

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

“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.” Joel 2:28.



The prophet Joel was speaking to the people after a period of hard times – plagues for one. While we have not undergone such devastation, we have, as a congregation, had our ups and downs – numerically, financially, and otherwise. But like Joel, we have been called to prayer to discern the direction that the Lord has for us. The beautiful reminder that "God has plans to prosper us" is rooted in Jeremiah 29:11, which says: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Our mission, as the Body of Christ, is to ask the Lord to reveal his plans for us – to provide us with the prophesy, dreams, and visions through his Holy Spirit.

The US Census has released data that Greenville, Texas is among the top 15 fastest growing cities in the whole United States. This would translate to growth in our congregation and in our school – and we are seeing it now! Both the School Board and the Vestry are in prayer and discernment about our next phases of growth. The school is strengthening its position by becoming a member of the Southwest Association of Episcopal Schools as well as remodeling the entrance for greater efficiency and security. Expansion is being discussed and prayed about. The Vestry is reviewing plans for Church remodeling that have been shelved for a number of years. Nancy Kilroy is now in the church office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (and other times as needed) so we have a presence on campus. The grounds with the rose garden are looking great. There are many more projects being done or planned.

So please be in prayer and ask the Lord what He has in mind for our congregation and your role in it. “Open my eyes to see the truth, my ears to hear Your guidance, and my heart to follow Your will.”

In His Service,

Gary+ (The Older Man Dreaming Dreams)



Pray for the Church and the Body of Christ

The Daughters of the King are dedicated to supporting the prayer needs of 1St. 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: Julia Gibson Schwartz (hospice), Cecilia Kenny, Fr. Gordon

Today's Stewardship Pearl



The book of James may be the earliest of the New Testament letters, written about AD 48; written by the brother of Jesus; the letter is addressed to Christians everywhere.

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. -James 1:19 - 20

EVENTS

- May 24** - Pentecost, Baptisms
- May 30 - 9:00am—Lunch:** Discernment Retreat, Holy Listening
<https://www.prekindle.com/event/16761-holy-listening-letting-god-lead-dallas>
- June 2** - Celebration of June Birthdays
- June 21** - Father's Day Ice Cream Social
- June 28** - St. Paul's Patron Saint Picnic on church grounds



Saturday, June 6

June 1-5: 3:00-6:00pm
Donations Accepted

9am-4pm: June 3, 4, & 5
Volunteers Needed
Sorting & Organization

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The Rev. Gordon Miltenberger, *Assisting Priest*
Nancy Kilroy, *Parish Administrator*
(Office Hours: 8am - 2pm; Tues., Wed. & Thurs.)
David Gish, *Music Director*
Cathy Hargrave, *Organist*

7th Sunday of Easter - May 17, 2026

Service Times at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

SUNDAY

10:30 am. HOLY EUCHARIST

11:45 am. FELLOWSHIP, CLARDY HALL

MONDAY

9:00 am. CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY

10:30 am. MORNING PRAYER II

6:00 pm. BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY

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

Sunday, May 17th

LEM/ Lay Readers	Karen Smith
Lector	Nancy Hill
Acolyte	Jim Pence
Thurifer	Laurel Pence
Vestry Person of the Day:	Elizabeth Porter, Frank McKee
Intercessory Prayer:	Laurel Pence
Tech Team:	Director-Jeff Faunce; Titles-Jennifer Faunce; Audio-Brad Mathis; Cameras-Nick Stone; Social Media-Georgianna Harrison
Altar Guild:	Laurel Pence, Nancy Wyant, Georgianna Harrison

Hymns and Songs for the Day

Procession:	Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!	H460
Gospel:	Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise	H214
Offertory:	Holy is the Lord	A3-65
	His is Lord	A3-55
Communion:	I Am the Bread of Life	A3-69
Procession to the World:	Shine Jesus Shine	A3-143

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Eucharist

Holy Eucharist

Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

First Lesson— Acts 1: 1-11

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47 (Read responsively by whole verse)

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 *For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great King over all the earth.*
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.
- 4 *He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.*
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 *Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.*
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 *God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne.*
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 *The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted.*

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 Epistle - Ephesians 1:15-23

Lector: A reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Hymn

The Gospel - Luke 24: 44-53

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.



Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life and legacy of John Wyant on the Anniversary of his birth - May 17th, by Nancy Wyant and family.