



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, November 26, 2017, the Last 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	On Jordan's Stormy Banks	Samuel Stennet, 1787
Opening Hymn	Glorious in Majesty	<i>Insert</i>
Gloria	S-280	Hymnal
Psalm	100	BCP p. 729
Gradual	S-247	Hymnal
Offertory Hymn	711	Hymnal
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	Taste and See	<i>Insert</i>
Closing Hymn	Bring Forth the Kingdom	<i>Insert</i>
Postlude	A King Like This	Chris Tomlin

The Altar Flowers are given by William Elliott to the glory of God and in loving memory of his father, Wm. Oswald Elliott.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

O Antiphons continue. These short, ancient prayers, which are texts from Isaiah that foreshadow Jesus, mark the Sundays leading up to Christmas. Today we call Jesus the King of Kings.

Christmas Gifts for Ritter Center. There is a bin in the Narthex. Please be generous with those in need.

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.

Sunday Spiritual Forum is at 9:00 am in Duncan Hall. We are reading aloud poems by George Herbert and John Donne, two seventeenth century English Christian poets.

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 are beginning a study of the Gospel of Luke.

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, Ronnie Dodds, Pamela Barnes
Readers:	Brigitte McCulloch, Ronnie Dodds, Kate Sprague
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Wendy Olson, Judy Rowcliffe, Alex Elliot

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

For Our Good

After this Sunday, we shift fully to the season of Advent when we are invited to prepare our hearts and so make room for Jesus. As we approach this shift in church season, I ask you, if you haven't already, to take care of one last piece of important business. Please pledge.

There are two reasons for this. One is the obvious one that, without your financial resources, we can't be the community we are and can't do the work in the world that we're called to do. Remember that at least 5%, sometimes as much as 10% of every pledge goes right into our Outreach fund.

The other is that it's good for your soul. Jesus teaches on money more than just about anything else. Jesus knows that how we spend our money is an accurate reflection of what we love. Loving God, loving community and loving the poor are three things your money expresses when you pledge or give generously to St. Paul's.

Thank you already for being a part of our larger community. Please consider taking that next step and filling out a pledge card that lets us know how much of your money you will be sharing with us next year. I believe when we share, it is for our good.

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 (surgery 11/29)
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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