



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, October 30, 2016, 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 worship, prayer and service.

### WORSHIP

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

Prelude	Fugue	Felix Mendelssohn
Opening Hymn	423	Hymnal
Gloria	S-277 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	119:137-144	BCP p. 774
Gradual	S-247	Hymnal
Offertory Anthem	Kittery (Our Father)	William Billings

*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	304, 439	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	382	Hymnal
Postlude	Prelude	Felix Mendelssohn

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Sue Mason.

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Necrology.** If anyone close to you has died in the last year, please share their name with us to be include in the Necrology, which is the list read aloud at next week's celebration of the feast of All Saints. Email [info@stpaulssanrafael.org](mailto:info@stpaulssanrafael.org) or [c.h.mrtn@gmail.com](mailto:c.h.mrtn@gmail.com) or call 415 456 4842.

**Gifts for the Homeless.** We will get two barrels from Ritter Center to be put in Duncan Hall for Christmas presents, one for the homeless and one for teens. There will be lists for ideas. We get them on November 11th and return them December 9th.

**Sunday Afternoons** have just gotten richer in ministry with the addition of a 5pm Eucharist and a 6pm Forum. This shared ministry of St. Paul's, Redeemer and Nativity is at Nativity. The first topic of the forum is exploring God's repeated statement in scripture and sacrament 'do not fear.'

## SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Michael Green, Dawn Rice, Demelza Rice
Readers:	Michael Green, Dawn Rice, Jack Beggs
Altar Guild:	Michael Green, Linda Danford, Wanda Rice, Walter Tanner, Jane Santucci

## CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

In less than two weeks the election will finally be behind us. I am hopeful that we, as a culture, will be able to let go of much of this anxiety and anger that seems to be in the air and focus again on things closer to home and to our hearts.

The Sunday after the election, November 13th, is the beginning of when we prepare our hearts for Christmas at St. Paul's. The first of our O Antiphons will be sung on that day, and the first of our banners, with the Old Testament images that foretell Jesus, will be hung.

On that Sunday, there will be at least two further shifts. One is that our children will be focusing on learning the tunes and the lyrics to the best of our classic Christmas songs. There will be opportunity for all generations to sing these together. These are no longer taught in schools the way they used to be. If they are going to be passed on, it is up to us.

The other shift will be a shift in my preaching. I will be going back to some of the most simple and accessible themes of our faith: belovedness, mercy, forgiveness, simplicity. It is as though the often toxic media environment we're in has provoked in me, and maybe in you too, a desire to go back to the simple basics.

In the meantime, we are in our Stewardship Campaign, and I hope you are engaging with our invitation to generosity. We are blessed to be stewards of this sacred space and of this ancient way of being good, whole human beings in community.

Blessings,  
Christopher

## PRAYER

Arty	Grace Michael	Lokita	Rosa Montes
Bill Tate	Jennifer Fritz	Mika Kappen & Family	Ruth Orovich
Cathy	Kairos Inside San Quentin	Nancy S (surgery 9/6)	Sandy G
Dan Pollart & Family	Laurel	Phyllis	Syrian Refugees
Deborah	Lisa R	Rainie Joses	The Rev. Stefani Schatz

## 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 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 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.

**Children's Choir.** Rehearsals on Friday afternoon and some Sundays. Contact Alison Blume at [alisonblume@comcast.net](mailto:alisonblume@comcast.net)

**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](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 Judy Rowcliffe at 415.606.4355 or [jlrowcliffe@comcast.net](mailto: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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