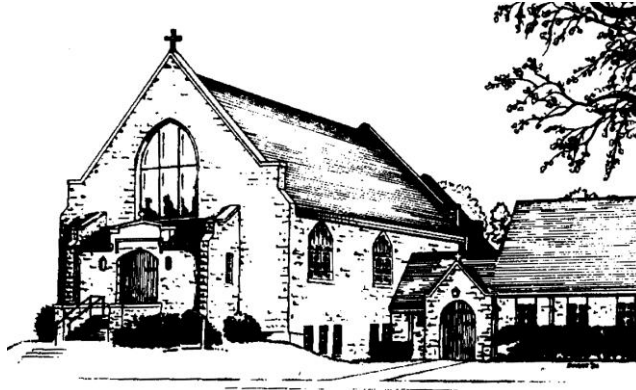


St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost-October 25, 2026
The Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion: 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

St. Paul's Staff

Rector	<i>Rev.Carolyn Adhola</i>
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The Word of God

Entrance Hymn 375: *Give Praise and Glory unto God*

- ¹Give praise and glory unto God, the Father of all blessing;
²The host of heaven praiseth thee, O Lord of all dominions;
³What God hath wrought to show his power he evermore sustaineth;

his mighty wonders tell abroad his graciousness con-
and mortals then, on land and sea, beneath thy shadowing
he watches o'er us every hour, his mercy never

fessing. With balm my inmost heart he fills his
pinions, exult in thy creative might that
waneth. Through all his kingdom's wide domain, his

comfort all my anguish stills. To God be praise and glory.
doeth all thigs well and right. To God be praise and glory.
righteousness and justice reign. To God be praise and glory.

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

The people standing (as able), the Officiant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

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

The Officiant says

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.**

Officiant and People

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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.*

First Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

Lector: A reading from Leviticus.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Lector: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

There is no procession. The Lector remains at the lectern to read the third reading, using the same form as the first two.

Sequence Hymn 538: *God of Mercy, God of Grace vs 1*

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy
2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -

face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior, shine, fill thy
dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry

Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex -
to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -

tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.
bove, one in joy, and light, and love.

Third Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

There is no procession. The Lector reads the third reading from the lectern, using the same form as the first two.

Lector: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You

shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Vs 2 of Sequence Hymn sung

Sermon

***read by Brenda Bittle**

Nicene Creed *found on page 358 in the Book of Common Prayer*

All stand, as the People and Officiant say together.

**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.**

Prayers of the People, Form VI – *found on page 392 in the Book of Common Prayer*

People kneeling, as able, the Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who
are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the
needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and John our Bishop; and for all bishops and other
ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Officiant concludes with the following Collect:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Peace

All stand. The Officiant says to the people

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.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Officiant may begin the Offertory with the following or another Offertory sentence.

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

The Officiant opens the tabernacle, reverently places the ciborium containing the consecrated bread on the altar, and pours the consecrated wine from the flagon into the chalice. The Chalice Bearer then washes the Officiant's hands using the Lavabo bowl.

Offertory Anthem:

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service Welsh Melody

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of money or other gifts, to the Acolyte, who hands them to the Officiant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Doxology: 43 v.4

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: praise him, all creatures here below: praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Officiant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Officiant

**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.**

Facing the people, the Officiant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

Communion Hymn: O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God

After Communion, the Officiant says

Let us pray.

Officiant and People

BCP 365:

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.

Post Communion Hymn 437:

Tell Out, My Soul, The Greatness of The Lord!

1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - jice.
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Organ Postlude

This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren by Mike & Rhonda Mundy.

Upcoming Events & News

Fun & Safe Halloween on Main Street: Spooky season is almost here! If you would like to contribute candy to be given out on Halloween, you can drop it off at the church office. **Volunteers are needed and appreciated to also help hand out candy!** 🍬

Altar Flowers: The next upcoming available dates are November 22nd and December 13th. If you would like to reserve any of these dates, please contact Rhonda Mundy.

St. Paul's Apparel Orders: The link to order apparel is:

<https://stores.rawkimprinting.com/stpaulsepiscopal>. Apparel includes t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies in sizes ranging from Youth XS to Adult 3XL. Please refrain from sending a check or cash to the office for orders. Orders needed to be made by Monday, November 2nd.

All Saints Day Names: Names of the departed will be read aloud on All Saints Day on Sunday, November 1st. If you have names you would like to have included to be read, please have those turned in to the office by **October 26th**.

Christmas Greenery: We will soon be ordering live evergreen wreaths for this year's greening of the church. We will have some left over to sell if anyone interested. There will be 22-inch wreaths for \$38, and 28-inch wreaths for \$45. Let Jo know if you would like to order (870-613-6981). The greenery ships after Thanksgiving.

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 9:15 each Sunday morning in Anglican Hall in the conference room next to the choir room.

Mark Your Calendar:

- **Coffee Hour:** After the service, everyone is invited to the Parish House (two lefts at the bottom of the steps) for refreshments and fellowship
- **ECW Meeting:** Wednesday, October 28th at 11:30 am at The River
- **Outdoor Contemporary Service:** Wednesday, October 28th at 5:00 pm
- **Children's Sunday School:** Sunday, November 1st & 15th at 10:15 am
- **Youth Confirmation Classes:** Will resume in November
- **Adult Sunday School:** Sundays, 9:15 am in Anglican Hall
- **Healing & Communion Service:** Wednesdays, 12:00 pm in the Church
- **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

St. Paul's Prayer List:

Intercessions: Jamie Bridgers, Jim & Deb Johnson, Joan Davidson, Ann & Matt Stephenson family, John & Susan Dempsey, Ellen Massey, Bill Olson, Cindy Perkey, Junior Kipfer, 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, 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, Amanda Roberts, Dave & Dean Sims, Landon, Tim Crawford, and the families affected by the recent tragic Gap Rd accident.

In Memoriam: Wanda Perkey (Gary Perkey's mother), and Patricia Smith.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Allan McSpadden (10/25), Scott Stalker (10/30), and Scott & Jacqui McSpadden (10/30).

Ministers Serving this Sunday

Officiant (8:00): Kristian Ameigh

Sermon Lay Reader (8:00): Sarah Harmon

Officiant (10:30): Steve Massey

Sermon Lay Reader (10:30): Brenda Bittle

Chalice Bearers (10:30): Steve Massey & Kay Forrest

Lector (8:00): Matthew Thompson

Lector (10:30): Pam Baxter

Acolytes: Karis Ford and Savannah Crabtree

Ushers: Nikki Bittle & Rhonda Mundy

Technical Support: Jon Healey

Coffee Hour: Hospitality Crew Ladies

Altar Guild: Janie Starnes

Community Meal (10/28/2026): Team Wray

Office Hours:

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

The office is closed on Friday