

- O God of our salvation, \*  
 O Hope of all the ends of the earth  
 and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; \*  
 they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
 the roaring of their waves,  
 and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at  
 your marvelous signs; \*  
 you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
 you make it very plenteous; \*  
 the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, \*  
 for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
 with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its in-  
 crease.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
 and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
 and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
 and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
 let them shout for joy and sing.

#### The Epistle

**2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### Gospel

**Luke 18:9-14**

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

#### *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

##### **Gently Used Men's Coats to Donate to Men Recently Released From Prison**

Please bring gently used men's coats Sunday Oct. 26 and Nov. 2 and drop off in parish hall. They will be taken to convention Nov. 8 for One Man's Treasure, a prison ministry dedicated to providing men who were just released from prison clothing to help them re-enter society and to have appropriate clothes for church and job interviews.

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| <b>Oct. 26, Sun.</b> | 2:00 p.m.-Join us at Greenville Gardens as we sing and minister to the residents                                    |
| <b>Oct. 29, 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 |



#### *Today's Stewardship Pearl*

*For nothing will be impossible with God.*

*Luke 1:37*

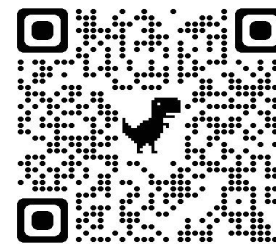
#### Cover Art

James Tissot, *The Pharisee and the Publican*  
 (Brooklyn, NY: Brooklyn Museum, 1886-1894), opaque watercolor  
 over graphite on gray woven paper.

#### More Than Enough

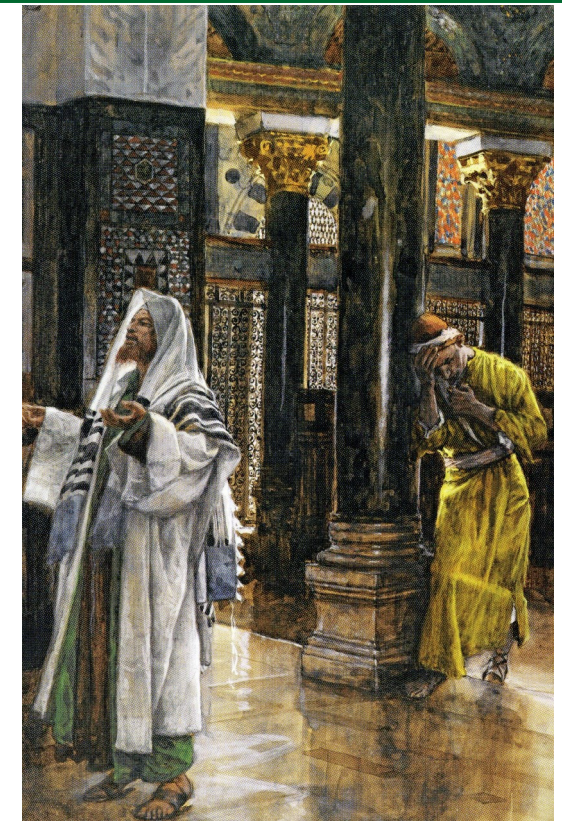
##### **Donate Digitally!**

Open your phone's camera and aim it at this QR code. This will take you directly to our donation page at [www.stpaulstx.org/giving](http://www.stpaulstx.org/giving) where you can donate to our Giving Program. Thank you for your support!



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

## *St. Paul's Episcopal Church*



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 The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk, *Rector*  
 The Rev. Gordon Miltenberger, *Assisting Priest*  
 David Gish, *Music Director*  
 Cathy Hargrave, *Pianist*

*The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 25*  
*October 26, 2025*

Service Times at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

SUNDAY

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

THURSDAY

8:00 p.m. . . . .Compline Service (access St. Paul’s Facebook Page)

This 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

Next Sunday, November 2nd

Lector/LEM: Matt Wolff  
Acolyte: Jim Pence  
Vestry Person of the Day: Elizabeth Porter, David Kirklin  
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

The man who claims to be a self-made man has relieved God of an embarrassing responsibility. He usually is a horrible example of unskilled labor.  
-Unknown

"The cause of my irritation is not in this person but in me."  
-Anthony de Mello, *The Way to Love*

Christianity is unintelligible without enemies (2 Tim. 3:12). Indeed, the whole point of Christianity is to produce the right kind of enemies. We have been beguiled by our established status to forget that to be a Christian is to be made part of an army against armies. When Caesar becomes a member of the church the enemy becomes internalized. Our problem is no longer that the church is seen as a threat to the political order, but that now the battle is within.  
-Stanley Hauerwas, *Jesus Changes Everything: A New World Made Possible* (Walden, NY: Plough Publishing House, 2025), 128.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Word of God

Processional Hymn H #8  
Morning has broken (Bunessan)  
Opening Sentence BCP 355  
Gloria in excelsis H #S280  
The Collect BCP 235  
The Lessons  
The First Reading Joel 2:23-32  
The Psalm Psalm 65  
The Epistle 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18  
Gospel Hymn H #641  
Lord Jesus think on me (Southwell)  
Gospel Luke 18:-9-14  
Sermon “It Depends On The Reference Point”  
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 #652  
Dear Lord and Father of mankind (Rest)  
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) BCP 361  
Sanctus H #S129  
The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364  
Agnus Dei H #S157  
Communion Hymns  
Jesus, Name Above All Names A3 #18  
I Love You Lord A3 #77  
The Presentation BCP 364  
Post Communion Prayer BCP 365  
The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 366  
Recessional Hymn H #665  
All my hope on God is founded (Michael)

All baptized Christians are welcome  
to receive the Holy Eucharist.



Today’s Stewardship Pearl

For nothing will be impossible with God.  
Luke 1:37

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

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad  
and rejoice in the LORD your God;  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,  
he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as before.  
The threshing floors shall be full of grain,  
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.  
I will repay you for the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army, which I sent against you.  
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the LORD your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you.  
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.  
And my people shall never again  
be put to shame.  
Then afterward  
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.  
Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

The Psalm Psalm 65

Te decet hymnus  
1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*  
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.  
2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*  
because of their transgressions.  
3 Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  
but you will blot them out.  
4 Happy are they whom you choose  
and draw to your courts to dwell there! \*  
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,  
by the holiness of your temple.  
5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness