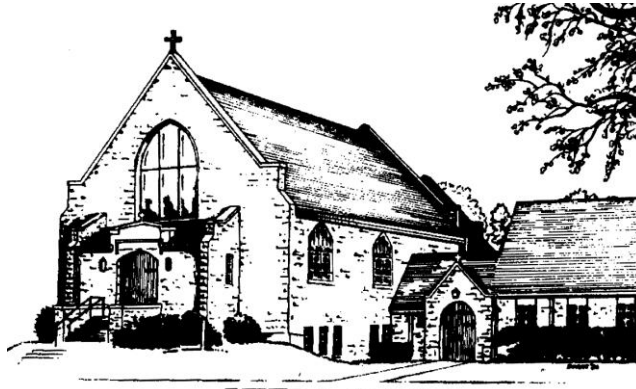


St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost-September 20, 2026
Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30 am



*The Mission of St. Paul's is to love God
and to love our neighbor,
sharing with gratitude and reverence the
Light of Christ.*

Services

Sunday: 8:00 am (Spoken Rite I) & 10:30 am (Rite II with Choir)

Monday-Friday: 8:30 am (via Zoom) Morning Prayer Services

Wednesday: Healing & Communion Service, 12:00 pm

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The Word of God

Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN 404 *We Will Extol You, Ever-Blessèd Lord*

1 We will ex - tol you, ev - er - bless - ed Lord; your ho - ly
2 Age shall to age pass on the end - less song, tell - ing the
3 You, Lord, are gra - cious, mer - ci - ful to all, close to your

Name for ev - er be a - dored; each day we live our
won - ders which to you be - long, your might - y acts with
chil - dren when on you they call; and slow to an - ger,

psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are wor - thy of all
joy and fear re - late; praise we your glo - ry while on you we
mer - ci - ful and kind, in your com - pas - sion we your bless - ings

praise, great and un - search - a - ble in all your ways.
wait, glad in the know - ledge of your love so great.
find. We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

The first stanza may be repeated at the end.

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

Today's service begins on Page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**
Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE (BCP p. 356)

The following is sung, all standing

Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: JONAH 3:10-4:11

The people sit.

A Reading from Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM READING: PSALM 145:1-8

Remain seated.

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

The people sit.

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.’

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Bringing in The Sheaves vs 1 & 2*

All stand.

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Bringing in the Sheaves

Knowles Shaw

George A. Minor

1. Sow-ing in the morn-ing, sow-ing seeds of kind-ness, Sow-ing in the
2. Sow-ing in the sun-shine, sow-ing in the shad-ows; Fear-ing nei-ther
3. Go-ing forth with weep-ing, sow-ing for the Mas-ter, Tho' the loss sus-

noon-tide and the dew-y eve; Wait-ing for the har-vest,
clouds nor win-ter's chill-ing breeze; By and by the har-vest
tained our spir-it of-ten grieves; When our weep-ing's o-ver,

and the time of reap-ing, We shall come re-joic-ing, bring-ing in the sheaves.
and the la-bor end-ed, We shall come re-joic-ing, bring-ing in the sheaves.
He will bid us wel-come, We shall come re-joic-ing, bring-ing in the sheaves.

REFRAIN

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1 ing, bring-ing in the sheaves; 2 ing, bring-ing in the sheaves.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

VS 3 SEQUENCE HYMN SUNG

THE SERMON

REV. CAROLYNE ADHOLA

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III (BCP p. 387)

All remain standing, kneel or sit as they can

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect (BCP p. 394)

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME OF GUESTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *God Be in My Head*

John Rutter

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 361)

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 361)

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (BCP p. 362)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 362)

All remain standing, kneel or sit as they can

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

EPICLESIS (BCP p. 363)

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 364)

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

COMMUNION ANTHEM *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food**

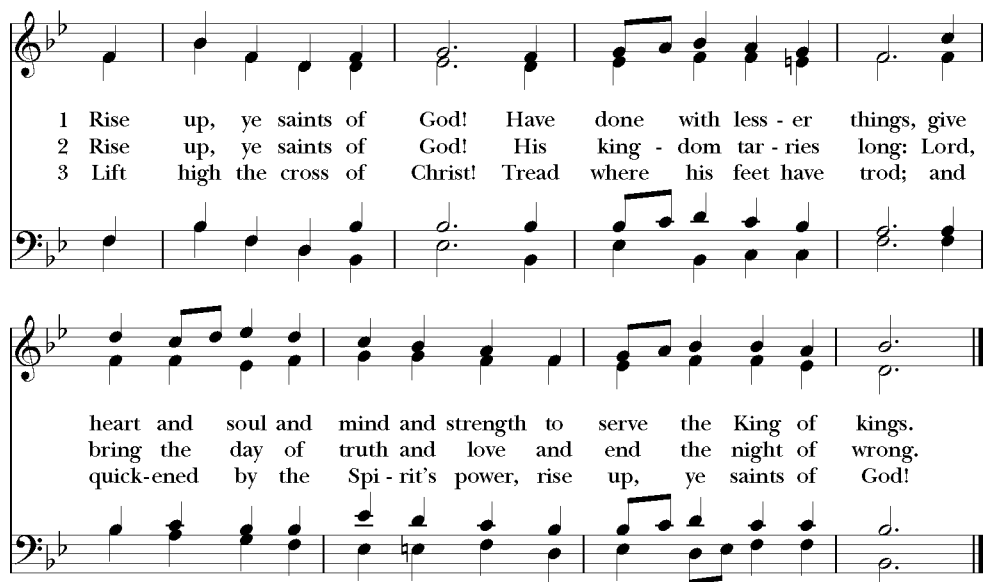
**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 551 *Rise Up, Ye Saints Of God!*



1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
 2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long; Lord,
 3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
 bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
 quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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*This Sunday's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and loving memory of
David Carpenter by Clint Callahan, his spouse of 25 years.*

Upcoming Events & News

Care Team Fund: You can now make donations to the new Care Team Fund! The Care Team will use the money to buy items in bulk to support the Lyon College Lunch, Nursing Home, and Family Violence Prevention Kit Ministries. We will still collect grab and go food items for the Blessing Box.

Altar Flowers: The next upcoming available dates are October 18th and 25th. If you would like to reserve any of these dates, please contact Rhonda Mundy.

Adult Sunday School: Come learn, ask questions, and grow in faith with us! Our Sunday School class is beginning Adam Hamilton's Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today, a comprehensive exploration of controversial biblical interpretations, addressing challenging questions about scripture's meaning, historical context, and modern application in Christianity. Everyone is welcome! We meet at 9:00 each Sunday morning in Anglican Hall in the conference room next to the choir room.

Community Meal Leaders: There will be a meeting held for Community Meal Team Leaders next Thursday, September 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. A meal will be provided; contact Pam Baxter for more information.

Mark Your Calendar:

- **Care Team Meeting:** Sunday, September 20th after Coffee Hour
- **Children's Sunday School:** Sunday, September 27th at 10:15 a.m.
- **Outdoor Contemporary Worship Service:** September 30th at 5:00 p.m. on the front lawn
- **Coffee Hour:** After the service, everyone is invited to the Parish House (two lefts at the bottom of the steps) for refreshments and fellowship
- **Youth Confirmation Classes:** Every Sunday at 12:00 pm
- **Adult Confirmation Classes:** October 6th at 6:00 pm via Zoom
- **Healing & Communion Service:** Wednesdays, 12:00 pm in the Church
- **Adult Sunday School:** Sundays, 9:00 am in Anglican Hall
- **The Chosen Meetings:** Every Monday and every Tuesday from 3:30-5:00 pm in Anglican Hall in the conference room next to the choir room
- **Summer Breaks from Meeting:** ECW to resume in October. Youth & Young Families night, TBA.

St. Paul's Prayer List:

Intercessions: Jamie Bridgers, Jim & Deb Johnson, Patricia Smith, Joan Davidson, Ann & Matt Stephenson family, John & Susan Dempsey, Ellen Massey, Bill Olson, Cindy Perkey, Marilyn Smith, Junior Kipfer, Jon & Martha Healey, Nelson Barnett, and Drake McSpadden.

Intercessions for Family & Friends: Kitten Lawless, DeAnna McCool, Robin Goertz, Gerry Goertz & Jinny Goertz, Tom & Kathy Celestine, Adam M, Charlotte, Daniel & Steven King, Sherry Snow, Mark Higginbotham, Danny Yeager, Shannon Bohnert, Micah Jordon, Rodney Brady, John V. Miller, Ben Handford, Peggy & Dale Comer, Kristin, Georgina Mosser, Kristi Smith, Raymond Staggs, Gary & Phylis Bratton, Connie Barnett, Q, James & Lois Work, Sharon Runyan, Eleanor, Linda Brewer, Sandra Coe, Gina, Linda, Autumn & Our Father's Table, Hank Pearce, Charli Seitz, Rebecca Little, Freddie Luther, Don Smart, Tara Nance, Eric Morea, Paula Maynard, Lu & Jan, the family of James Atwen'ga: Rev. Carolyn and Charity Mola; Becky, Nancy, Jimmy & Amber, Andy Rhodes, Cindi Story, Maurie Ponder, Day S., Ashley, Wanda Perkey, Christine Wagon, Scott Blackwell, Lindy Hopper, Lucy Harris, Lester & Becky Isbill, Craig & Christie Cook, Zelda, Summer Crabtree & family, especially Lance, Calvin Roach, Brian, Jeff, Aubrey, the family of Rhett Carter, Frannie, Tora, Lianne Joshi, Gregory Lowe, Cindy Britton Barber and friends & family, and family & friends of Amanda Roberts.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Carol Crosby (9/20), Anna Grace McSpadden (9/20), Lola Goodwin (9/21), Cameron Hetrick (9/21), Chris Cruse (9/24), and Roger & Machele Christiansen (9/20).

Ministers Serving this Sunday

Celebrant: Rev. Carolyne Adhola

Lay Eucharistic Minister (8:00): Sarah Harmon

Lay Eucharistic Minister (10:30): Steve Massey & Brenda Bittle

Lector (8:00): Matthew Thompson

Lector (10:30): Sally Fittsizer

Acolytes: Karis Ford & Savannah Crabtree

Ushers: Fuller Bumpers & Mike Mundy

Technical Support: Jon Healey

Coffee Hour: Sarah Harmon

Altar Guild: Pat Mason & Jo Cargill-Krug

Community Meal (9/23/2026): Team Bumpers

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:00am-12:00 pm

The office is closed on Friday