



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, September 16, 2018, the Seventeenth 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 worship, prayer and service.

WORSHIP

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

Prelude	Adagio	J. S. Bach
Opening Hymn	254	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	19	BCP p. 606
Gradual	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia	
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Anthem	Sing on, Dance on	arr. Fred Bock
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	484	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	427	Hymnal
Postlude	Toccata	Percy Fletcher

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

St. Paul's Book Club will meet at 7 p.m. on September 21st in Duncan Hall. The book we will be discussing is [You Don't Have to Say You Love Me](#) by Sherman Alexie. This is a memoir of Alexie's grief at his mother's death. Alexie grew up on an Indian Reservation in Washington State. He has conflicted feelings about his mother and her mental health problems that lead to his decision to escape from the reservation life.

Death Cafe. Our next Death Cafe will be on Sunday, September 23, 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 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

Book Study. Tom Witt and Walter Tanner lead a discussion of Cynthia Bourgeault's *The Wisdom Jesus*, Sunday mornings at 11:30am in the Upper Room.

St. Anne's Book Sale is coming up on October 13th and donations are needed. Please bring books you don't want or need to Duncan Hall. A great way to reclaim some of that shelf space.

Downing Library. We invite you to visit the Downing Library on the second floor above Duncan Hall. To borrow any book, just fill out a library card with your name, book title, author and date. Click ([here](#)) for the most current annotated bibliography.

Diversified Portfolio of Service. Service of the poor is a core value for us. There are opportunities to serve probationary teens, our homeless neighbors, isolated seniors, those in prison and poor young families. Call Christopher at 415 456 4842 or c.h.mrtn@gmail.com to find out more.

Learning for All Ages. We offer Sunday School, Youth Group and regular Bible Studies and Spiritual Formation classes. Contact Christopher at 415 456 4842 or c.h.mrtn@gmail.com to find out more.

Small Groups. The heart of our parish is small groups we call Discipleship Groups, which encourage us to pursue Seven Core Christian Practices. Contact Christopher at 415 456 4842 or c.h.mrtn@gmail.com to find out how you can make your way into these loving and life changing small groups.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Michael Green, Pierce Gore, Chris Hammond
Readers:	Michael Green, Pierce Gore, Neville Armstrong
Ushers:	Neville Armstrong, Scott Hastings
Altar Guild:	Michael Green, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Pamela Barnes

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

WELCOME TO RENEALWORKS!

As our kids go back to school, St. Paul's is going to embark on a project to help us continue to focus on our spiritual growth and the way God is calling each of us through a program called RenewalWorks.

RenewalWorks is designed to help churches focus on spiritual vitality. It challenges congregations to get back to basics, making spiritual growth a priority in their life and mission. A decade of research exploring key characteristics of vital congregations and involving more than 1,800 churches provides the foundation for the RenewalWorks process. Along the way, that work has been adapted to better fit the traditions of The Episcopal Church. RenewalWorks will inspire us to continue rediscovering who Jesus is and what it means to follow him.

The process begins with an anonymous, confidential, and thought-provoking online survey (called the Spiritual Life Inventory, or SLI), which will be available to you online and in hard copy, September 16 – October 7. The SLI explores your spiritual life and the church's role in supporting it. When the congregation's responses are viewed as a group and benchmarked against data gathered from more than 1,800 churches for over a decade, the SLI provides a snapshot of the spiritual vitality of the congregation.

A nine-person workshop team has been formed to explore spiritual growth and work with the SLI findings. Using a guided methodology that involves self-reflection, sharing, and discussion, the group will meet in four workshop sessions that begin and end with prayer. Workshop team members consider research-based best practices of vital congregations and explore ways those practices might take root in their own congregations. Leveraging the findings, congregations implement changes in ways that make sense for their church and context. We plan to present the results of this work at the Annual Meeting in 2019.

For more information, please reach out to Jacob Moody, jacobmoody@comcast.net or Judy Rowcliffe, jlrowcliffe@comcast.net.

REGULAR PRAYER AND STUDY - OPEN TO ALL

Spiritual Forum	Sundays at 9am in Duncan Hall
Book Group	Sundays at 11:30am in the Upper Room
Centering Prayer Group	2nd and 4th Sundays at 7pm in Duncan Hall
Morning Prayer	Tuesdays at 7:30am in the Church
Bible Study	Wednesdays at 10am in Duncan Hall

WHO'S WHO AT ST. PAUL'S

The Governing Board (called the Vestry)

Pierce Gore (Senior Warden), Walter Tanner (Junior Warden), Ginny Horton, Janie Burtch (Secretary), Buzz Wollam, Libby Silvesteria, John Schaver, Alison Blume, Meg Gorman, Tom Witt and Michael Welcome

Campus Care Steve Avanzino, Keatin Holly, Pat Curtis, David Hardin, Eric Guastavino and Larry Santucci

Finances Holly Pritchard, Lorrie Buggatto and John McDermott

Music Michael Struck

Acolytes and Readers	Dawn Rice
Ushers	Gary Towery and Larry Santucci
Altar Guild	Judy Rowcliffe
Altar Flowers	Alex Elliot

Children's Ministry	Kati Dombrosky
Youth Group	David Hardin

Downing Library	Tom Witt
Epistle (Monthly Newsletter)	Chloe Martin
Service Bulletins and Centering Prayer	Chris Olson
St. Anne's	Alice King
Monthly Book Group and St. Paul's History	Joy Moss

Death Row Ministry	Richard Olive
Teen Success Breakfast	Ginny Horton
San Rafael Health Care Worship	Sue Adamson
St. Monnica's Mutual Housing Community	Jacob Moody and Kati Dombrosky

PRAYER LIST

Abby	Dawn N	Laura Gordon	Mark Hardin
Andrey	Felicia Demann,	Laurie Hubbard	Mary Lou
Anna, Marie & Donnie,	Gabriella Montes	Linda S	Miriam
C Family	Jayne F	Linda Riley Tate	Sandy & Herbert
Cathy Westover	Kevin & Tara	Lori Mentel	Theo Cavanaugh
Connie & Frank	Larry W & Family	Maggie B	Wendy & Family