



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, September 24, 2017, the Sixteenth 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](http://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	Come Little Pilgrim	John Newton Merritt
Opening Hymn	648	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280	Hymnal
Psalm	105:1-6, 37-45	BCP p. 738
Gradual	S-247	Hymnal
Nicene Creed		BCP p. 358
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	All Who Hunger	<i>Insert</i>
Doxology	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen</i>	

*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-130	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Hymn	One Bread, One Body	<i>Insert</i>
Closing Hymn	Sing to the Lord	<i>Insert</i>
Postlude	Holy Spirit	Kim Walker-Smith

The Altar Flowers are given by the Eitels to the glory of God and in loving memory of their daughter and sister, Sarah Eitel.

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Death Cafe.** Our next Death Cafe is this afternoon, September 24, from 4-6pm in Duncan Hall. Death Cafes provide a safe and welcoming space to have an open conversation about any aspect of death and dying. There is no agenda. There is no expert. But there are sure to be cookies. :) Chloe Martin and Pat Steuer will be hosting and facilitating this conversation, and all in the St. Paul's community and beyond are welcome to come--so feel free to bring a friend or family member (adults only please). Please RSVP to secure your spot. [chloeadmartin@comcast.net](mailto:chloeadmartin@comcast.net), or call/text 415-464-7149. To learn more about Death Cafes, go to [deathcafe.com](http://deathcafe.com)

**Politics of Virtue Continued.** Our discussion of the book *The Politics of Virtue* will continue on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7pm. You are welcome to come even if you missed the first discussion. Preceded by Evening Prayer at 6:30 in the church and followed by refreshments at 8:30pm.

**Bring Your Used Books!** The St. Anne's Book Sale is coming up on October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Tuesday Afternoon Sit.** You are welcome to join a small group of parishioners who do a 20 minute meditation sit in the church on Tuesdays at 5pm.

**Thursday Bible Study** is back at 6:15 in the Upper Room. We are reading the letters of Paul.

**Tuesday Morning Prayer** is back at 7:30 am in the Church.

**Wednesday Bible Study** is back at 10am. We continue our study of the book of Acts.

## SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Brigitte McCulloch, Eric Guastavino, Ronnie Dodds
Readers:	Brigitte McCulloch, Eric Guastavino, John Dury
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Wendy Olson, Judy Rowcliffe, Alex Elliot

## CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

We Care!!

This week, handsome signs have appeared in strategic locations in our building, the top of which all say "We Care!!"

Each of these signs is above a waste can of some sort. In the Vestry, the room next to the church on the way to the new bathrooms, there are three cans, one for landfill, one for paper and the third for cans and bottles. In the kitchen, there are three similar cans, plus a fourth can for compost.

Now that the cans have been clearly marked by Janie, it is on all of us to do the work of sorting our waste appropriately. Why? Because "we care!!"

"We care" is the perfect theme for our care and attention to our transformed campus. We are hard at work right now making it as easy possible for all of us to care for our campus like we care for our homes. Our spaces are, right now, as warm and welcoming as they have ever been. Now, it's on each one of us to be mindful and sort our trash, to be thoughtful and leave rooms as neat or neater than we found them. to be hospitable and do those small things that will let our wide range of guests know that they are welcome.

In the next couple of weeks we will be communicating with you all that you need to know to be a part of our community effort of care. Please pay attention as we share with you where the toilet paper is stored, how to use our convenient cleaning kits and the expectations for how rooms are to be left.

I'm confident that we will all want to take that extra step and keep our campus at this high new level of health and beauty. The French have an expression for anything that's well taken care of and loved. They say "c'est nickel." And it means it's nickel. Let's together create a well earned reputation for creating a campus that's nickel.

Blessings,  
Christopher

## PRAYER

Arty	Della Holloway	Jim	Mark Hardin
Bill Donnelly	Gary Westover	Kevin & Tara	Mika Kappen & Family
Brenda Paupst	Gina	Laurel	Nancy S (surgery 8/2)
Candace H	Grace Michael	Laurie Hubbard	Richard F
Dan Pollart & Family	Jae Eitel	Lisa R	
Dawn Rice	Jennifer Fritz	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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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