



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, September 7, 2014, the Thirteenth 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	Prelude in F minor	J. S. Bach
Opening Hymn	423	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	149	BCP p. 807
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	307	Hymnal

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 Music		
Closing Hymn	400 vs. 5,6 & 7	Hymnal
Postlude	Fugue in F minor	J. S. Bach

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher H. Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Jacob Moody, Chris Hammond, Dawn Rice, Demelza Rice
Readers:	Jacob Moody, Chris Hammond, Jack Beggs
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Linda Danford, Wanda Rice, Jane Santucci
Ushers:	Keira Vicente, Eric Guastavino
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Alice and Bob King

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Schedule:

9/7 Sunday

Party for families from 4pm to 6pm at the Martin's house at 148 Hilldale Drive in San Anselmo.
The Marin Episcopal Youth Groups starts up again at 5pm at Nativity.

9/8-12 Tuesday to Thursday

All three Bible Studies are back again and there are two weekly services of Morning Prayer. The Bible Studies are Romans at 12:30pm Tuesdays, Ezekiel at 10am Wednesdays, John at 6:15pm Thursdays.

Morning Prayer is at 7:30am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

9/14 Sunday

The first of our Second Sunday Family Service at the 10am service. The service will feature youth acolytes, readers and ushers and a kid-friendly sermon.

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

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Since at least 2012, when they built the first tunnel along the Presidio Parkway, we've all experienced the gradual work of transforming our entrance from Marin into San Francisco. We've been patiently watching the landscape and the roads as they gradually change.

In a way, a similar process has been happening at St. Paul's. Over the last two years an enormous amount of work has been happening in four areas. This week I'd like to briefly sketch out each area to give you a full sense of where we've been and where we're going. These four areas are:

- deferred maintenance,
- communications infrastructure,
- our relationship with Marin Day School
- and a campaign we're calling SPRIF III.

As I hope you'll see, by the end of next year we believe we will be in a much better place than two years ago, ready for whatever God has in mind for us.

1. Deferred Maintenance. Two years ago the basement level of the education wing flooded. As we dug into the lower levels of the building we realized that there were best practices for care of a building like ours that we had been neglecting. Over the last two years we have assembled a great team of people to attend with care and depth to each area of our campus. We created four binders (with the information also online) with all possible issues within each area and who to contact to help us care for them.

We are now way ahead of where we were two years ago. For example, just last week, Larry was attending to our 19 downspouts, Steve was leading a thorough relighting of the church, Roger replaced a broken toilet and Judy was attending to a worrisome crack in the sacristy. The care of our campus, on a deep level, has increased considerably.

Furthermore, as of this summer, we have our first accurate drawings of the campus. Our new 'as-built'

drawings(done by the best professionals in the Bay Area at a very reasonable price!) will enable us to continue our deep work of caring for our sacred space far into the future.

2. Communications Infrastructure. The way the world communicates has changed dramatically in the last ten years and, like many mainline churches, we were behind. Last year we hired Shelley, who is very fluent in the way the world communicates, particularly in the Bay Area. She has already dramatically increased our presence on Facebook and transformed our website.

Less visible, but just as important, in her time here we have created a new calendar system (so important on a campus that has, on average, about 500 people outside the church family using our facilities each week) shifted our information to a safe, cloud based database now open to all church members, and have vastly expanded our ability to receive your giving and your pledging online. Along with this, our ability to track our finances has become more reliable and streamlined.

We are ready to step into the future with confidence. In the meantime, we aren't neglecting old-school communication. In the next few weeks you can expect a printed-on-paper newsletter in your mailbox at your house.

3. Marin Day School. This preschool has been renting our education wing since the late 80s. This year, thanks to two years of very hard work by Jay, we are entering a new and even more productive relationship with the school.

We are one document away from a new contract that will do three great things for us. First, it will keep the school here for at least the next ten years. Up until now, the contract had always been for five years. Second, it will guarantee for us \$160,000 to \$190,000 of income a year, which is around 40% of our budget. Finally, if all goes well the school will invest \$300,000 in our campus while we invest \$50,000. That work is all scheduled to be done between now and the end of this year.

To top it all off, Marin Day School continues to be an ideal tenant. Many of us consider the teachers and administrators there our friends.

4. SPRIF III. On Sunday, September 21st, Maggie and Jay, supported by their SPRIF III leadership team of Tenesa, Pat and Joan, are going to publicly launch the campaign for the St. Paul's Restoration and Improvement Fund.

September 21st marks the beginning of a conversation to be continued through at least one Soup Supper and many other conversations with smaller groups. The SPRIF III team wants to know your ideas and concerns. They want to know what possibilities you see for our campus.

The one area that has already received a lot of attention and thought is the safety and accessibility of our courtyard and the approaches to our courtyard. This means we've been thinking a lot about how to make it as easy and safe as possible to travel from your car to the church. Things like a smooth surface, an even grade and handrails have been carefully considered by experts and have been put together by the SPRIF III team as a proposal for you to consider starting on the 21st. There are other ideas that have emerged as well, and I'm sure you will be bringing your own ideas to the conversation.

Finally, it is always worth emphasizing that all four of these areas of change have been carefully considered and overseen by our Vestry. Our Vestry is our board of directors, elected by you each February at our annual meeting. The monthly Vestry meetings are the the third Thursday of each month and are open to all. The minutes of all the meetings, once they have been properly approved by the Vestry, can be found here on our website. You are free to read them if you would like to see how all four of these deep changes have been conceived of and managed. (Minutes are posted on the website each month, as soon as they are approved. They can also be found on the bulletin board of Duncan Hall.) (Our next meeting is Thursday, September 18th at 7pm in Duncan Hall. You are welcome to come.)

According to the Marin IJ this morning, the Presidio Parkway renovation should be done by the end of 2015. By then, we too should have come to the end of this season of deep change. By grace, we pray that the fruit will be a strong, healthy infrastructure on multiple levels, allowing us to pursue with joy and freedom the work God has given us to do.

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*

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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