



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, October 22, 2017, the Twentieth 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 prayer, worship, and service.

WORSHIP

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

Prelude	Poor Wayfarin' Stranger	
Opening Hymn	Just a Closer Walk	<i>Insert</i>
Gloria	S-280	Hymnal
Psalm	99	BCP p. 728
Gradual	S-247	Hymnal
Offertory Hymn	In the Garden	<i>Insert</i>
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 A		BCP p. 361
Sanctus	S-130	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Hymn	One Bread, One Body	<i>Insert</i>
Closing Hymn	Standin' in the Need of Prayer	<i>Insert</i>
Postlude		

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

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Blessing of the Hardin Courtyard is today following the 10am service. There will be a community photograph, taken from the second floor of the education wing, that will go up in Duncan Hall, so be sure to be there!

The Annual Stewardship Campaign has begun. Please fill out a pledge card with the amount of money you plan to give St. Paul's in 2018 so we can create an accurate budget. Cards can be found in the pews.

Open House for all parishioners and all recent newcomers to St. Paul's at the Martin House in San Anselmo will be on Sunday, October 29th from 4pm to 6pm. Contact Christopher or Chloe for directions at c.h.mrtn@gmail.com or chloeadmartin@comcast.net.

Gratitude Champagne Brunch. On Sunday, November 5th the Vestry will be offering a Champagne brunch following the 10am service to celebrate an attitude of gratitude. The meal is a part of our stewardship campaign and all are welcome to attend.

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

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.

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

Thursday Afternoon Sit. You are welcome to join a small group of parishioners who do a 20 minute meditation sit in the church on Thursday at 5:45pm.

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

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Brigitte McCulloch, Eric Guastavino, Pierce Gore
Readers:	Brigitte McCulloch, Eric Guastavino, Kate Sprague
Altar Guild:	Michael Green, Judy Rowcliffe, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Pamela Barnes

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

The Fires and The Courtyard

The fires in Sonoma and Napa continue to be in all of our hearts. The smoke and the news are constant reminders that our neighbors to the north are going through an incredibly stressful and disorienting time. For some of us, the impact of the fires has been even more direct as some have volunteered in various capacities and others have hosted people who were displaced.

As I write, the fires are finally getting under control and the experts seem cautiously optimistic about containment. We are starting to receive considered reports about what the long next phase of recovery might look like.

This Sunday is our long scheduled Blessing of the Hardin Courtyard. The courtyard work is complete, including the beautiful plaque that is now draped by a sheet that will be pulled off at the blessing. We will be celebrating and giving thanks for the strong, steady and long-running ministry of our former Rector, the Rev. Hugh Hardin, and his family. The Hardins are one of the main reasons we are in such a strong position today.

The fire disaster has posed a stark question to us. In our strength, what are we called to do with our resources to meet the needs of our larger community when disaster strikes? This Sunday we will celebrate and give thanks as we bless the new courtyard. And I will also be asking us to pray for those whose lives have been disrupted by the fire, to reflect on our own responses these last two weeks, to make commitments to help now, if that is our call, and, finally, to get clear about what we can do to better prepare for the next disruption.

These are disorienting times. A faithful reading of scripture shows that God's people have, time and again, faced disorienting times and learned, once again, that God is with them. I am deeply drawn these days to passages from Isaiah found in our service of noonday prayer:

"O God, you will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are fixed on you; for in returning and rest we shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be our strength."

Blessings,
Christopher

PRAYER

Arty	Deborah	Kevin & Tara	Mark Hardin
Bill Donnelly	Della Holloway	Laurel	Mika Kappen & Family
Cathy Westover	Grace Michael	Laurie Hubbard	Nancy S
Dan Pollart & Family	Jennifer Fritz	Lisa R	Richard F
Dawn Rice	Jim	Marcella Hermstad	Stephanie

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 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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