



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, July 30, 2017, the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

We especially welcome visitors and newcomers today. Please fill out the newcomer card in the pew and place it in the collection plate or give it to a member of the clergy. Following the service, the clergy will be standing near the doors to greet you. We encourage you to join us for coffee hour in Duncan Hall. For more information about St. Paul's, please visit www.StPaulsSanRafael.org or call our office at 415.456.4842.

At St. Paul's we are all called to follow Jesus together in worship, prayer and service.

WORSHIP

The service begins on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Prelude	Aria	Felix Mendelssohn
Opening Hymn	410	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280	Hymnal
Psalm	105:1-11, 45b	BCP p. 738
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	411	Hymnal

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome to receive initiation into the church through the sacrament of baptism.

Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP p. 367
Sanctus	S-129	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	409	Hymnal
Postlude	Allegro maestoso e vivace	Felix Mendelssohn

The Altar Flowers are given by Della Holloway to the glory of God
and in loving memory of her husband, Bobby Holloway
and her parents, John and Elisabeth Paddon.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday Morning Prayer is on hiatus until August.

The Recommended Book for Summer is "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction." This is a complicated title for a simple and accessible book. The popular Christian writer Eugene Peterson writes reflections on the 15 "Psalms of Ascent." These are short psalms (numbers 120-134) that the ancient Hebrews would sing on their regular pilgrimages to Jerusalem. Peterson invites us to imagine that these psalms apply to our own Christian pilgrimage through life.

Campus Improvements continue through the summer. We will be remodeling the bathrooms, landscaping the Hardin Courtyard and repaving the parking lot. Many thanks to Pat Curtis, Larry Santucci, Alison Blume, Keatin Holly and Steve Avanzino who are the leaders of these efforts.

Fall Book Study. On the first Tuesdays of September, October and November, Walter Tanner and Christopher will be hosting a book study of *The Politics of Virtue: Post-Liberalism and Human Future*. This book, by John Milbank and Adrian Pabst, is a Christian critique of our moment of crisis. It names four facets of what it names the "metacrisis of liberalism": capitalism, democracy, culture and the nations. For each, it then proposes alternatives that come from a radically Christian orthodox position. These discussions will be from 7pm to 9pm and are likely to have the feel of a graduate school seminar.

Christopher's Vacation begins after services on Sunday, July 2nd. His first Sunday back will be August 6th. The Rev. Jim Ward will be leading worship in his absence.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Jim Ward
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Brigitte McCulloch, Ronnie Dodds, Chris Olson
Readers:	Brigitte McCulloch, Ronnie Dodds, Jack Beggs
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Wendy Olson, Judy Rowcliffe, Alex Elliot

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

I leave on vacation after services this Sunday. The Rev. Jim Ward will be ably covering worship services and pastoral care for the rest of the month.

The Vestry and a strong team of volunteers will be keeping many things going in my absence. Here are just a few of the areas where you can expect ongoing work:

- The new irrigation system will soon be complete so you can expect to see the beginnings of the new plantings in the courtyard.
- Keatin continues her excellent work in revitalizing the upstairs offices and rooms. Soon her attention will shift to refreshing the Vestry and the Sacristy.
- We are primed to begin work soon on our bathrooms. When work does begin, please remember that there are two bathrooms at the top of the stairs of the education wing.
- Preparations continue to resurface the parking lot in later August.

When I return at the beginning of August, you can expect that a lot of communication will begin about things beyond just our campus.

- Katie is leading a great team planning celebrations next year for **our 150th anniversary**. Plans are well under way.
- The **PrayWorshipServe Lenten Retreat**, which we'll be hosting in February, is already nearly half full. Jacob, Judy and I have been meeting nearly every week to plan and will be widening participation in August.
- You may know that, inspired by the work we did with Young Moms Marin, we have partnered with St. John's, Ross to find housing solutions for young, poor families. By August, we believe we will have some exciting news to share about this work on what we're calling **St. Monnica's Mutual Housing Community**.
- Our **partnership with the other northern Marin Episcopal Churches** is likely to grow stronger, as we continue to find ways we can combine our resources, particularly with Youth and with Outreach.
- Finally, you may have heard me talk about **New College of Christian Practice**. In August, we will be ready to begin sharing with you the full breadth of this vision. New College puts a name and an organizing principle to the many ways we already serve as a center for vibrant Christian practices.

In the meantime, I'm looking forward to deep refreshment in July and I hope and pray for the same thing for you. I hope to see you this Sunday morning, and then again in August.

Blessings,
Christopher

PRAYER

Arty	Della Holloway	Kevin & Tara	Mark Hardin
Bill Donnelly	Gina	Laurel	Mika Kappen & Family
Brenda Paupst	Grace Michael	Laurie Hubbard	Nancy S (surgery 8/2)
Dan Pollart & Family	Jennifer Fritz	Lisa R	Richard F
Dawn Rice	Jim	Marcella Hermstad	

SERVICE

Teen Success Breakfast: Serve hot breakfast to at-risk youth. Contact Beverly Armstrong at 415.454.4015 or nevbev@sbcglobal.net.

San Rafael Health Care: Services 1st and 3rd Sundays, 11:00 – 11:25. Help us with the simple service. Children are welcome. Contact Sue Adamson at 415.461.1798.

Prison Ministry: St. Paul's has been engaged in regular visitations and correspondence for 20 years with Joseph Cook, a death row inmate at San Quentin who was confirmed by Bishop Swing as a member of our Church. The prison ministry has grown and the rector and other parishioners are now visiting Joe and six other inmates. For further info contact Richard Olive (415.259.9198 or ollipops@comcast.net).

ONGOING

Plate Cash: 1st Sunday of the month goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund; 3rd Sunday goes to Outreach.

Childcare: Sundays from 9:30 to 11:00am, childcare is available in the Basement Level classroom.

Marin Episcopal Youth Group: Sundays from 5-6:30pm at Church of the Redeemer in San Rafael. Middle and high school students from 5 Marin churches. Daniel London, youth minister, daniel.london@gmail.com.

Centering Prayer: Meditation in the Christian tradition. Join us in Duncan Hall on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, 7:00-8:30 pm. Leave a message for Chris Olson at the parish office at 415.456.4842.

Our Spiritual Core: Discipleship Groups are the spiritual core of St. Paul's because they are where we encourage one another to follow Jesus in worship, prayer, and service. Contact Christopher Martin at 415.456.4842 or cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org.

Altar Flower Dedications: Looking for a way to honor a loved one, give thanks or remember a special occasion? You can by dedicating the flowers at the altar. A donation of \$40 is suggested. Contact Alex Elliot at 415.488.7930.

Memorial Wall Plaques: Contact the office if you would like to purchase a plaque to be inscribed with the name of a loved one who has died.

St. Anne's Guild: St. Anne's Guild meets Thursdays at 11:00am. All are invited - bring a bag lunch.

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