



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, November 25, 2018, the Last 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	I Believe in God Almighty	
Opening Hymn	73	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	132:1-13, 14-19	BCP p. 785
Gradual	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia	
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	Bring Forth the Kingdom	<i>Insert</i>
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 Hymn	Remember Your Love	<i>Insert</i>
Closing Hymn	Swing Low, Sweet Chariot	<i>Insert</i>
Postlude	What A Beautiful Name	Brooke Ligertwood

The Altar Flowers are given by Jay Luther to the glory of God and in loving memory of his mother, Mava Luther.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

O Antiphons continue. These short, ancient prayers, which are texts from Isaiah that foreshadow Jesus, mark the Sundays leading up to Christmas. Today we call Jesus the King of Kings.

Sunday Book Study. The Sunday book study group will resume on December 2nd 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 or put it in the offering plate. 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:	Brigitte McCulloch, Chris Olson, Demelza Rice
Readers:	Brigitte McCulloch, Chris Olson, Jack Beggs
Ushers:	Larry Santucci, Larry Van Note
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Kathleen Minor, Judy Rowcliffe, Alex Elliot

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

SILENCE AND MUSIC

Every Sunday morning we offer two different ways to worship God. The 8am service features silence, the 10am service features music. Both provide strong paths to the culminating event of sharing the one cup and the one bread.

Next Sunday, December 2nd, for one time only, the 8am service will go even more deeply into the mystery of silence. Brigitte and Tanner have read a book called *Silence: A User's Guide* by Maggie Ross, an Anglican Solitary who lives in Oxford, England. Inspired by her book and with my encouragement they have spent weeks developing a lay lead Eucharistic service centered in silence. Each week they have been in the church revising and deepening the worship service they will offer on December 2nd.

I am looking forward to being led in worship by Brigitte and Tanner. Maggie Ross teaches that we all harbor a homesickness for silence that we hide even from ourselves. There's a beautiful holy power in the experience of sitting in silence with fellow Christians.

I am so grateful that at St. Paul's we are stewards of a sacred space that is both a home for the joyful noise of music and an invitation to be still and know that God is God.

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