



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, December 31, 2017, the First Sunday After Christmas

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	Noel	George Jacob
Opening Hymn	87	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	147	BCP p. 804
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Offertory Hymn	89	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 B		BCP p. 367
Sanctus	S-130	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion	First Arabesque	Claude Debussy
Closing Hymn	99	Hymnal
Postlude	Allegro	Fredrich Kuhlau

The Altar Flowers are given by Jack Beggs to the glory of God
 and in loving memory of Marjorie Beggs.
 "She was a honey of a wife."

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Death Cafe. Our next Death Cafe will be on Sunday, January 7, 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, or call/text 415-464-7149. To learn more about Death Cafes, go to deathcafe.com

Rise Against Hunger. On Sunday afternoon, Jan. 21, come to Duncan Hall and join dozens of Episcopalians from Northern Marin as we prepare thousands of easy to make meals to be sent to a place of greatest need in the world. Last January we prepared over 10,000 meals that were sent to a remote place in Turkey. 1pm in Duncan Hall.

150th Anniversary Evensong. The Feast of St. Paul is always January 25th. On that Thursday evening next year our choir will be joined by our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus, to help us celebrate. We are the oldest Episcopal church in the county, and one of the two oldest, continually used sacred spaces.

Party! That Saturday night, the 27th of January, 100 of us will go to the Key Room of Homeward Bound for a joyful and celebratory Dinner/Dance. Tickets are only \$50. Make your reservation soon with either a check to St. Paul's or by going to our Eventbrite.com site. Type in St. Paul's 150th and you will be led to our page.

PrayWorshipServe Lenten Retreat. We will be hosting up to 60 people from around the country and the Bay Area at our first PrayWorshipServe Retreat. At the heart of the life of St. Paul's is Seven Core Christian Practices. Already 33 people from as far away as Jacksonville, Pittsburgh and Indianapolis are coming to St. Paul's for an immersive experience where they will be strengthened and encouraged in practices like daily prayer, service of the poor and experiencing "gladness and singleness of heart" through embracing your unique call. By hosting this retreat St. Paul's is boldly entering into it's next 150 years of powerful and beautiful Christian life in Marin. Local participants start at 9am on Friday the 23rd and go through noon on Sunday and pay \$249. Come and see.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Jim Ward
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Michael Green, Chris Hammond, Pamela Barnes
Readers:	Michael Green, Chris Hammond, Dennis Puccinelli
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Felicia Demann, Judy Rowcliffe, Holly Pritchard

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

On Christmas break. Returning next week.

PRAYER

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

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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