



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, August 6, 2017, the Transfiguration

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		
Opening Hymn	129	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280	Hymnal
Psalm	99:5-9	BCP p. 729
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Nicene Creed		BCP p. 358
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	423	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	137	Hymnal
Postlude		

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Organist. Mike is on vacation. Please welcome our guest organist, Matt Arnerich.

Coffee Hour will be a special good-bye to the Baxters, who move to their new home in Boston this month. We are so grateful for all they have meant to our St. Paul's family and we wish them every blessing.

The **Downstairs Bathrooms** will be remodeled starting this Monday. For the next few weeks please use the upstairs bathroom next to the Upper Room. (A stair chair is available for those with mobility issues.) Also, there are two bathrooms available on the second floor of the education wing, at the top of the stairs.

The **Parking Lot** will be resurfaced starting Monday, August 21st. The parking lot will not be usable during that week.

Tuesday Morning Prayer resumes this Tuesday, August 8th at 7:30 am in the Church.

A requiem for the Rev. Canon Stefani Schatz will be celebrated at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco on Saturday, August 12 at 10 a.m. Canon Stefani served as the Diocese of California's Canon to the Ordinary, working with Bishop Marc Andrus to support the vitality of its congregations and institutions. Stefani died on July 12 and is survived by several family members including her husband, the Rev. Joseph F. Duggan. Please help them honor and celebrate Stefani's joyous spirit, deep wisdom, and heartfelt commitment to spreading Christ's love.

Wednesday Bible Study at 10am begins again on August 16th. We continue our study of the book of Acts.

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.

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.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Jacob Moody, Chris Hammond, Pamela Barnes
Readers:	Jacob Moody, Chris Hammond, Judy Rowcliffe
Altar Guild:	Michael Green, Linda Danford, Walter Tanner, Jane Santucci

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

It was such a joy to return from vacation yesterday and walk into the new Hardin Courtyard. When I left, we were still working on the soil and irrigation. Now there are plants, trees, benches and a beautiful rock, all chosen and set with great beauty and practical design. The last big missing piece is to put the plaque that says "The Hardin Courtyard" on the rock. Please join me in continuing to pour out your gratitude to all the great lay leaders that have made this courtyard possible.

Among those leaders has been Maggie Baxter. This Sunday is the last Sunday that Maggie, Jonathan, Nicholas and Emilie will be worshipping with us as residents of Marin. Next week, they leave for their new life based in Boston. All four Baxters have been steadfast and essential members of St. Paul's for at least fifteen years. Both our 10am service and our coffee hour this Sunday will honor this great and generous family.

The Hardin Courtyard work is not the only campus work going on this month. The upstairs bathroom has been remodeled and the downstairs bathrooms are scheduled to be remodeled starting this Monday. On Monday, August 21st, we begin a week long replacement of the parking lot. Finally, on Tuesday, your Vestry will be looking at bids to both repaint the exterior and do some major roof work.

This great burst of work on our campus is an investment in our long term future. With our 150th coming up as well as the debut of the PrayWorshipServe Retreat and New College of Christian Practice, we have many ways to look forward to enjoying our revitalized campus together and to sharing it with others.

It's good to be back and I look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Blessings,
Christopher

PRAYER

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

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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