



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, September 21, 2014, the Fifteenth 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 worship, prayer and service.

WORSHIP

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

Prelude	Toccata	Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck
Opening Hymn	690	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	105:1-6, 37-45	BCP p. 738
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Anthem	Deep River	Spiritual

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-129	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Hymns	302, 343	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	195	Hymnal
Postlude	Toccata	Johann Pachelbel

Upcoming Schedule:

9/21 Sunday

The Launch of SPRIF3, the campaign for the St. Paul's Restoration and Improvement Fund. The leaders of this important effort will be at both services and at both coffee hours to share the vision, answer questions and listen for your ideas and hopes. The leaders are Maggie Baxter, Jay Luther, Pat Curtis, Joan Adams and Tenesa Vuilleminot.

9/28 Sunday

The start of a five part class called The History of St. Paul's in Five Years: 1579, 1868, 1924, 1965 and Now. The class will take place in Duncan Hall from 9am to 9:45 and be taught by Christopher with help from friends

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher H. Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Mike Green, Chris Olson, Dawn Rice, Demelza Rice
Readers:	Mike Green, Chris Olson, Judy Rowcliffe
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Steve Avanzino, Pamela Barnes
Ushers:	Neville Armstrong, Dante Filippetto
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Alice and Bob King

We are in a season of change. It is good change. At the other side of this season, by God's grace:

- Our campus will be safe, accessible and beautiful.
- Our common sense of shared Christian discipleship will be deeper and more powerful.
- Our capacity to communicate and stay connected will be strong.

But in the meantime, change is hard and often confusing. Perhaps, in the midst of change, we wonder if the things that brought us to St. Paul's and have held us here will continue. This week I write to assure you that at least four things will be happening, week in and week out, without fail. For those with ears to hear, they provide an ongoing loving hum through this season of change.

Love One Another. Yesterday I was in extensive communication with a parishioner who is approaching the anniversary of the death of an adult child. I am about to leave to go visit one of our sisters in Christ in the hospital. St. Anne's writes Happy Birthday cards to so many of us. Our love and care will continue. We won't leave each other.

Pray to Your Father in Heaven. Now, each Tuesday and Thursday morning, a cluster of four to eight of us gather for a lay led, simplified Morning Prayer. We pray for many things, not least the needs of our community. Also, our 'family members' Nancy, Chris, Joan and others are carefully attending to our extensive prayer list and praying through it regularly. Five Discipleship Groups are currently meeting, some every week. And, of course, you know where we many of us are every Sunday at 8 and 10.

The Word is Very Near You. Twice a week, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, people of St. Paul's are reading, word by word, a book of the Bible and drawing connections to our common life now. Nearly every Sunday, I ask you, in my sermon, to open the Bible, look at the text, and reflect with me. Our common life is slowly being steeped in the Word.

Do It to the Least of These. Jesus teaches that as we serve the poor, we serve him. The Teen Success Breakfast, Young Moms Marin, visits to our friends on Death Row, and our partnerships with Ritter, the San Rafael Health Care Center and St. Vincent's will continue. Even as we restore our inward life, we don't stop reaching out regularly, with love, patience and generosity, to those whom God especially loves.

Hang in there, folks! Change and growth are always hard for us. We are ordinary human beings and our faith doesn't shield us from ordinary fears and anxieties. God knows this well. Both scripture and our Christian history are filled with jarring changes that produce great fruit. We are in a time of great change. Have faith. All will be well.

Blessings,
Christopher

*Each week our rector, The Rev. Christopher H. Martin, sends an email message.
Email him at cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org to get on the list*

Anne	Charlotte & Peter	Jay Taggart	Sally Etting
Arin D	Children of Garagosh, Iraq	Jude	Sandy Bourne
Bill M	Chris & Jennifer M	Lisa Rose	Sarah
Blaine Marshall	Dan Pollart	Liza	Stephen Topol
Bob Holloway	Deborah	Matt Peterson	Yvonne Andersen
Bonnie Cohen	Fatemeh & Raha R	Patricia R	
Bret	Hollis & Lori	Paula	

SERVICE

Teen Success Breakfast: Serve hot breakfast to at-risk youth. Contact Keira Vicente at 684.2670 or keiravicente@yahoo.com.

San Rafael Health Care: Services 1st and 3rd Sundays, 11:00 – 11:25. Help us with the simple service. Children are welcome.

Prison Ministry: St. Paul's has been engaged in regular visitations and correspondence for 17 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 four other parishioners are now visiting Joe and three other inmates. In the coming weeks there will be more information about this growing ministry, including opportunities for everyone to be involved in an action heralded by Christ in Matthew 25:36: "I was in prison and you came to visit me." Are you being called to this ministry, perhaps by corresponding with one of the four inmates we've been visiting? For further info contact Richard Olive (415.259.9198 or ollipops@comcast.net).

Young Moms Marin: On Fridays, St. Paul's is now hosting Young Moms Marin, a group for mostly teen moms and their children led by our friend Teresa Ashby. The group meets from 3pm to 5:30pm in Duncan Hall.

ONGOING

Plate Cash: 1st Sunday of the month goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund; 3rd Sunday goes to Outreach.

Godly Play: Sundays in Room 6. Kindergarten thru 3rd grade. Meet in the courtyard at 9:45am.

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 Nativity in San Rafael. Middle and high school students from 5 Marin churches. Daniel London, youth minister.

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 The Rev. Christopher Martin.

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.

Bible Studies: Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30, Wednesdays from 10 to 11:15; all in Duncan Hall.

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