

The Epistle

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"



Today's Stewardship Pearl

Stewardship is rooting your faith in Jesus and in God's mission for you.
What is God's mission for you?
Jesus is God's mission;
Jesus is the mission of the church.
The church is your mission.
We are each merely the tools God uses to achieve that mission.

Pray for the Church and the Body of Christ

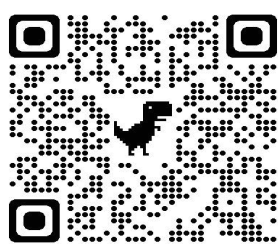
The Daughters of the King are dedicated to supporting the prayer needs of St. Paul's. They are available in the west corner of sanctuary every Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for private prayer. You can also submit intentions in the prayer box in the narthex. To add names to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise renewed.
Please pray for: *Edward Haines, David Gibbs, Tom Yorio*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 21, Tues.** 7:00 p.m.-Vestry Meeting
- Oct. 22, Wed.** 8:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer I
10:00 a.m.-Children's Chapel
10:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer II
6:00 p.m.-Bible Study
- Oct. 23, Thurs.** 8:00 p.m.-Compline Service (access via St. Paul's Facebook Page)
- Oct. 26, Sun.** 2:00 p.m.-Join us at Greenville Gardens as we sing and minister to the residents
RSVP deadline for ECW Christmas Tea at Dallas Arboretum
- Oct. 29, Wed.** 8:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer I
10:00 a.m.-Children's Chapel
10:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer II
6:00 p.m.-Bible Study
- Oct. 30, Thurs.** 8:00 p.m.-Compline Service (access via St. Paul's Facebook Page)

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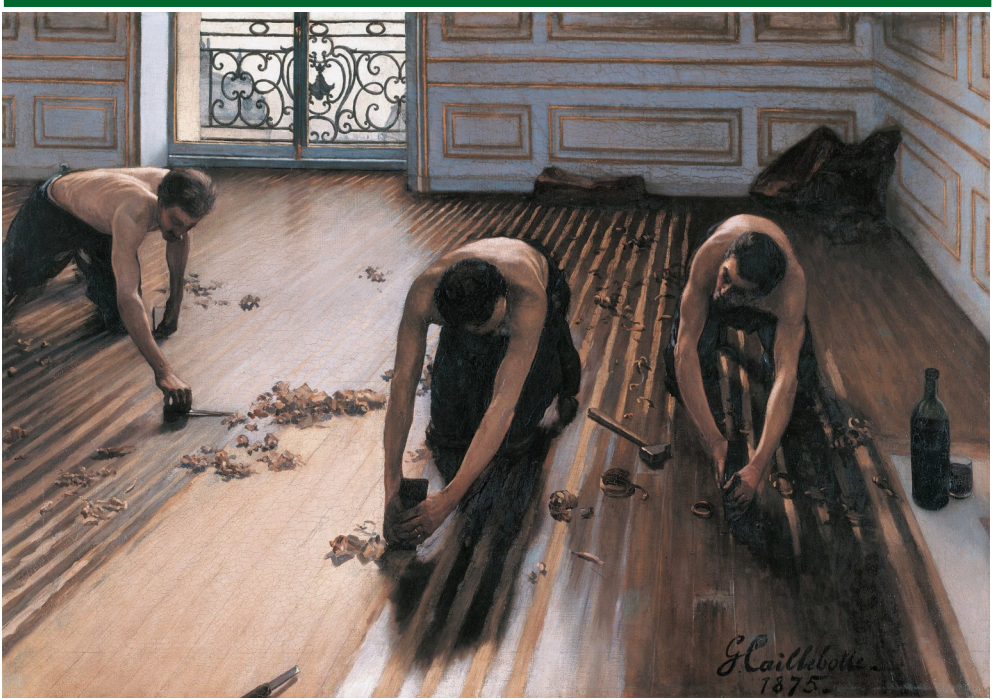


October 12th:
Sunday Offering: \$ 1,990.00
Attendance: 33

Cover Art

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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 24
October 19, 2025

Service Times at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m to 10:15 a.mADULT 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 II
6:00 p.m.BIBLE STUDY

This Sunday, October 19th

Lector/LEM: Jim Pence
Acolyte: Matt Wolff
Vestry Person of the Day: David Kirklin, Elizabeth Porter
Intercessory Prayer: Laurel Pence
Tech Team: Director-Jennifer Faunce; Titles-Jennifer Faunce; Audio-Jeff Faunce; Cameras-Jeff Faunce; Social Media-Georgianna Harrison

Next Sunday, October 26th

Lector/LEM: Debbie Shaffer
Acolyte: Karen Smith
Vestry Person of the Day: Matt Wolff, Jeff Faunce
Intercessory Prayer: Elizabeth Porter
Tech Team: Director-Jennifer Faunce; Titles-Jennifer Faunce; Audio-Jeff Faunce; Cameras-Jeff Faunce; Social Media-Georgianna Harrison

Altar Guild: Laura Funk, Georgianna Harrison, Laurel Pence, Nancy Wyant

Morsels for Meditation

““These are the things you shall do: Speak each man the truth to his neighbor; Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace; Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbor; And do not love a false oath. For all these are things that I hate,’ Says the Lord.”

-Zechariah 8:16-17 (*The New King James Version*)

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey...
I asked for health, that I might do greater things
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things...
I asked for riches, that I might be happy
I was given poverty, that I might be wise...
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God...
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life
I was given life that I might enjoy all things...
I got nothing that I asked for—but everything I had hoped for
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am, among all men, most richly blessed.
-Unknown

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Word of God

Processional Hymn H #535
Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim (Paderborn)
Opening Sentence BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis H #S280
The Collect BCP 235
The Lessons
The First Reading Jeremiah 31:27-34
The Psalm Psalm 119:97-104
The Epistle 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Gospel Hymn H #669
Commit thou all that grieves thee (Herzlich tut mich verlangen)
Gospel Luke 18:1-8
Sermon “Go for it!” 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 #372
Praise to the living God! (Leoni)
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) BCP 361
Sanctus H #S129
The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364
Agnus Dei H #S157
Communion Hymns A3 #89
Jesus, Name Above All Names BCP 364
The Presentation BCP 365
Post Communion Prayer BCP 366
The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 366
Recessional Hymn H #709
O God of Bethel, by whose hand (Dundee)

All baptized Christians are welcome
to receive the Holy Eucharist.

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

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading Jeremiah 31:27-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Psalm Psalm 119:97-104

Quomodo dilexi!

- 97 Oh, how I love your law! *
all the day long it is in my mind.
- 98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, *
and it is always with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, *
for your decrees are my study.
- 100 I am wiser than the elders, *
because I observe your commandments.
- 101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, *
that I may keep your word.
- 102 I do not shrink from your judgments, *
because you yourself have taught me.
- 103 How sweet are your words to my taste! *
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- 104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; *
therefore I hate every lying way.