

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



Dear Saints of God!

By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, Nancy and I have been called to live among you, worship with you, and to serve the One, who, out of his great kindness, has saved us.

The fact of the matter is, we have never been happier than we are here with you, the Saints of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and School, Greenville, Texas.

Therefore, during our annual Stewardship Campaign, it is our joy to be able to give back to God what he has so generously provided for us by making a significant increase in our financial commitment to the work of the Lord in this wonderful congregation. And we invite you to do the same.

Sometime in October each of you will receive a pledge form.

As you prepare to fill it out, please take time to pray. And then, please remember that the Christian life is rooted in the generous outpouring of God's redeeming love for us demonstrated in the Cross of Jesus Christ.

We, by the grace of God, are a very gifted and blessed people. We have so much for which to offer our thanks. So, let's come together, trusting that God will use our gifts of time, talent and money to bless each other, as well as bless the those just beyond our doors.

And now Glory be to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever. (Ephesians 3:20,21)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Gary+ and Nancy



Today's Stewardship Pearl

And without faith, it is impossible to please God; because anyone who comes to him must believe he exists and that he rewards who earnestly seek him.

-Hebrews 11:6

Looking For Ways to Serve?

Altar Guild — Nancy Wyant: nanwyant@gmail.com

Choir — Christy Wolff: christykaye@hotmail.com

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Tech Team—Jeff Faunce: Jeff.Faunce@etamu.edu

Worship Team—Debbie Shaffer: debshaffer_tx@yahoo.com

Pray for the Church and the Body of Christ

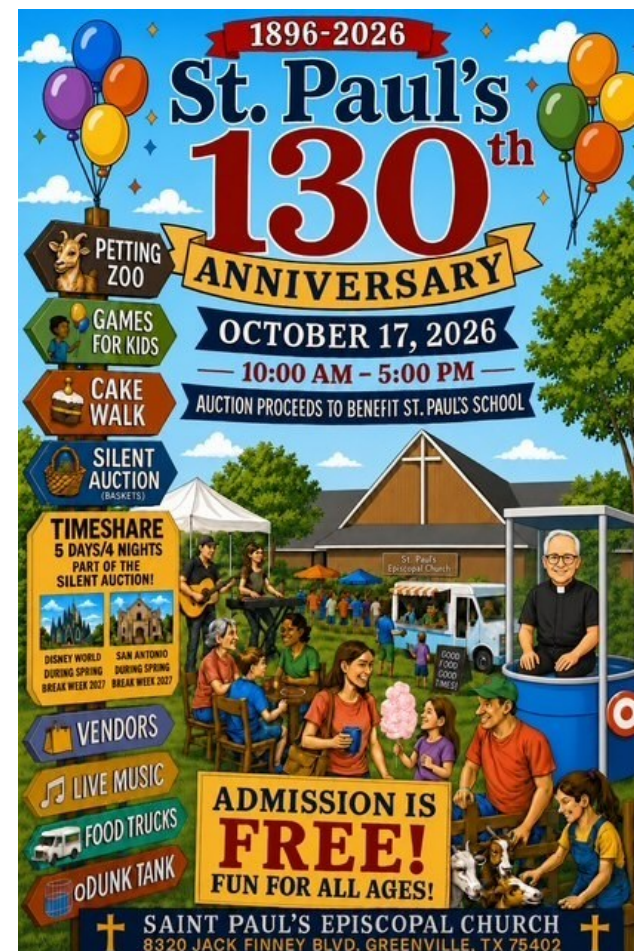
The Daughters of the King are dedicated to supporting the prayer needs of St. Paul's. They are available in the west corner of sanctuary every Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for private prayer.



***Please pray for: Dahlman-Joulson Family
Healing for David Gish. Fr. Gordon, his son Tony and
his family who care for him.***

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 19** **9:00am DOK Daughter's of the King**
- Sept 26
Sept 27** **3:00pm Windy Hill Birthday Party for Brittany**
2:00pm Greenville Gardens



More Than Enough — Donate Digitally!

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.



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

**Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 20, 2026**



Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard [Codex aureus Epternacensis]

Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard, from the Codex Aureus Epternacensis, an 11th century illuminated book of the Gospels (Latin Vulgate). *Codex Aureus* was written/illuminated by monks of the Benedictine Abbey of Echternach (within Luxembourg) circa AD 1040. It is presently located in the National Museum in Nuremberg, Germany. CodexAureusEpternacensisf76fDetail.jpg (3000x1308)

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Jesus Christ, *Head of the Church*

The Rt. Rev. Robert P. Price, *Bishop*

The Rev. Gary D. Hill, *Priest In Charge*
(available on Friday by appointment, 469-849-8317)

The Rev. Gordon Miltenberger, *Assisting Priest*

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 20th

LEM/ Lay Readers	Debbie Shaffer
Reader	Nancy Hill
Acolyte	Matt Wolff
Thurifer	Nancy Hill
Vestry Person of the Day:	Elizabeth Porter, Nancy Wyant
Intercessory Prayer:	Elizabeth Porter
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:	Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken	H522
Gospel:	Teach Us to Love Your Word, Lord	Handout
Offertory:	Bringing in the Sheaves	Handout
Sensing of the altar:	He Is Lord	A3-55
Communion:	Just A Closer Walk With Thee	A3-104
	Nothing But The Blood	A3-122
Closing Hymn:	He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands	A3-58

Holy Eucharist

Collect

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Eucharist

First Lesson – Jonah 3:10-4:11

Reader: A reading from Jonah

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 145:1-8

Read responsively by whole verse

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

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 - Philippians 1:21-30

Reader: A reading from Philippians

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 20:1-16

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.