

Service Times at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. to 10:15 p.m. . . . . ADULT CATECHESIS  
10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. . . . . NURSERY OPEN  
10:30 a.m. . . . . HOLY EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. . . . . MORNING PRAYER I  
10:00 a.m. . . . . CHILDREN’S CHAPEL  
10:30 a.m. . . . . MORNING PRAYER  
6:00 p.m. . . . . BIBLE STUDY

This Sunday, August 3

Lector/LEM: Debbie Shaffer  
Acolyte: David Kirklin  
Vestry Person of the Day: Frank McKee, Matt Wolff  
Intercessory Prayer: Nancy Wyant  
Tech Team: Director-Dana Medford, Titles-Jeff Faunce  
Audio-Jennifer Faunce, Cameras-Chris Wolff; Social Media--Georgianna Harrison,

Next Sunday, August 10

Lector/LEM: John Shasteen  
Acolyte: Matt Wolff  
Vestry Person of the Day: John Stachniak, Pat Bolick,  
Intercessory Prayer: Suzanne Taylor  
Altar Guild: Georgianna Harrison, Laurel Pence,  
Laura Funk, Nancy Wyant

Morsels for Meditation

There are basically two kinds of law: (1) law as the way things ought to be, and (2) law as the way things are. An example of the first is "No Trespassing." An example of the second is the law of gravity.  
God's law has traditionally been spelled out in terms of category no. 1, a compendium of dos and don'ts. These dos and don'ts are the work of moralists and, when obeyed, serve the useful purpose of keeping us from each other's throats. They can't make us human, but they can help keep us honest. God's law in itself, however, comes under category no. 2 and is the work of God. It has been stated in seven words: "Whoever does not love abides in death" (1 John 3:14). Like it or not, that's how it is. If you don't believe it, you can always put it to the test just the way if you don't believe the law of gravity, you can always step out a tenth-story window.  
-Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking* and later in *Beyond Words*  
  
"Tolerance will reach such a level that intelligent people will be banned from thinking so as not to offend the imbeciles."  
-Fyodor Dostoevsky

Cover Art

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Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Word of God

Processional Hymn H #550  
Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult (Restoration)  
Opening Sentence BCP 355  
Gloria in excelsis H #S280  
The Collect BCP 231  
The Lessons  
Old Testament Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23  
Psalm Psalm 49:1 -11  
Epistle Colossians 3:1 -11  
Gospel Hymn H #574  
Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel (St. Petersburg)  
Gospel Luke 12:13-21  
Sermon The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk

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 #707  
The Prayer of St. Francis  
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) BCP 361  
Sanctus H #S129  
The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364  
Agnus Dei H #S157  
Communion Hymns  
Step by Step A3 #154  
Majesty A3 #113  
The Presentation BCP 364  
Post Communion Prayer BCP 365  
The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 366  
Recessional Hymn H # 636  
How Firm a Foundation (Foundation)

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

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Old Testament Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 18-23

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.  
  
Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"  
  
And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Psalms Psalm 49:1-11

Audite haec, omnes

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples;  
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
and never see the grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also;  
like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,  
their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
though they call the lands after their own names.

11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
they are like the beasts that perish.

**Epistle                      Colossians 3:1-11**

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

**Gospel                      Luke 12:13-21**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

***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:** The Family of Jerry Tillery

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Check E-pistle for Lenten Series Studies Details**

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| <b>Aug. 6, Wed.</b>   | 8:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer I<br>10:00 a.m. - Children's Chapel<br>10:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer II<br>6:00 p.m.—Bible Study |
|                       | 10:00 a.m.—Consecration of the<br>Very Rev. Robert P. Price as Bishop                                                 |
| <b>Aug. 9, Sat.</b>   | 10:00 a.m.—Sons of the American Revolution<br>10:00 a.m.—Jerry Tillery funeral Coker-Matthews                         |
| <b>Aug. 12, Tues.</b> | 6:00 p.m.—School Board                                                                                                |
| <b>Aug. 13, Wed.</b>  | 8:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer I<br>10:00 a.m. - Children's Chapel<br>10:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer II<br>6:00 p.m.—Bible Study |
| Aug. 16, Sat.         | 8:00 a.m.—St. Joseph's Guild<br>9:00 a.m.—DOK meeting                                                                 |
| Aug. 19, Tues.        | 7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting                                                                                              |
| Aug. 20, Wed.         | 8:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer I<br>10:00 a.m. - Children's Chapel<br>10:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer II<br>6:00 p.m.—Bible Study |
| Aug. 26, Tues         | Ladies Nite Out—TBD                                                                                                   |
| Aug. 27, Wed.         | 8:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer I<br>10:00 a.m. - Children's Chapel<br>10:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer II<br>6:00 p.m.—Bible Study |

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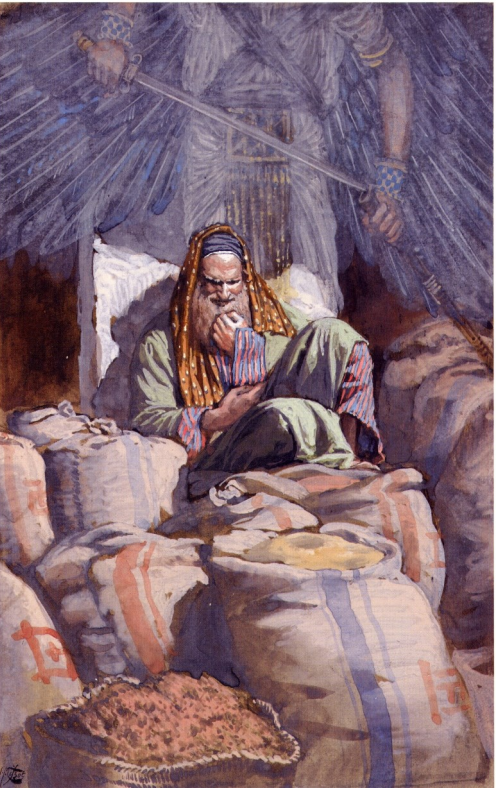
**February 16**

Sunday Offering: \$xxX.00

Attendance: xx



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David Gish, *Music Director*  
Rebecca Shasteen, *Pianist and Organist*  
Debbie McClain, *Parish Administrator*

*The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 12*

*August 3, 2025*