



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, October 28, 2018, the Twenty Third 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)

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| Prelude | His Voice as the Sound of the Dulcimer | Southern Harmony |
| Opening Hymn | 602 | Hymnal |
| Gloria | S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i> | Hymnal |
| Psalm | 34:1-8, 19-22 | BCP p. 627 |
| Gradual | Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia | |
| Prayers of the People | Form III | BCP p. 387 |
| 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.

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| Eucharistic Prayer A | | BCP p. 361 |
| Sanctus | S-130 | Hymnal |
| Fraction Anthem | S-154 | Hymnal |
| Communion Hymn | 325 | Hymnal |
| Closing Hymn | 671 | Hymnal |
| Postlude | How Great is Our God | Chris Tomlin |

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

Vanity of Vanities! Thursday evening Bible Study begins again on Thursday, November 1st from 6:16pm to 7:15pm upstairs in the Downing Library. We will be reading the book of Ecclesiastes. "For everything there is a season..."

Annual Stewardship Campaign. Stewardship pledge cards have been sent to all homes and are available at church. Please fill one out with the amount you intend to give to St. Paul's in 2019 so that the Vestry can create an accurate budget. You can mail the card in, put it in the offering plate, or wait until in-gathering Sunday, which is November 11th. We've had balanced budgets for over a decade. The more you give, the more we can do together.

Book Study. The Sunday 11:30 book study group returns on November 4th in the Upper Room. The new book is "Living Buddha, Living Christ" by Thich Nhat Hanh, available at local bookstores or online. Please read the first two chapters (up through pg. 24).

This Day Forward. On Wednesday, November 14th at 7pm we will be screening a new documentary movie about faith in the face of death called This Day Forward. Save the date now for this exclusive Bay Area debut.

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.

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

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| Preacher & Celebrant: | The Rev. Christopher Martin |
| Choirmaster/Organist: | Michael Struck |
| Acolytes: | Brigitte McCulloch, Eric Guastavino, Mateo Mize |
| Readers: | Brigitte McCulloch, Eric Guastavino, John Dury |
| Ushers: | Larry Santucci, Larry Van Note |
| Altar Guild: | Brigitte McCulloch, Kathleen Minor, Judy Rowcliffe, Alex Elliot |

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

FIVE FINGERS

I just tried an odd thing. I went to Mapquest and got the blinking dot in the middle of the map to be at St. Paul's. I then took my right hand and, with my palm hovering over St. Paul's, successfully put my thumb and four fingers on five places that are or soon may be places where we serve together.

- **County.** My thumb went up to Terra Linda and the County Community School where, with Nativity Church, we serve hot breakfast Monday through Friday at the County Community School for probationary youth.
- **St. Monnica's.** We don't yet know where this housing community will be but hope for Lincoln or the Canal, so I placed my pointer finger there. Imagine a place with a kitchen and dining table where we share meals with the residents, a playground where we play with the children and rooms for tutoring.
- **The Tube.** The tube is the place at San Quentin where we wait to go past security and into the prison to visit. We wait there alongside people from all over California, many of them family of inmates. The tip of my middle finger rested on the Prison.
- **First Pres.** My ring finger was curled back to land on our neighboring church. This is where our youth have been joining the Spirit Circle and then serving and sharing meals with the Marin Street Chaplaincy. Bobby and Ginny are exploring the possibility that soon all of us will be welcome to join that good work in strengthening our community with our homeless neighbors.
- **Activity Room.** My pinky, almost tucked under my palm, touched on the San Rafael Health Care Center where we lead beautiful little services twice a month. (We're in need of a piano player- only basic skills are needed- to bang out a few simple hymns.) We've been visiting folks there since the late 1970s when my predecessor, the Rev. Hugh Hardin, had his parents living there.

I invite you to picture yourself in one of those locations on a regular basis, maybe weekly. All are close by, and in all of them the good work of friendship in the spirit of Jesus is being done. The door is open to you. Email me and I can hook you up. (c.h.mrtn@gamil.com)

Blessings,
Christopher

REGULAR PRAYER AND STUDY - OPEN TO ALL

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| 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

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

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| Children's Ministry | Kati Dombrosky |
| Youth Group | David Hardin |

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| 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 |

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| 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

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| Abby | Gabriella Montes | Larry W & Family | Miriam |
| Andrey | Jayne F | Laura Gordon | Olivia Monforte |
| Anna, Marie & Donnie | Jim | Lori Mentel | Sandy & Herbert |
| Cathy Westover | Kappen Family | Mark Hardin | Wendy & Family |
| Connie & Frank | Kevin & Tara | Mary Lou | |