



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, September 9, 2018, the Sixteenth 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	Adagio	G. F. Handel
Opening Hymn	379	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	125	BCP p. 781
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Anthem	Blessed Are They That Considereth the Poor	G. F. Handel
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
Closing Hymn	372	Hymnal
Postlude	Allegro	G. F. Handel

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for the ministry of Michael Struck.

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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](mailto:chloeadmartin@comcast.net), or call/text 415-464-7149. To learn more about Death Cafes, go to [deathcafe.com](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:c.h.mrtn@gmail.com) to find out how you can make your way into these loving and life changing small groups.

**Education for Ministry:** EfM is lay education for anyone who is interested in both spiritual development and information about the Bible, Church History and Theology. St. John's Church, Ross on Monday evenings, 6:30-8:30, beginning mid-September. Cost is \$375 for the year. Contact Carol Luther, co-mentor, at 415-350-9482 or [carol.luther@gmail.com](mailto:carol.luther@gmail.com)

## SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Michael Green, Chris Olson, Pamela Barnes
Readers:	Michael Green, Chris Olson, Kate Sprague
Ushers:	Steve Avanzino, Katie Taggart
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Felicia Demann, Walter Tanner, Holly Pritchard

## 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](mailto:jacobmoody@comcast.net) or Judy Rowcliffe, [jlrowcliffe@comcast.net](mailto: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
Bible Study	Thursdays at 6:15pm in the Downing Library

## 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

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

<b>Children's Ministry</b>	Kati Dombrosky
<b>Youth Group</b>	David Hardin

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

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

## PRAYER LIST

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