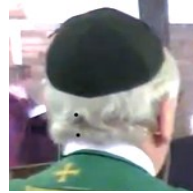


Best of From The Zucchetto - a.k.a. Zucchini by the PiC



The COFFEE HOUR after the Eucharist is NOT an ADD ON but an essential part of our life together as the Saints of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

I know it looks like one.

Folding tables and chairs, coffee, soft drinks and tea, various trays of food from pastries to sandwiches and anything else the Saints of St. Paul's choose to bring.

And it has none of the beauty of what just happened in the nave.

But something is going on there, and it's not something you really want to miss.

As the Word of God is read, as the sermon preached, as the celebrant says the words of institution over the gifts of bread and wine, we are reminded that we are a part of a Body, the very Body of Christ.

The coffee hour is where we experience what it actually means to be a part of the Body of Christ, the Church.

This is where we share in the Peace of Christ in ways that we cannot do within the liturgy itself.

It is here, at the Coffee Hour, where Saints meet, where new lasting and friendships are made. It is here that we talk about what's going on in our lives. It is here that we can say, "Wow! I really like this or that . . ." It is here where we can take time to pray for one another if that is what is called for.

None of this happens during the service. There is no space for it, and there is not supposed to be.

Today, ESPECIALLY TODAY, you will want to stay to hear SAI WANI talk about his ministry of providing fresh water to people in towns and villages in various countries in South Africa.

So, y'all, come to Coffee Hour and enjoy God's presence with us in His Body, his Saints, of which YOU are one.

You will be blessed.

Gary D. Hill+



Today's Stewardship Pearl

Now, faith is confidence in what we hope for, and assurance about what we do not see.

-Hebrews 11:1

Pray for the Church and the Body of Christ

The Daughters of the King are dedicated to supporting the prayer needs of St. Paul's. They are available in the west corner of sanctuary every Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for private prayer.



*Please pray for: Healing for David Gish
Fr. Gordon, his son Tony and his family who care for him.
The family of Jerry Harrison*

Making a Difference—St. Paul's member Sai Wani's presentation will focus on the need to support efforts of the Kealing Kadi Foundation, a South Sudanese Christian-based organization providing essential medical services, supplies, and spiritual guidance for the unfortunate individuals and families who lack access to basic care and necessities in Kajokeji, South Sudan.

EVENTS

Sept 6, 13 20, 27 9:15am—Adults & Youth Christian Education
4-session class led by Rev. Bruce Hargrave on Book of Ruth

Sept 13 Short ECW meeting following service

Sept 17 Vestry

Sept 19 NO St. Joseph Guild
8:00am—Midafternoon Volunteers Needed,
Cotton Patch Challenge Water Station at
1st Credit Union in front of L3-Harris, south
of the church on Jack Finney

9:00am DOK Daughter's of the King

Sept 26 2:00-3:00pm Greenville Gardens

8 a.m. to Mid Afternoon—Sept. 19



Many volunteers are needed at the water station to help keep our cyclists refreshed. St. Paul's will be - located at Service 1st Credit Union in front of L3-Harris, south of the church on Jack Finney. St. Paul's has proudly helped with this annual city event for many years. Contact Frank McKee for details.

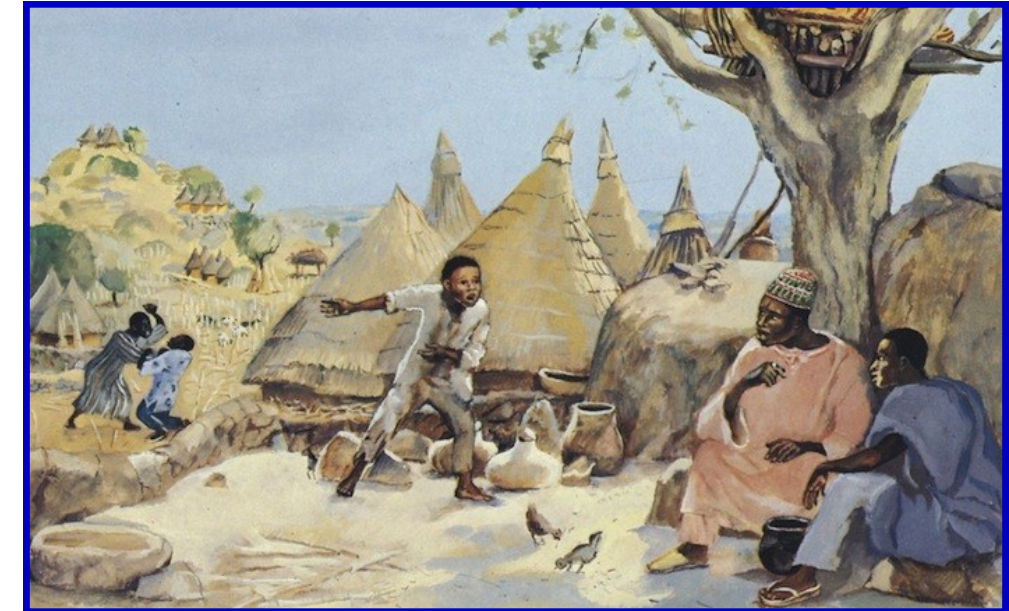
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Open your phone's camera and aim it at the QR code. This will take you directly to our donation page at www.stpaulstx.org/giving where you can donate to our Giving Program. Put in the amount and from the Fund drop down box select where you want your donation to go.



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*Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 13, 2026*



“The Unforgiving Servant” is a 1973 painting by the Jesus MAFA project, a collaborative Christian art initiative between Mafa Christians in northern Cameroon and French missionaries. It visually interprets **Matthew 18:21–35**, the parable of the unforgiving servant, and is part of a series of works that adapted New Testament lectionary readings into dramatic, culturally relevant imagery. The viewer is placed directly into the parable's action:

•**Foreground:** An unforgiving servant demands repayment from another servant, despite having been forgiven a massive debt by the lord.

•**Background:** The forgiving lord is informed of the servant's vengeful behavior, prompting shock and anger on the faces of the messenger and lord. The composition evokes moral tension, urging the viewer to feel indignation at the servant's lack of compassion and to reflect on the need for mercy in their own lives.

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Nancy Kilroy, *Parish Administrator*
(Office Hours: 8am - 2pm; Wed, Thurs. & Fri.)

Christy Wolff, *Music Director*

Cathy Hargrave, *Pianist*

Service Times at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

SUNDAY

9:15 am.SUNDAY SCHOOL
.....PRAISE TEAM REHERSAL
10:30 am.HOLY EUCHARIST
11:45 am.FELLOWSHIP, CLARDY HALL

WEDNESDAY

10:30 am.MORNING PRAYER II
6:00 pm.BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY

8:00 p.m. COMPLINE SERVICE <http://stpaulstx.org> select Facebook

FRIDAY

9:00 am. CHILDREN’S CHAPEL

Sunday, September 13th

LEM/ Lay Readers	Matt Wolff
Reader	Debbie Shaffer
Acolyte	Jeff Faunce
Thurifer	Laurel Pence
Vestry Person of the Day:	Nancy Wyant, Debbie Shaffer
Intercessory Prayer:	Nancy Wyant
Tech Team:	Studio Director-Jennifer Faunce; Titles-Jennifer Faunce; Audio-Jeff Faunce; Cameras-Jacob Faunce; Social Media- Georgianna Harrison
Altar Guild:	Jennifer Faunce, Elena Mathews, Laurel Pence, Nancy Wyant, Georgianna Harrison

Hymns and Songs for the Day

Procession:	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	H390
Gospel:	Teach Us to Love Your Word, Lord	Handout
Offertory:	Lord, I Lift Your Name On High	A3-109
Sensing of the altar:	He Is Lord	A3-55
Communion:	I Come With Joy	A3-72
	Bless His Holy Name	Handout
Closing Hymn:	Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee	H376

Holy Eucharist

Collect

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Eucharist

First Lesson – Genesis 50:15-21

Reader: A reading from Ezekiel

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:(1-7), 8-13

Read responsively by whole verse

- 1 [Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.]
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse 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.

Sung by all

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. Amen.

The Second Lesson - Romans 14:1-12

Reader: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

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

Romans 14:1-12 (continued)

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.

Please stand for the Gospel Hymn

The Gospel hymn will be announced

The Gospel - Matthew 18:21-35

Celebrant: 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.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.