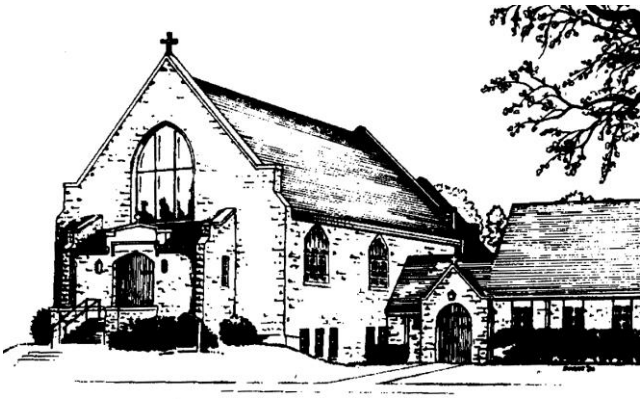
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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost-11/8/2026
Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30 am



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 423 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*



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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: AMOS 5:18-24

The people sit.

A reading from Amos.

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM READING: PSALM 70

Remain seated.

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the LORD!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

The people sit.

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

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Blessed Assurance* ***vs 1 & 2***

All stand.



GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:1-13

All stand.

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 *The Lord My God My Shepherd Is*

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

All are warmly invited to come forward. If you are receiving Holy Communion, please come with open hands. If you would prefer a blessing, you are also warmly welcome to come forward; simply cross your arms over your chest, and I will offer you a blessing.

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

COMMUNION ANTHEM *O For a Closer Walk with God*

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 596 *Judge Eternal, Throned In Splendor*



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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The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our children, grandchildren, and church family by Lloyd & Betty Bess.

Upcoming Events & News

2027 Pledge Campaign: Pledge cards will soon be available in the Narthex for the 2027 year. You can also set up your pledge online on Realm on our website. Please have your pledges turned in by Sunday, November 29th. Thank you.

Altar Flowers: The next upcoming available date is December 13th. If you would like to reserve this date, 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 9th**.

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
- **Care Team Meeting:** Sunday, November 8th after Coffee Hour
- **ECW Meeting:** Tuesday, November 10th at 11:30 am in the Parish Hall; brown bag luncheon, *all* women of the church are invited
- **Youth Confirmation Class:** Will resume on Sunday, November 15th at 12:00 pm after the 10:30 service
- **Children's Sunday School:** Sunday, November 15th at 10:15 am
- **Adult Confirmation Class:** Will resume on Tuesday, November 17th at 6:00 pm via Zoom
- **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. Carolyne and Charity Mola; Becky, Nancy, Jimmy & Amber, Andy Rhodes, Cindi Story, Maurie Ponder, Day S., Ashley, Christine Wagnon, 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, the families affected by the recent tragic Gap Rd accident, and J.T. & Lisa.

In Memoriam: Patricia Smith.

Birthdays: Charley Mulick (11/9), Mark Starnes (11/9), David Taverner (11/11), and Ryan Mulick (11/13).

Ministers Serving this Sunday

Celebrant: Rev. Carolyne Adhola
Lay Eucharistic Minister (8:00): Mike Schmidt
Lay Eucharistic Ministers (10:30): Brenda Bittle & Kay Forrest
Lector (8:00): Matthew Thompson
Lector (10:30): Tammy Kipfer
Acolytes: Karis Ford & Savannah Crabtree
Ushers: Lee Conditt & Mike Mundy
Technical Support: Steve Massey
Coffee Hour: Sally Fittsizer
Altar Guild: David & Melissa Taverner

Community Meal (11/11/2026): Team Kipfer

Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 8:00am-12:00 pm
The office is closed on Friday