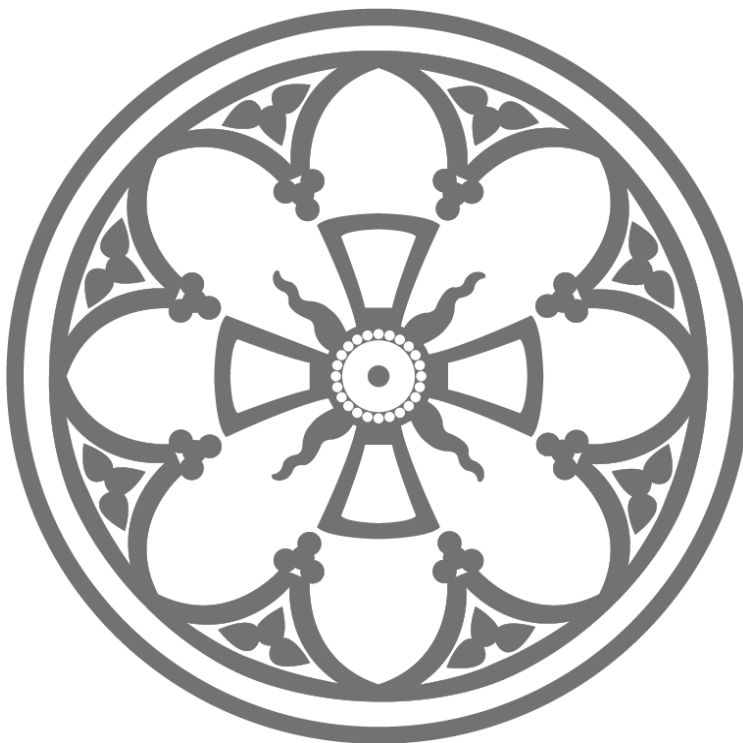




THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 17

AUGUST 30, 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

The composer of this morning's closing voluntary, A. Herbert Brewer, was born in 1865 and lived in Gloucester, England his entire life. His musical career began there singing in the Men and Boys Choir of the Cathedral where he would later become their Organist and Choirmaster, a position he held from 1896 until his death in 1928.

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERINGS

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

Adult Formation: Meets at 9:00 am in the Vestry Room

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

Please ask an usher for help in finding these locations.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

Readers: Susan Jones, Thomas Holiday (8:00)
Stephan, Chandler (10:15)

Eucharistic Ministers: Suzanne Spencer (8:00)
Grace Henshaw, Kevin Frisch, Vicki Harrison (10:15)

Altar Guild: Jackie Barnes, Jennifer Bleecker, Erin Wright, Judy Mcgrath (10:15)

Ushers: Chari Krenis, Floyd Bayley, Jane Newcomb

ASL Interpreter: TBA (10:15)

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

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

VOLUNTARY

Rhosymedre from *Three Welsh Hymn Tunes*

R. V. Williams

✠ *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 675

Take Up Your Cross

Bourbon

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. O God, whose word burns like a fire within us: grant us a bold and faithful spirit, so that, in your strength, we may be unafraid to speak your word and follow where you lead; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26:1-8 (*Prayed responsively*)

- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

✠ HYMN 654

Day by Day, Dear Lord

Summer

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Sue Ouellette, PhD

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 SOLO

At the River

Robert Lowry
arr. Aaron Copland

*Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel's feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful
river, gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God. Soon we'll reach
the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease, soon our happy hearts will quiver with
the melody of peace. Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather
with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.*

✠ 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.**

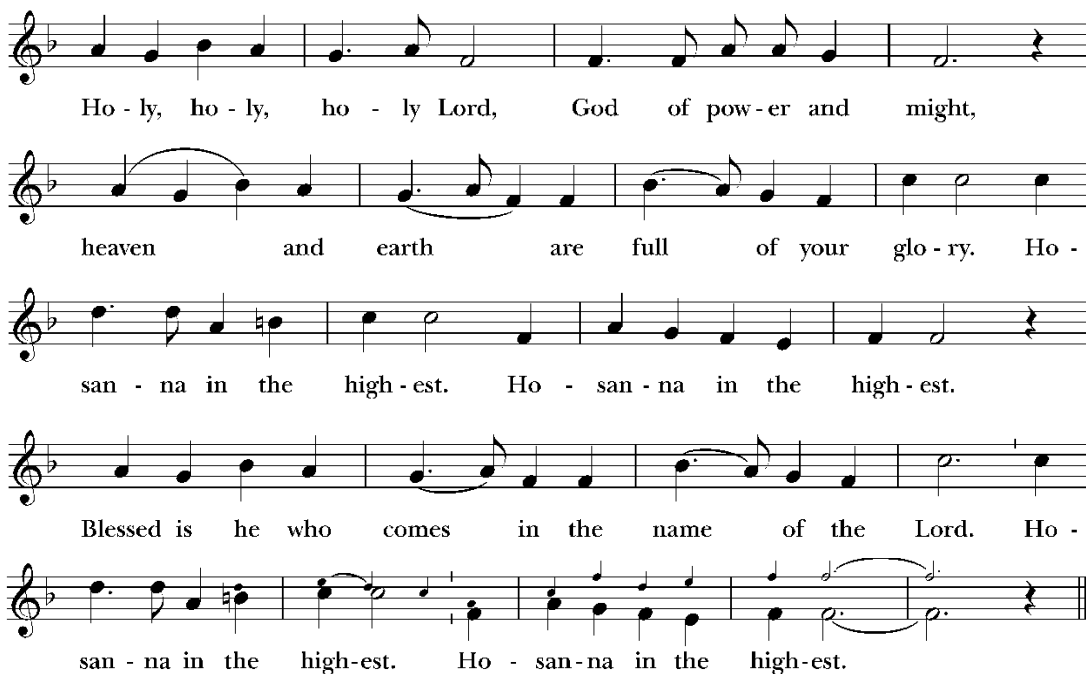
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 SOLO

Humbly I Adore Thee

Plainsong
arr. Lloyd Pfautsch

Humbly I adore thee, verity unseen, who thy glory hidest beneath these shadows mean.

Lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed, tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within a cloud. O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death; living bread, that givest all thy creatures breath, grant my spirit ever by thy life may live, to my taste thy sweetness never failing give. Jesus, whom now veiled, I by faith descry, what my soul doth thirst for, do not, Lord, deny, that thy face unveiled, I at last may see, with thy blissful vision blest, my God, of thee.

✠ 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 655

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Nyland

✠ THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Marche Héroïque

A. Herbert Brewer

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 Church in the Province of the West Indies
In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: Episcopal Senior Life Communities-Rockford Ctr
Maryann Plaia, Adele, Frank Holiday, Sharyn Duffy, Chris S., Peter Merrill, Jack
Worboys, Abby, Chris, Ron Young, Mallory, Paul Achop, Mary Jane Thomas,
Claudius Scott, Mara Hazzard-Wallingford, Bill & Diane Bailey, Lois, Donna
Gear, Hans Thurston, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha Simpkins, Amelia Smith,
Ella Richard-Dyson, and Bill Dewart.

Those who have died.

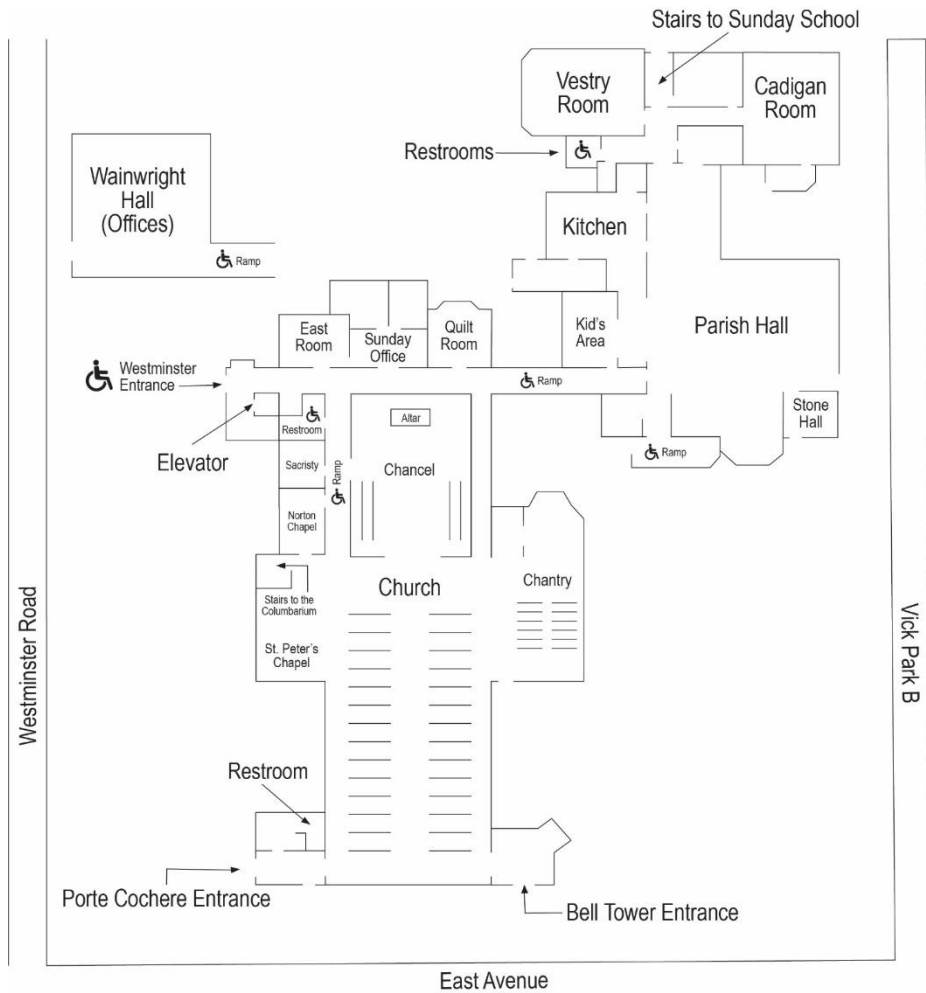
*Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and
in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Jerold B. Foland, Mr. John L. Gardner, Mr. & Mrs.
David V. Fergusson, Mr. & Mrs. Donald R. Phelps, and Mr. Douglas R. Phelps.

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, August 31st

10:00 am: Archives Team (Stone Hall)

7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

Wednesday, September 2nd

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

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

6:00 pm: Monthly Potluck Supper (Parish Hall)

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

Thursday, September 3rd

6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)

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

Saturday, September 5th

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

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

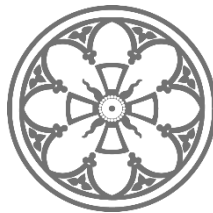
NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ The **Altar Guild** will gather TODAY between services at 9:00 am in the Cadigan Room. All current and former Altar Guild members are invited.
- ❖ **Monthly Potluck Suppers** resume on Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Our monthly suppers take place on the first Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise noted. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy some good food and fellowship!
- ❖ **Choir Rehearsals** begin on Wednesday, September 2nd 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!
- ❖ **Adult Formation** is currently offering a class on **Visio Divina**. This prayer practice uses scripture and visual images, often classic works of art, to engage our hearts and minds in a new way and experience the presence of God. 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ We have several kits to help **weatherize your home** that are free to anyone who would like one. Each kit contains a 10-pack of outlet and switch gaskets, a 2-pack of door sweeps, a 3-pack of window insulation kit, and 1 can of insulating spray foam for small gaps. The kits are on a table in the Parish Hall and are **available on a first-come, first-served basis**. They were provided to us free of charge from RGE, and we are now passing them along to you!

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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