



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, September 20, 2015, the Seventeenth 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	Vater unser im Himmelreich	Jan Sweelinck
Opening Hymn	397	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(S)ervice music found in front of hymnal</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	1	BCP p. 585
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory	Jubilate Deo	Benjamin Britten

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 B		BCP p. 367
Sanctus	S-129	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Hymn	458	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	437	Hymnal
Postlude	Sonata	Domenico Scarlatti

The Altar Flowers are given by Jack Beggs to the glory of God
and in loving memory of choir members

Diane Luboff, Ann Hanson, Susan Harrison, Bill McCulloch and Barbara Sperry.
Surely they Rest in Peace, with their spirits continuing in our midst as we sing.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Strengthen Your Spiritual Core. St. Paul's is offering a series of workshops that train us to place the core Christian practices and beliefs at the center of our spiritual lives. The second is on September 26th and asks us to use our imaginations. In the sacred space of St. Paul's, the Rev. Christopher H. Martin will tell an allegorical story based on his close reading, over years, of Charles Taylor's *A Secular Age*. He'll share a story of being on an island in a river delta. The story provides a compelling map of the various beliefs people live by in our secular age. They show how commitment to core Christian practices can help each of us steer through these disorienting times. 9am to 11am.

Ushers Needed. Anyone interested in serving as an usher for the 10:00am service, please see Eric Guastavino or call him at 415-785-7164.

Morning Prayer. This half hour, lay lead service is Tuesdays at 7:30 am. The entire service is printed out on an 11 by 17 bulletin. It's easy to jump right in.

Hebrews. Study of this great, under-appreciated book in the New Testament is Tuesdays at 12:30pm. We begin tomorrow with an overview and beginning the experience of hearing the whole book, which was originally a string of sermons, read aloud.

Genesis. No book in the Bible is better suited to wide ranging conversations of great depth. Come Wednesdays at 10am and begin 'in the beginning' with this first book of scripture.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Michael Green, Chris Olson, Chris Hammond
Readers:	Michael Green, Chris Olson, Neville Armstrong
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Steve Avanzino, Pamela Barnes
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Alice and Bob King

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

On Saturday we held our second Discipleship Group workshop. It was a rich, deeply affirming morning at St. Paul's.

Everybody was from St. Paul's, which turned out to be a great gift. There was at least one person from each of our six Discipleship Groups. This meant that, after a review of our history and of our scriptural and theological roots, we were able to exchange stories and practices with others who are also in these small groups in our congregation.

I think it's fair to say that we all learned new things. Many, including myself, left inspired to keep going onward on this deep and counter-cultural path. We are not alone and, by grace, what we are doing is good.

There were also some new people there. Specifically, they were people who have been attracted to St. Paul's precisely because we are a community that, without forsaking warmth, good humor and lightness, takes the core of our faith with such seriousness.

When we're at our best, our spiritual rigor is beautiful and attractive.

Discipleship Groups ask a lot. None of us join a group as masters of all seven of the core practices of prayer, worship, service, giving, learning, listening and joining. But what came across Saturday is that we have found our way to a place that is both challenging and safe, that is both rigorous and merciful.

May God grant that the slow, deep and steady work of building Discipleship Groups at St. Paul's goes from strength to strength.

If this work interests you, please email me. I'd be happy to connect either over the phone or in person. Or even better, talk to one of the dozens of people at St. Paul's who are a part of this growing ministry.

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*

PRAYER

Alice	Fire Victims	Jennifer Fritz	Monique Unger & Family
Blaine Marshall	Gael Shumway	Jonathan B	Rachel Wilde
Charlotte & Peter	Gary Pennington	Kathy G	Rainie Joses
Chloe H	Gerry O	Kevin, Yvonne & Kendrick	Sally Ettling
Chris Olson	Greg	Lisa Rose	Stephen Topol
Dan Pollart & Family	Jason	Norman Rosenstein	Tim Hixon
Daphne	Jay Taggart	Mika Kappen & Family	Walter Dods

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 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. Contact Carolyn Eitel at 415.214.2560 or ceitel@mvmgmt.com.

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 Nativity 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 Judy Rowcliffe at 415.606.4355 or jlrowcliffe@comcast.net.

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.

Facebook & Twitter. Please like and follow us to join the fun!

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulssanrafael>, <https://twitter.com/StPaulsSR>