St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

In the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina

Jean-François Millet (French, 1814–1875), Return of the Flock (c.1863-64)
Black conté crayon and pastel on light brown laid paper
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

Sunday, May 7, 2017
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
To Know Christ and to make Christ known…
St. Paul’s invites all people to the Christian Way of unity with God and neighbor through a welcoming environment of worship and ministry

Please enter the church in silence so that all may have quiet time to prepare hearts and minds for worship.

---

The Holy Eucharist

Voluntary

“Voluntary Variations on “St. Columba””

“Voluntary Variations on “St. Columba””

Raymond Haan

Margaret Sandresky

Introit

Psalm 150

George Talbot

O praise God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp. Praise him in the cymbal and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe. Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals. Let everything that hath breath: praise the Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Word of God

Processional

All people that on earth do dwell

Hymnal 377

The Celebrant says to the people:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant and People

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.

Song of Praise

Glory to God

Hymnal S278

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.
The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people:

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (The people may be seated.)

A Reading from Acts (2:42-47)

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

(Silence for reflection upon the reading.)

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

1 The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
3 He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

A Reading from 1 Peter (2:19-25)

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks Be to God.

Hymn to Announce the Gospel Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless Hymnal 343

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (10:1-10)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do
not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon
The Rev. Dena Whalen

Guest Speaker
Jane Birnbaum, Good Shepherd Ministries

The Nicene Creed
BCP 358

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.
The Prayers of the People (Form III)  

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Rob, our bishop; Dena, our rector; Kay, our deacon; Richard, our priest associate; St. Paul’s, Greenville, the Rev. Robert Hudak, Rector, the Rev. Andrew Cannan, Associate Rector, the Rev. Deacon Fran McKinney; the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop; Staff of The Episcopal Church Center; Iglesia Cristiana; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for Donald, our president; Roy, our governor and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Especially remembering Bob Hayes, husband of Rev. Deacon Pam Hayes, give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  

Silence

In our parish we pray for those on our parish prayer list: Curtis, George, Jere, Eleanor, Joan, and those friends of the Parish listed in the bulletin.  

(Pause)

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**The Peace**

*Celebrant*  The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*  And also with you.
The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem  
*The King of Love my shepherd is*  
(Text found on page 645 of the hymnal)  
John Rutter

The Great Thanksgiving  
BCP 361

Please turn to page 361 in the red Book of Common Prayer for the complete Eucharistic Prayer A

The people stand. The Celebrant sings or says:

*Celebrant*  
The Lord be with you.

*People*  
And also with you.

*Celebrant*  
Lift up your hearts.

*People*  
We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant proceeds

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord: S128  
*Mathias*

(The people stand or kneel)
Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself … Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: S135

Hill

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

The Celebrant continues

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S155

Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is 
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Communion of the People

During the season of Easter it is customary to stand when receiving communion or a blessing.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the altar. For the bread, place one hand over the other and hold them up chest high so the minister can easily place the bread on the palm of your hand. You may then consume the bread or hold it to dip (intinct) into the wine and then place it in your mouth. If you wish to receive the chalice, please guide it to your lips. If you do not wish to receive the wine, indicate by crossing your arms. After you have received the bread and the wine, it is appropriate to say “AMEN.” Gluten free communion bread is available. Ask the priest.

Communion Music

God be in my head

Carol McClure

(Sung by the treble choristers of the choir.)

God be in my head and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and at my departing.

My Shepherd will supply my need

Hymnal 664

Alleluia 7

Taizé

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

People: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Celebrant pronounces a blessing to which the congregation responds, “AMEN.”

**Processional**  
*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*  
*Hymnal 376*

**Dismissal**

*The Celebrant dismisses the people, to which they reply:*

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

**Voluntary**  
*Fugue in G Major, S541*  
*J.S.Bach*

---

**Music at St. Paul’s**

**Choral Evensong**, sung by the Choir of St. Paul's, the second Wednesday of every month. This ancient sung service of Evening Prayer lasts about 35 minutes - a great way to end a busy day. 5:30 p.m. May 10.

**Marilyn Keiser, organ:** Concert and reception, Friday, May 12, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Recital: Lucy Baker** (St. Paul’s chorister) Sunday, May 21, 2:00 p.m.

**Taizé service** – A Celtic evening service with chants from the Taizé community in France. The fourth Wednesday of every month, 5:30 p.m. Next service May 24.

---

**Congratulations to our Graduating Choristers!**

Peyton Mayzel is graduating UNCW: B.A., Music Entrepreneurship and Technology  
Lucy Baker will attend DePaul University  
Colton Casto will attend Princeton University  
Victoria Pittman will attend North Carolina State University
ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Good Shepherd Sunday:** Today Jane Birnbaum from Good Shepherd Ministries with us for Adult Bible class and our 10:30 worship. Good Shepherd’s mission is “to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and foster transition to housing.” Last year Good Shepherd served over 88,000 meals, sheltered 900 individuals, and transitioned 150 men, women and families with children to safe, affordable housing. This spring the first occupants moved into SECU Lakeside, a 40 unit housing complex designed especially for single adults with disabilities. We will be taking up a special offering in support of their work. There will be an envelope in the bulletin. Please make checks payable to Good Shepherd Center. If you would like your gift to be used for Lakeside, indicate that in the memo line.

**Second Wednesday Evening Program for May 10**

5:30 Choral Evensong
6:00 Pizza and salad
6:30 YouTube presentation and discussion

**WHAT'S THE WHY OF ST. PAUL'S?** Back in March, Bishop Skirving assembled the wardens from most of the churches in the diocese for a weekend parish leadership conference at Trinity Center. That Friday night he led off with a YouTube presentation of a fascinating TED talk on the importance of the WHY in any organization's mission. That 20-minute video segment led to discussions that took us through the rest of the weekend. To say it's thought-provoking is a real understatement. So come join us for prayer, fellowship and some thoughts on "Golden Circles" and "Why?".
**Rogation Sunday - May 21:** 8:00 am – Holy Eucharist at St. Paul’s; no classes for children or adults. 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist at Hugh MacRae Park, Pavilion #4

Our 10:30 worship will take place in Hugh MacRae Park as we celebrate God’s gift of creation, bless soil to be mixed into peoples’ gardens, and enjoy a picnic. Please bring:

- Lawn chairs, a dish and drinks to share at the picnic. Meats will be provided by the Parish Life Team.
- A small amount of soil from your garden to mix in with other soil to be blessed.
- Picnic lunch includes fried chicken (provided) and your potluck items. Please bring something to share according to the first letter of your last name:
  - A-I: Salads, Fruit & Chips  
  - J-R: Desserts  
  - S-Z: Drinks

Please sign up by Thursday, May 18 (we don’t want to run out of chicken!) Sign up sheets on bulletin boards in parish hall and beside the Source.

---

**Tuesday, May 23:** St Paul's Episcopal Church Women and St. Agnes Guild invite all women of our Parish, and their guests, to join us for a Morning Prayer Service with our Rector Dena Whalen at 11:00 AM. This will be followed by a complimentary lunch in our Parish Hall. We are highly honored to have Lisa Towle, President of the Board of Episcopal Church Women as our speaker. Her presentation will focus on, "The way we look at ourselves and the way we do ministry". Women from each of the churches in our Episcopal Deanery have been invited.

Please RSVP by May 19th by signing up on the sheet, on the bulletin board, next to The Source. You may also send an email to Lyle Sullivan at lyle.s09@gmail.com.
On Wednesday, May 24th the Endowment Board of the St. Paul’s Episcopal Church will host a dinner, “Do this for Someone You Love!” beginning at 6:00 pm (after the Taize Service). At this dinner, Ms. Joan Keston will present a seminar on Life Care Planning. This will include a discussion of wills and trusts, powers of attorney, and government benefits for long-term care. Joan has tremendous expertise in blending Elder Law, Estate Planning and Asset Protection.

As Ms. Keston points out, “Once we reach middle age, our Life Care Planning should incorporate planning for old age, and potential incapacity and long-term care needs. About 75% of us believe that we will not need long-term care...surprisingly, about the same number of us will need nursing care during our lifetimes, with an average nursing home stay of 3 years.”

Joan has helped a number of people in crisis, but she also advises clients “to take the necessary steps in advance to plan for the aging process and special needs. In this way, clients can implement better strategies, preserve their assets and meet their goals.”

During the dinner, we will also talk about ways to utilize “tried and true” tax avoidance strategies to further a charitable endeavor, to avoid taxes and possibly increase income.

This will be an informative evening. If you would like to attend please call Carl Samet, our Church administrator to reserve your seat: Carl Samet (admin@spechurch.com) or call 910-762-4578

Blessings, Bill Anlyan, Chairman, The Endowment Board

---

**GriefShare** meets weekly to help you face the challenges of losing a loved one and move toward rebuilding your life. Meetings take place at 10:00 a.m. on Fridays. Facilitator: Rev. Whalen.

---

**Episcopal Men’s Retreat at Trinity Center:** Rev. Jay Sidebotham will be leading the retreat organized by Church of the Servant. Sunday evening, June 11 – Tuesday morning, June 13. Contact Mike Bliss at mikebliss13@gmail.com. Reservation deadline is May 10.
# Ministry Schedule

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>May 7</th>
<th>May 14</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>8:00</td>
<td>Lay Ministers: Rick Thayer</td>
<td>Liz Hosier</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Breakfast Chefs: Steve Bucci, Matt Langley</td>
<td>Richard Trubia, Jim Edwards</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Altar Guild: Anne Freeling, Zona Tounsley</td>
<td>Barbara Bucci, Dot Erway</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Bread Bakers: Nancy Losee</td>
<td>Anne Freeling</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Flower Guild: Cheryl Wagoner</td>
<td>Pattie Hanson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Greeters: David and Seton Webb</td>
<td>Lynda Miller, Lillian West</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Hospitality: Pink</td>
<td>Men’s Group</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Intercessor: Leon Tillery</td>
<td>Diane Trubia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:30</td>
<td>Lay Ministers</td>
<td>Herb Gant, Verger</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Lectors: Harriet Fowler, Larry Hartman,</td>
<td>Lectors: Cindy Moore, Ed Ablard,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Marie Ashworth</td>
<td>Nancy Hosea</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>EMs: Bill Anlyan, Carolyn Demorest</td>
<td>EMs: Don Brainard, Leon Tillery</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Assisting Minister: Cheryl Wagoner</td>
<td>Assisting Minister: Jeffrey Hughes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Crucifer: Royster Hedgepeth</td>
<td>Crucifer: Richard Laudati</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Gospel Book Bearer: Dot Erway</td>
<td>Gospel Book Bearer: Marie Ashworth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Children’s Chaplain: Richard Rhoads</td>
<td>Children’s Chaplain: Keith Calder</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ushers</td>
<td>Kathryn Hedgepeth, Don Baker</td>
<td>Spencer Weig, Ellen Weig</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vestry</td>
<td>Steve Martin</td>
<td>Richard Laudati</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

# Prayer List

**In our parish...**

- CURTIS DALE
- GEORGE CARDIERO
- JERE LEWIS
- JOAN ROSKO MILLER
- ELEANOR MORTON
- THE DEPARTED
  - BOB HAYES

**People requesting prayer**

- ROSS ALLEN
- CLAY CLARK
- PAM DYKHUIZEN
- HOPE LETTERI
- BETTY LETTERI
- ROY LETTERI
- GERRI MARKEL
- HILDA POPLIN
- CHRIS RANNEY
- SUE-ANN RUSH
- MELANIE SEITER
- CORLEEN THOMPSON
- NITA WHITTLE

Please note that names will be removed after one month on the prayer list.
If you wish for continued prayer, please notify the office.
## WEEKLY CALENDAR

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TUES</td>
<td>5/09</td>
<td>EARLY BOOK STUDY</td>
<td>LIBRARY</td>
<td>7:30 AM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>DEACON’S OFFICE HOURS</td>
<td>DEACON’S OFFICE</td>
<td>10:00 AM – 4:00 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>BOYS CHOIR</td>
<td>NAVE</td>
<td>6:00 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WED</td>
<td>5/10</td>
<td>STAFF MEETING</td>
<td></td>
<td>10:00 AM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>BIBLE STUDY</td>
<td>PARISH HALL</td>
<td>10:30 AM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>HOLY EUCHARIST</td>
<td>CHANCEL</td>
<td>12:10 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>COMMUNITY LUNCH</td>
<td>PARISH HALL</td>
<td>1:00 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>CHOIR SCHOOL SUPPER</td>
<td>PARISH HALL</td>
<td>6:00 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>CHOIR SCHOOL</td>
<td></td>
<td>6:20 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>ADULT CHOIR</td>
<td>NAVE</td>
<td>7:00 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THU</td>
<td>5/11</td>
<td>THURSDAY WORKERS</td>
<td>PARISH HALL</td>
<td>8:30 AM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FRI</td>
<td>5/12</td>
<td>GRIEFSHARE</td>
<td>LIBRARY</td>
<td>10:00 AM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>MARILYN KEISER, ORGANIST</td>
<td>CHURCH AND PARISH HALL</td>
<td>7:30 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SAT</td>
<td>5/13</td>
<td>ALTAR GUILD</td>
<td>SACRISTY</td>
<td>9:00 AM</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Celebrating May Birthdays


### A Warm Welcome to All Guests!

If you are new to our church, please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate or give it to a member of our Welcoming Ministry.

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to join us following the 8:00 a.m. Eucharist for breakfast in the parish hall. For those attending the 10:30 a.m. service, be sure to stay for fellowship in the parish hall. Please join us whenever you can, and please wear a guest name tag so we may introduce ourselves to you.
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
16 North Sixteenth Street
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401
www.spechurch.com (910) 762-4578
E-news announcement submissions: e-news@spechurch.com
Bulletin announcement submissions: bulletin@spechurch.com
The Rt. Rev. Robert Skirving, Bishop
The Rev. Dena Bearl Whalen, Rector
The Rev. Deacon Kay Swindell
The Rev. Richard Banks, Priest Associate
Ronnie D. Wise, Director of Music and Organist
Richard Rhoads, Assistant Director of Music and Organist
Carl Samet, Parish Administrator
Diane Matz-Kane, Bookkeeper
Brent Erway and Walter Alonzo, Sextons