



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, August 27, 2017, the Twelfth 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	Concerto in a minor (Andante)	J. S. Bach
Opening Hymn	47	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280	Hymnal
Psalm	124	BCP p. 781
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Nicene Creed		BCP p. 358
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	329	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 B		BCP p. 367
Sanctus	S-129	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	522	Hymnal
Postlude	Allegro moderato	J. S. Bach

The Altar Flowers are given by Carolyn and Ripley Hunter to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents.

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Downstairs Bathroom** remodel is in progress. For the next few weeks please use the upstairs bathroom next to the Upper Room. (A stair chair is available for those with mobility issues.) Also, there are two bathrooms available on the second floor of the education wing, at the top of the stairs.

The resurfaced **Parking Lot** will be available starting Monday, August 28th.

**Tuesday Morning Prayer** is back at 7:30 am in the Church.

**Wednesday Bible Study** at 10am begins again on August 30th. We continue our study of the book of Acts.

**The Recommended Book for Summer** is "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction." This is a complicated title for a simple and accessible book. The popular Christian writer Eugene Peterson writes reflections on the 15 "Psalms of Ascent." These are short psalms (numbers 120-134) that the ancient Hebrews would sing on their regular pilgrimages to Jerusalem. Peterson invites us to imagine that these psalms apply to our own Christian pilgrimage through life.

**Fall Book Study.** On the first Tuesdays of September, October and November, Walter Tanner and Christopher will be hosting a book study of *The Politics of Virtue: Post-Liberalism and Human Future*. This book, by John Milbank and Adrian Pabst, is a Christian critique of our moment of crisis. It names four facets of what it names the "metacrisis of liberalism": capitalism, democracy, culture and the nations. For each, it then proposes alternatives that come from a radically Christian orthodox position. These discussions will be from 7pm to 9pm and are likely to have the feel of a graduate school seminar.

## SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Brigitte McCulloch, Eric Guastavino, Ronnie Dodds
Readers:	Brigitte McCulloch, Eric Guastavino, John Dury
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Wendy Olson, Judy Rowcliffe, Alex Elliot

## CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Five things:

- The new parking lot is complete but, in order to let it harden, will not be usable until Monday. The work on the downstairs bathrooms will take another week, and our various other design upgrades are almost, but not quite complete. Thanks for your patience!
- I already have three folks signed up for Basic Discipleship and will soon open things up to other Christians in Marin, so let me know soon if Thursday at 2pm, Saturday at 8am or Sunday at 12pm are times you would like to commit to.
- Wednesday 10am Bible Study starts next week, Thursday at 6:15 starts in September.
- The book study of Politics of Virtue is Tuesday, September 5th at 7pm. I have the first two chapters as a PDF if you'd like to give it a try. Email me at [c.h.mrtn@gmail.com](mailto:c.h.mrtn@gmail.com).
- Bring in your used books to support the St. Anne's Book Sale!

I look forward to what I believe will be a super fall at St. Paul's with you.

Blessings  
Christopher

## PRAYER

Arty	Gary Westover	Kevin & Tara	Mika Kappen & Family
Bill Donnelly	Gina	Laurel	Nancy S (surgery 8/2)
Brenda Paupst	Grace Michael	Laurie Hubbard	Richard F
Dan Pollart & Family	Jae Eitel	Lisa R	
Dawn Rice	Jennifer Fritz	Marcella Hermstad	
Della Holloway	Jim	Mark Hardin	

## 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 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 20 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).

## 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 Redeemer 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 Christopher Martin at 415.456.4842 or cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org.

**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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