

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**Gospel John 10:11-18**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

**Vestry Highlights**—At the April meeting, the Vestry:

- ◆ Heard the Bishop supports the Rector running for Sewanee Trustee and discussed Vestry support..
- ◆ Heard a big THANK YOU to all who helped with preparing for and volunteering during the Eclipse. Crowds were not as large as predicted, yet a great time was had.
- ◆ Heard the Senior Warden will be continuing short-term medical leave.
- ◆ Heard the Vestry approved Memorial Funds to purchase/install speakers in the Narthex.
- ◆ Heard Paul Juarez from the Salvation Army will conduct a presentation during Fellowship Hour on April 28th.
- ◆ Heard National Day of Prayer is May 2nd and For the City will be occurring from June 5th through 8th.
- ◆ Heard planning regarding the September 15th event in honor of St. Paul's September 17, 1974 consecration.
- ◆ Heard status of kitchen renovation.
- ◆ Heard recommendation for Vestry approval on funding for the daily Morning Prayer group's purchase of kneelers, a wall organizer, and tablets.
- ◆ Heard St. Joseph's Guild will meet on April 20th.
- ◆ Heard the All Church Workday convened on March 23rd and accomplished much.
- ◆ Heard from Junior Warden regarding the Eclipse and recent work/repairs.
- ◆ Financials:
  - Income: \$24,574.00 in March; \$69,335.00 YTD
  - Expense: \$18,092.00 in March; \$56,269.00 YTD
  - Profit (Loss) Monthly and YTD: \$6,482.00 in March; \$13,067.00 YTD

*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. You can also submit intentions in the prayer box in the narthex. To add names to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise renewed.

Please pray for: *Dana Medford, Sally Wolff, Rita Woods*

*Altar flowers are given to the greater Glory of God in loving memory of Fred by Jo Dodson.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**\*NURSERY WILL BE UNAVAILABLE TODAY.**

**\*ADULT CATECHESIS:** Every Sunday from, 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Join the adventure as we learn church history, the creeds, councils, and confessions, the major theological debates, heroes, doctrines...lots of fun stuff in our long, long history as followers of Jesus Christ as the world wide church. Thousands of years of hundreds of major and minor characters, councils, state rulers, infighting, struggles, compromises, theology, structure, political maneuvering, grace, and truth. Grow in your knowledge, exercise your mind, learn together on this grand adventure of faith in following our Lord Jesus Christ. Coffee on the burner. No homework. Just come and stay a while.

- Apr. 24, Wed.** 10:00 a.m.-Children's Chapel  
10:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer  
7:00 p.m.-Bible Study
- Apr. 28, Sun.** Paul Juarez from Salvation Army presentation during Fellowship Hour
- May 1, Wed.** 10:00 a.m.-Children's Chapel  
10:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer  
7:00 p.m.-Bible Study
- May 2, Thurs.** National Day of Prayer
- May 4, Sat.** Mission Day at St. Nicholas, Flower Mound
- May 6, Mon.** Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 8, Wed.** 8:00 a.m.-Leader Breakfast  
10:00 a.m.-Children's Chapel  
10:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer  
7:00 p.m.-Bible Study

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**April 14**

Offering: \$2,411.00 - Attendance: 45



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*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
*April 21, 2024*

## Service Times at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

### *SUNDAY*

9:30 a.m to 10:15 p.m. ....ADULT CATECHESIS  
10:30 a.m. .... HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

### *MONDAY—FRIDAY*

7:30 a.m. .... MORNING PRAYER

### *WEDNESDAY*

10:00 a.m. .... CHILDREN'S CHAPEL  
10:30 a.m. .... MORNING PRAYER  
7:00 p.m. .... BIBLE STUDY  
"ST. PAUL'S YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP-GREENVILLE, TX":  
FOLLOW ON FACEBOOK FOR INFORMATION ON TIME AND  
LOCATION

#### This Sunday, Apr. 21

**Lector/LEM:** John Shasteen  
**Acolyte:** Debbie Shaffer  
**Vestry Person of the Day:** Pat Bolick, Suzanne Taylor  
**Intercessory Prayer:** Dana Medford

#### Next Sunday, Apr. 28

**Lector/LEM:** Debbie Shaffer  
**Acolyte:** Matt Wolff  
**Vestry Person of the Day:** Frank McKee, Suzanne Taylor  
**Intercessory Prayer:** Elizabeth Porter  
**Altar Guild:** Pat Bolick, Laura Funk,  
Georgianna Harrison, Nancy Wyant  
**Tech Team:** Jacob Faunce, Jeff Faunce, Jennifer Faunce,  
Georgianna Harrison, Dana Medford,  
Alex Stachniak, Chris Wolff

#### *Morsel for Meditation*

"To accept passively an unjust system is to cooperate with that system; thereby the oppressed become as evil as the oppressor. Non-cooperation with evil is as much a moral obligation as is cooperation with good."

-Martin Luther King, Jr., "Three Ways of Meeting  
Oppression" in *Stride Toward Freedom*, 1958

"Two loves, then, have made two cities. Love of self, even to the point of contempt for God, made the earthly city, and love of God, even to the point of contempt for self, made the heavenly city. Thus the former glories in itself, and the latter glories in the Lord. The former seeks its glory from men, but the latter finds its highest glory in God, the witness of our conscience. The former lifts up its head in its own glory; the latter says to its God, My glory, and the one who lifts up my head (Ps. 3:3)."

-Augustine of Hippo

"Fear can hold you prisoner. Hope can set you free."

-Red, *Shawshank Redemption*.

"Many of the great achievements of the world were accomplished by tired and discouraged men who kept on working."

-Oscar Wilde

## Holy Eucharist Rite II

### *The Word of God*

Processional Hymn *H #304*  
*I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord (Land of Rest)*  
Opening Sentence BCP 355  
*Gloria in excelsis* H #S280  
The Collect BCP 225  
The Lessons  
First Reading Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm Psalm 23  
Epistle 1 John 3:16-24  
Gospel Hymn *H #645*  
*The King of Love My Shepherd Is (St. Columba)*  
Gospel John 10:11-18  
Children's Sermon  
Sermon The Rev. Canon Jerry Morriss  
The Nicene Creed BCP 358  
Prayers of the People (Form III) BCP 387  
The Confession BCP 360  
The Peace BCP 360  
Announcements

### *The Holy Communion*

Offertory Hymn *H #708*  
*Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us (Sicilian Mariners)*  
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) BCP 361  
*Sanctus* H #S129  
The Lord's Prayer BCP 364  
*Agnus Dei* H #S157  
The Presentation BCP 364  
Communion Hymns  
*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* *A3 #121*  
*What a Friend We Have In Jesus* *A3 #189*  
Post Communion Prayer BCP 365  
The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 366  
Recessional Hymn *H #663*  
*The Lord My God My Shepherd Is (Crimond)*

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (black)  
H = Hymnbook (red)  
A3 = Alleluia III (yellow)

*All baptized Christians are welcome to  
receive the Holy Eucharist.*

### The Collect

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.*

### First Reading Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

### Psalm Psalm 23

#### *Dominus regit me*

- 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.

### Epistle 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.