

- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

The Epistle **2 Timothy 2:8-15**

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful--
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Gospel **Luke 17:11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."



Today's Stewardship Pearl

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:19-21

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.

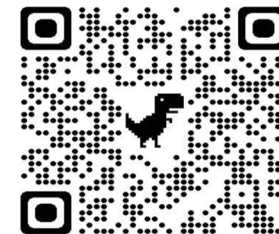
Please pray for: *Edward Haines*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 13, Mon.** Columbus Day-Office and School Closed
- Oct. 14, Tues.** Office Closed
- Oct. 15, Wed.** 6:00 p.m.-School Board Meeting
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. 16, Thurs.** 8:00 p.m.-Compline Service (access via St. Paul's Facebook Page)
- Oct. 18, Sat.** NO St. Joseph's Guild
9:00 a.m.-Daughters of the King
- 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

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October 5th:

Sunday Offering: \$2,320.50
Attendance: 35

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October 12, 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 12th

Lector: Karen Smith
Acolyte: David Kirklin
Vestry Person of the Day: Jeff Faunce, Elizabeth Porter
Intercessory Prayer: Nancy Wyant
Tech Team: Director-Jennifer Faunce; Titles-Jennifer Faunce; Audio-Jeff Faunce; Cameras-Jeff Faunce; Social Media-Georgianna Harrison

Next 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

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

Morsels for Meditation

Tranquility can't be grasped except by those who have reached an unwavering and firm power of judgment the rest constantly fall and rise in their decisions, wavering in a state of alternately rejecting and accepting things. What is the cause of this back and forth? It's because nothing is clear and they rely on the most uncertain guide: common opinion.

-Seneca, *Moral Letters*, 95.57b-58a

Above all, keep a close watch on this that you are never so tied to your former acquaintances and friends that you are pulled down to their level. If you don't, you'll be ruined.... You must choose whether to be loved by these friends and remain the same person, or to become a better person at the cost of those friends... if you try to have it both ways you will neither make progress nor keep what you once had.

-Epictetus, *Discourses*, 4.2.1; 4-5

Do not shelter the mirror which reflects your soul’s lack of beauty; rather welcome the truth, and believe that next to the knowledge of God nothing is so precious as the knowledge of self.

-Jean Nicolas Grou, *Lifetime Speaker's Encyclopedia*, Volume 2, pg. 725.

Morning Prayer Rite II

The Word of God

Processional Hymn H #57

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending (Helmsley)

Opening Acclamation BCP 78

Confession of Sin BCP 79

The Invitatory and Psalter BCP 80

The Lessons BCP 84

The First Reading Ruth 1:1-19

The Psalm Psalm 111

The Epistle 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Gospel Hymn H #656

Blest are the pure in heart (Franconia)

Gospel Luke 17:11-19

Sermon “Loving Without Hope is Our Only Hope”
by The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk, presented by Matt Wolff

The Apostles’ Creed BCP 96

Announcements

Offertory Hymn

H #686

Come, thou fount of every blessing (Nettleton)

The Prayers BCP 97

The Collect of the Day BCP 234

The General Thanksgiving BCP 101

Recessional Hymn H #594

God of grace and God of glory (Cwm Rhondda)

The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 102

All baptized Christians are welcome
to receive the Holy Eucharist.

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

Jesus Christ, *Head of the Church*

The Rt. Rev. Dr. George R. Sumner, *Bishop*

The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk, *Rector*

The Rev. Gordon Miltenberger, *Assisting Priest*

David Gish, *Music Director*

Cathy Hargrave, *Pianist*

Debbie McClain, *Parish Administrator*

The Collect

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading

Ruth 1:1-19

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. The man’s name was Elimelek, his wife’s name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. Now Elimelek, Naomi’s husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah. Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.” Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud and said to her, “We will go back with you to your people.” But Naomi said, “Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons—would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD’s hand has turned against me!” At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. “Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.” But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women exclaimed, “Can this be Naomi?”

The Psalm

Psalm 111

Confitebor tibi

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.