



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, November 19, 2017, the Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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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 prayer, worship, and service.

### WORSHIP

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

Prelude	Canon in D	Johann Pachelbel
Opening Hymn	615	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280	Hymnal
Psalm	123	BCP p. 780
Gradual	S-247	Hymnal
Offertory Anthem	Nun Danket alle Gott	Johann Pachelbel
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	540, 313	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	397	Hymnal
Postlude	Trio	J. S. Bach

The Altar Flowers are given by Brigitte McCulloch to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill McCulloch.

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**O Antiphons** begin this Sunday. These short, ancient prayers, which are texts from Isaiah that foreshadow Jesus, mark the Sundays leading up to Christmas. Today we call Jesus the wisdom from on high.

**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:	Michael Green, Chris Olson, Pierce Gore
Readers:	Michael Green, Chris Olson, Neville Armstrong
Altar Guild:	Michael Green, Judy Rowcliffe, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Pamela Barnes

## CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

We Care!!

As our major renovation efforts draw to a close- the scaffolding in front of the Rose Window is due to come down Friday- I write to you again about Nickel. You may remember that Nickel is a french expression for a place or a thing that is very well taken care of. We hope St. Paul's remains a Nickel campus. Now, it's on all of us.

Here are the three top things you can do to help keep our campus Nickel:

1. **Read and Follow.** In each of the most heavily used rooms and in all of the bathrooms, in a see through sheet hung on the wall, there are simple instructions for how to leave things neat and ready for the next users. Nearby are all the supplies you need- wipes, swifter, broom, toilet paper etc.- to do what is asked. Please read and follow.
2. **Lost and Found.** The lost and found is now back where it was before. It is in the Vestry, which is the room on the way to the downstairs bathrooms, where the choirs and acolytes robe. There's a small table in the space between two closets. If you find stray stuff, please put it there. If you lost something, please look there. The contents of the table, and that of the hook above it, will be given to Goodwill every 4-6 weeks.
3. **Sort Your Waste.** Right next to the lost and found are three cans- one for landfill, one for paper and one for bottles and cans. In the kitchen are three similar cans, plus a can with a lid for compost. Please sort accordingly. The cheery signs above each make clear which can is which. Please sort your waste accordingly.

We're off to a great start. We are a conscientious, caring community, and our good habits inspire the others who use our campus to be the same.

You all may remember how deeply I am inspired by St. Benedict, the 6th Century monk who has inspired thousands of healthy Christian communities through the centuries. His short Rule is filled with careful instructions for how to keep a campus that is neat, hospitable and reverent. At one point, he asks his followers to do the ordinary dishes as though they were the chalice and paten for the altar. We are stewards of a sacred space. Let us together treat it with reverence.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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