



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, September 17, 2017, the Fifteenth 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](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	Alcuni Variations	Arcangelo Corelli
Opening Hymn	187	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280	Hymnal
Psalm	114	BCP p. 756
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Nicene Creed		BCP p. 358
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Anthem	Glorious the Day	Berkeley Hill
Doxology	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen</i>	

*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 Hymns	581, 674	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	398	Hymnal
Postlude	Concerto	Giorgio Gentili

The Altar Flowers are given by John Schaver to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schaver.

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Death Cafe.** Our next Death Cafe will be on Sunday, September 24, from 4-6pm in Duncan Hall. Death Cafes provide a safe and welcoming space to have an open conversation about any aspect of death and dying. There is no agenda. There is no expert. But there are sure to be cookies. :) Chloe Martin and Pat Steuer will be hosting and facilitating this conversation, and all in the St. Paul's community and beyond are welcome to come--so feel free to bring a friend or family member (adults only please). Please RSVP to secure your spot. [chloeadmartin@comcast.net](mailto:chloeadmartin@comcast.net), or call/text 415-464-7149. To learn more about Death Cafes, go to [deathcafe.com](http://deathcafe.com)

**Tuesday Afternoon Sit.** You are welcome to join a small group of parishioners who do a 20 minute meditation sit in the church on Tuesdays at 5pm.

**Thursday Bible Study** is back at 6:15 in the Upper Room. We are reading the letters of Paul.

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

**Wednesday Bible Study** is back at 10am. We continue our study of the book of Acts.

**Bring Your Used Books!** The St. Anne's Book Sale is coming up in mid-October.

## SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Michael Green, Demelza Rice, Dawn Rice
Readers:	Michael Green, Demelza Rice, Judy Rowcliffe
Altar Guild:	Michael Green, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Pamela Barnes

## CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Welcome Back!

Our parking lot, courtyard and three bathrooms are all done now and they look fantastic. We are now a campus transformed. The warmth and beauty of our sacred space has now spread to places of welcome and community gathering throughout the campus.

Improvements have continued in Duncan Hall and, most dramatically, upstairs, with the offices and the Upper Room now given a warmth and a beauty that they never came close to before this.

There are a few surprises left and, in the next few weeks, a plan to put a new coat of paint on the outside of most of our buildings. But we are essentially now at our new level of health and beauty. We are hard at work setting up new systems and teams so that our campus maintains this wonderful feel.

All of this work is not just luxury but is essential to who we are and what we do. As I've been saying, in a world going increasingly virtual, we are stubbornly incarnational. We all need places to gather and be face to face and to know that we are loved.

If you haven't yet seen all this wonderful new work, come on back!

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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