



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, November 12, 2017, the Twenty Third 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	Andante	George Telemann
Opening Hymn	58	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280	Hymnal
Psalm	78:1-7	BCP p. 741
Gradual	S-247	Hymnal
Offertory Hymn	376	Hymnal
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
Closing Hymn	68	Hymnal
Postlude	Concerto	Giovanni Gregori

The Altar Flowers are given by Larry and Jane Santucci to the glory of God and in loving memory of their mother, Virginia Santucci.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Paul's Book Club will meet on Friday Nov. 17th at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall. The book we will be discussing is "The Mistletoe Murder" by P. D. James. This book includes four short mystery stories with a holiday theme.

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.

Sunday Spiritual Forum is at 9:00 am in Duncan Hall. We are reading aloud poems by George Herbert and John Donne, two seventeenth century English Christian poets.

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 are beginning a study of the Gospel of Luke.

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:	Jim Terstegge, Chris Hammond, Eric Guastavino
Readers:	Jim Terstegge, Chris Hammond, Jack Beggs
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Felicia Demann, Judy Rowcliffe, Holly Pritchard

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Gratitude and Generosity

Last Sunday your Vestry put on a wonderful brunch in celebration of gratitude. The participation exceeded expectations and the energy in the room was vibrant and good humored. It was yet another expression of our health and strength.

The dynamics of the brunch reflected many of the values we do our best to live out in our life together. A member of the Vestry, out of generosity, paid for all the food. Two other members, Libby and Tanner, were creative and careful in their shopping and in their preparation and so produced a feast for over 70 people for only \$315. Finally, in a joyful gesture, yet another member of the Vestry contributed the bubbly. The rest of the Vestry chipped in a whole host of ways to make it fun and light for all.

If you are grateful for St. Paul's in any way, please pledge generously to our life together in the coming year, our 150th year as a parish. Our stewardship campaign so far is on track to help us thrive. In addition we have received two more legacy gifts in the last few weeks that help us continue to invest in our campus, our shared ministry and in our future projects.

Thank you, Vestry, for a joyful celebration last Sunday. Thank you to you, whoever you are, for attending to and even contributing to our common life. Now may your treasure go where your heart is.

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 (surgery 11/29)
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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