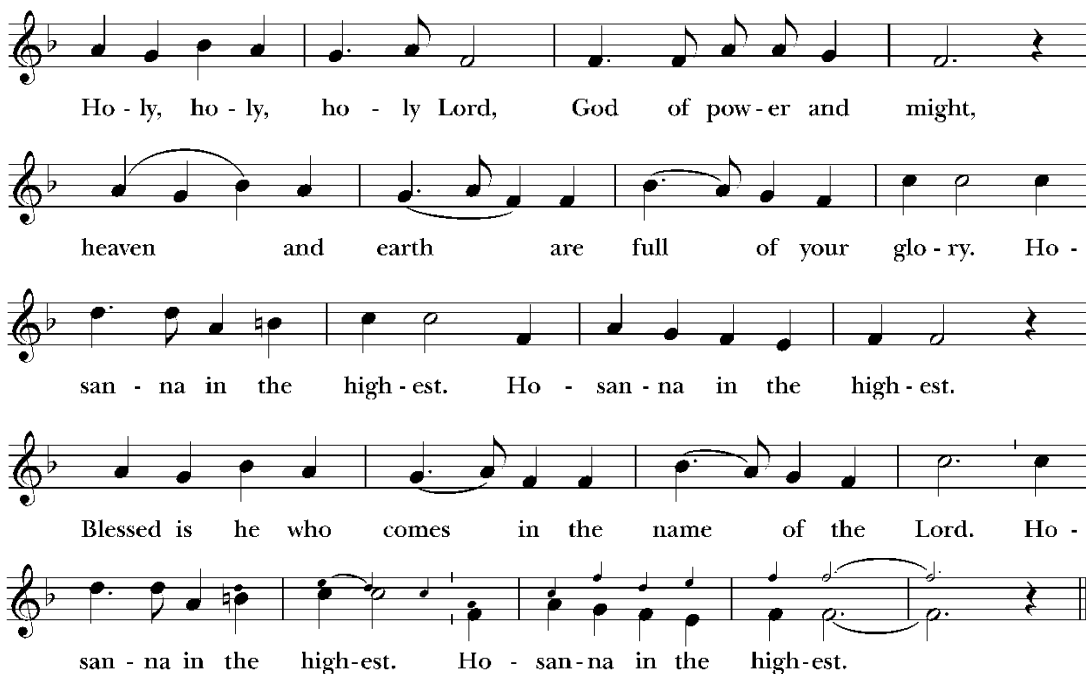
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, our eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

✠ SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (Hymnal S-125)

Richard Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Paul and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you 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 We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.;

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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 VOLUNTARY

Tune in E

George Thalben-Ball

✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

✠ THE BLESSING

✠ HYMN 376

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

✠ THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

A Trumpet Minuet

Alfred Hollins

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 Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. John's Chapel
at Hobart & William Smith Colleges

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, Donna Grear, Hans
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Dyson, and Bill Dewart.

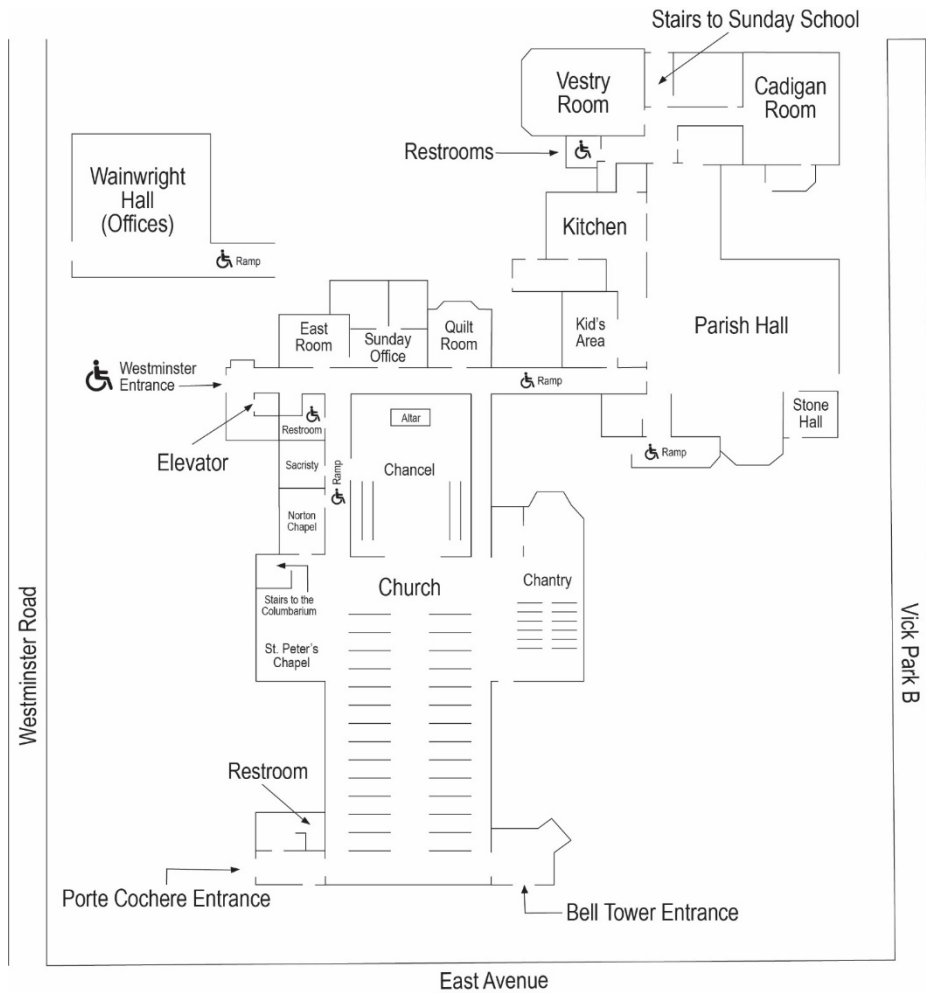
Those who have died, especially the Rev. Ron Young.

*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 Bruce Wadsworth

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)
10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)
11:30 am: Summer Fellowship Hour (Paul's Cross)

Monday, September 7th

Labor Day: Parish Office Closed

7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

Wednesday, September 9th

9:00 am: Wednesday Women AA (Stone Hall)
Noon: Holy Eucharist (St. Peter's Chapel)
6:00 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church)
7:00 pm: St Paul's Choir Rehearsal (Church)
8:15 pm: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)

Thursday, September 10th

6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)
8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

Saturday, September 12th

10:00 am: St. Paul's Needle Arts Ministry (Wainwright Parlor)
10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)
8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **The parish office will be closed** tomorrow for the Labor Day holiday.
- ❖ Next Sunday marks the beginning of our 2026-27 program year with special coffee hours following both services.
- ❖ **Sunday School** resumes next Sunday, September 13th, at 10:00 am. For more information, please email Amy Welker at awelker@stpaulsec.org.
- ❖ **Choir Rehearsals** are on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm; Bell Choir will resume on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:00 pm, and Choristers will start on Sunday, September 13th 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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Adult Formation** is currently offering a class on **Visio Divina**. This is a prayer practice using scripture and visual images, often classic works of art, to engage our hearts and minds in a new way that lets us experience the presence of God in a new way. The class is every Sunday at 9:00 am in the Vestry Room.
- ❖ **We are looking for greeters** for our "Third Sundays @3pm" concert series and other music events. If this is something you'd like to do, please email Rev. Jay at jburkardt@stpaulsec.org.
- ❖ **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.

SAVE THE DATES

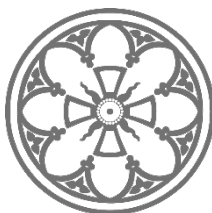
September 17th @ Noon: Caregiver Support Group (3rd Thursday each month)

September 20th @ 4:30 pm: Youth Group Resumes (1st & 3rd Sundays)

PRAYER FOR ST. PAUL'S

O God, our heavenly Father, make the door of St. Paul's Church wide enough to receive all who need love and fellowship and loving care, and narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and uncharitableness. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, but strong enough to turn back the tempter's power.

O heavenly Father, make the door of St. Paul's a gateway to your eternal kingdom; bless every member and worker; may all that we do and say be done and said to your honor and glory and the spreading of your kingdom. May we continue to be forever yours and daily increase through the Holy Spirit in love and service to others; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



A PRAYER FOR ST. PAUL'S RECTOR SEARCH

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.*

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