



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, November 5, 2017, the Twenty Second 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 prayer, worship, and service.

WORSHIP

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

Prelude	O bone Jesu	Claudio Monteverdi
Opening Hymn	665	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280	Hymnal
Psalm	107:1-7, 33-37	BCP p. 741
Gradual	S-247	Hymnal
Offertory Anthem	A True Hymn	Alan Struck
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 A		BCP p. 361
Sanctus	S-130	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Hymns	313, 312	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	437	Hymnal
Postlude	Cantate Domino	Claudio Monteverdi

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Claire Morse.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gratitude Champagne Brunch. Today the Vestry is offering a Champagne brunch following the 10am service to celebrate an attitude of gratitude. The meal is a part of our stewardship campaign and all are welcome to attend.

The Annual Stewardship Campaign has begun. Please fill out a pledge card with the amount of money you plan to give St. Paul's in 2018 so we can create an accurate budget. Cards can be found in the pews.

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

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.

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

Thursday Afternoon Sit. You are welcome to join a small group of parishioners who do a 20 minute meditation sit in the church on Thursday at 5:45pm.

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

SERVING TODAY

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

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Gratitude

This Sunday, after the 10am service, the Vestry, which is our board of directors, will be serving all of us a **delicious brunch**. There will be champagne and other delightful things to drink.

The original inspiration for this new brunch was our Stewardship campaign. We give because we are grateful and we thought it very worthy to celebrate the gratitude that invites us all into generosity.

But it quickly became apparent we have two things more to be grateful for as a community. We just blessed the new Hardin Courtyard with prayers and sprinkling of water. This Sunday, we're going to do the same thing with all the beautiful interior work, including the offices, the Upper Room, the bathrooms and the stunning new decorations in Duncan Hall.

In addition, as we complete our six months of renovation work, we have four leaders who deserve our thanks. We will be showing our appreciation to Pat, Steve, Larry and Keatin.

So, fill out your pledge cards this week. Some on Sunday and join us for the brunch celebrating gratitude.

Two more little invitations. Two of our ongoing classes are about to shift to new topics, which is the perfect time to join.

- In our **Sunday Spiritual Forum** at 9am we are about to start reading aloud 9 short poems by two great Christian poets, John Donne and George Herbert. Each poem will be accompanied by 2 or 3 pages of commentary by a master teacher, which we will also read aloud. You can jump in at any time.
- Our Wednesday Bible Study is taking the week off next week, November 8th. When we return on the 15th we will begin to study the **gospel of Luke**. Again, you are welcome to join this lively conversation.

In both the Forum and the Bible Study no previous knowledge or experience is expected.

Blessings,
Christopher

PRAYER

Arty	Deborah	Kevin & Tara	Mark Hardin
Bill Donnelly	Della Holloway	Laurel	Mika Kappen & Family
Cathy Westover	Grace Michael	Laurie Hubbard	Nancy S
Dan Pollart & Family	Jennifer Fritz	Lisa R	Richard F
Dawn Rice	Jim	Marcella Hermstad	Stephanie

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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