



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, November 18, 2018, the Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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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	Matthew Camidge
Opening Hymn	615	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Canticle	The Song of Hannah	<i>Insert</i>
Gradual	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia	
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Anthem	Laudate	Elizabeth Poston
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. If you would like to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest when you are at the altar rail. 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 Hymns	454, 324	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	527	Hymnal
Postlude	Concerto	Matthew Camidge

The Altar Flowers are given by Brigitte McCulloch to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill McCulloch.

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**O Antiphons** begin this Sunday. These short, ancient prayers, which are texts from Isaiah that foreshadow Jesus, mark the Sundays leading up to Christmas. Today we call Jesus the wisdom from on high.

**Sunday Book Study.** The Sunday book study group will resume on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:30-12:30 in the Upper Room. The new book is "Living Buddha, Living Christ" by Thich Nhat Hanh, available at local bookstores or online.

**Kairos 52 in San Quentin.** Tom Witt will be leading an ecumenical team of 50+ volunteers into San Quentin this coming President's Day weekend (Feb. 15-18). As on every Kairos retreat, we would certainly welcome prayers of support as we share the message of Christ's unconditional love and forgiveness with those behind bars. If anyone from St. Paul's would like to attend the Closing Ceremony on Monday evening, Feb. 18th (5-8 pm), please speak with Tom or Jim Ward for more details. Clearance requests need to be submitted by Dec. 7th. Most first-time visitors find the Closura to be a uniquely powerful and uplifting experience.

**Vanity of Vanities!** Thursday evening Bible Study begins again on Thursdays 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 18th. We've had balanced budgets for over a decade. The more you give, the more we can do.

## SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Valerie Zander, Pamela Barnes, Nan Marie Wollam
Readers:	Valerie Zander, Pamela Barnes, Kate Sprague
Ushers:	Neville Armstrong, Scott Hastings
Altar Guild:	Michael Green, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Pamela Barnes

# CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

## A SNAPSHOT OF VITALITY

As you consider what to put on the pledge card you bring to church on Sunday for In-Gathering Sunday, gaze for a brief moment on the 6 things St. Paul's made happen this past Saturday:

- **Richard** invited his friend Terry, who lives in Thomas Keating's monastery of Snowmass for 11 months of the year, to offer a Centering Prayer workshop. It was at 9am at the home of the Dominican Sisters. He wanted to have it at St. Paul's, but he couldn't because of these next 4 things.
- **Tom** is the head of the next Kairos, which is a Christian immersion experience for Mainline prisoners at San Quentin. His team of 55 people was in Duncan Hall all day Saturday singing songs and preparing for the February prison experience. (He invites you to welcome the prisoners at the end of that weekend experience, Contact Tom.)
- **I** welcomed representatives of all 11 Episcopal churches of Marin as we hosted the quarterly Deanery meeting in the Church. After the business of the meeting, I was interviewed about New College of Christian Practice.
- **Jacob** led the RenewalWorks team in their 3rd meeting of prayerfully considering the results of the anonymous Spiritual Life Inventory that 84 of us took. The Inventory gave a beautiful picture of where we are now and a compelling image of where we need to go. In the morning, they were in Room 10, which is now, out of necessity, being used regularly.
- **Sue** helped lead the third monthly meeting in the afternoon of a support group for family members who visit loved ones on Death Row. They meet their loved one in the morning, support each other in the early afternoon and then drive back to places like Redding and Fresno.
- **Margaret, Richard and Carol** met in the Upper Room as their weekly Discipleship Group.

All of this is only possible because of your generosity. What I believe we are witnessing on days like Saturday, is the emergence of 1123 Court Street as a necessary campus for Christian ministry in Marin. Please give generously in 2019. Without this campus and these people, how can these benevolent things happen?

Blessings,  
Christopher

## 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

<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	Gabriella Montes	Lori Mentel	Paradise Survivors
Andrey	Jayne F	Mark Hardin	Sandy & Herbert
Anna, Marie & Donnie	Kappen Family	Mary Lou	Wendy & Family
Beverly B	Kevin & Tara	Mike R	
Caravan in Mexico	Larry W & Family	Miriam	
Cathy Westover	Laura Gordon	Olivia Monforte	