



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, November 15, 2015, the Twenty Fifth 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	Passacaglia	J. S. Bach
Opening Hymn	174	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Canticle	The Song of Hannah	<i>Insert</i>
Gradual	S-247	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form IV	BCP p. 388
Offertory Anthem	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 A		BCP p. 361
Sanctus	S-130	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Hymns	487, 331	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	598	Hymnal
Postlude	Passacaglia	J. S. Bach

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

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Ingathering. This is the Sunday we gather all the pledge cards for a blessing at the end of the service. If you haven't already turned in your pledge card, please put your card in the plate on the table by the baptismal font.

O Antiphons. In each of the six Sundays leading up to Christmas we say a different O Antiphon. O Antiphons are based on verses from the Old Testament book of Isaiah that foreshadow Jesus. They may be familiar to you from the hymn 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel.'

Book Club. St Paul's Book Club will meet on Friday Nov. 20th at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall. The book we will be discussing is "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown. This is the story of the American rowing team that came from a hard-scrabble life to win gold in Berlin in 1936.

Children's Choir. We're starting a children's choir with a first musical offering to be in December. Rehearsals are Friday afternoon and Sunday. Contact Alison Blume at alisonblume@comcast.net.

Vinnie's in desperate need of Turkeys and Hams for the holidays. The St. Vincent dePaul Free Dining Room does Jesus' work of feeding the hungry in Marin, and this year, their donations of turkeys and hams are way down this holiday season compared to previous years. Please help if you can by donating a turkey or ham. Food donations can be dropped off at the dining room, 820 B St. between 2nd and 3rd, from 6:30AM and 2:00PM any day of the week. Or, you may send a monetary donation to: St. Vincent dePaul Society of Marin County, P.O. Box 150527, San Rafael, CA 94915 or go to vinnies.org and click "Donate." Thank you!

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Michael Green, Eric Guastavino, Pamela Barnes
Readers:	Michael Green, Eric Guastavino, Jack Beggs
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Joan Peterson, Felicia Demann, Ann Lisk, Holly Pritchard
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Alice and Bob King

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

This Sunday, at both the 8am and 10am services we have our annual ritual where we gather up all the pledge cards, bring them up to the altar and bless them. I write to encourage you to bring your pledge card with you this Sunday. If you've already returned it (thank you!) your card will already be in the offering plate. If you forget, there will be cards in every pew so that you can still participate in the ritual if you wish.

As with nearly all things in the Episcopal Church, stewardship has the ethos of 'all may none must, some should.' But as I've been emphasizing in these last weeks, Christian stewardship is not just about supporting an organization you believe in and that has had a positive impact your life. It is also a spiritual discipline like prayer, worship and service of the poor. Jesus teaches way more on money than he does on sex. I suspect he does this because he knows that our values are expressed in how we use (and are used by) money.

Moving towards the spiritual discipline of the financial tithing is one way to become free of the heavy demands of the worldly kingdom and shift the burden of our lives to the easy yoke of the heavenly kingdom.

This may sound abstract. It's not. It's not any more abstract than shifting our daily schedules so we spend more time praying and less time watching TV. We are what we eat. We are what we watch. We are what we do with our money. So stewardship is best conceived as invitation to take another step in our intimacy with God and each other.

We are, always and already, children of God and so beloved by God. We are always invited to draw near to God through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. This year, may we offer our money in thanksgiving of the one who loves us best.

Blessings,
Christopher

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

PRAYER

Alice	Gael Shumway	Kathy G	Rich B
Blaine Marshall	Gary Pennington	Kevin, Yvonne & Kendrick	Robyne Talley
Charlotte & Peter	Gerry O	Lisa Rose	Sally Ettling
Chloe H	Jay Taggart	Norman Rosenstein	Sarah
Craig Family	Jennifer Fritz	Mika Kappen & Family	Stephen Topol
Dan Pollart & Family	Jim & Jane Passman	Monique Unger & Family	Syrian Refugees
Daphne	Jonathan B	Rachel Wilde	Tim Hixon
Fire Victims	Jonathan Smith	Rainie Joses	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.

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