



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, August 11, 2019, the Ninth 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	Liturgy Introduction	Vincent Stadlin
Opening Hymn	48	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	50:1-8, 23-24	BCP p. 654
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	314	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. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, 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 B		BCP p. 367
Sanctus	S-130	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	436	Hymnal
Postlude	Sending Forth	Vincent Stadlin

The Altar Flowers are given by Scott Hastings to the glory of God and in loving memory David and Mary Godfrey and Esther Molony.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Work is Very Near You. On Labor Day weekend, Christopher begins a five week class on Christian Call for beginners. Each week in church we pray to God to “send us to do the work you have given us to do.” Find out how to do your work with gladness and singleness of heart. Saturdays 8:30am, Sundays 11:30am and Tuesday 6:30pm.

St. Paul's Book Club will meet on August 16th at 4 p.m. in Duncan Hall. The book we will be discussing is: *The Death of Mrs. Westaway* by Ruth Ware. Just when Hal is at the worst place in her life, she receives a letter saying she has been named as a beneficiary in a will. Sure it's all a mistake, she decides to follow up on the invitation to attend the funeral. She brings her tarot cards along.

Ritter Center Back to School Barrel. Please contribute to the barrel and help low income students be fully prepared for a new school year. We've been close partners with Ritter Center for decades in helping the vulnerable of Marin.

Summer Book Study. Join the Rev. Carol Luther for four Wednesday evenings in July and August in reading Elaine Pagels' book *Why Religion?* July 3, 17 and 31 and August 14, 6:30pm to 8:30pm in Duncan Hall. Please email Carol at carol.luther@gmail.com to register.

St. Paul's Book Sale. October 5th and 6th. We need more books for the Book Sale! This is the time to check your bookshelves and see what you can give to us.

The Spiritual Forum, from 9:00 to 9:45 each Sunday in the conversation end of Duncan Hall, will be reading aloud and discussing ancient spiritual wisdom. All are welcome to jump in at any time.

Living Buddha, Living Christ. All are invited to join us in a convivial book discussion of the classic bestseller by Vietnamese Zen teacher, Thích Nhất Hạnh, as we seek to understand the common denominators between two great spiritual paths. We meet in the Upper Room, on the second floor, above Duncan Hall, Sundays between 11:30 and 12:30.

John. The Wednesday Bible Study, from 10am to 11:15 each Wednesday in Duncan Hall, is reading the Gospel of John. All are welcome.

Isaiah. The Thursday Bible Study, from 6:15pm to 7:15pm each Thursday in the Downing Library, is continuing its study of Isaiah. All are welcome.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher H. Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Carolyn Welcome, Nan Marie Wollam, Chris Hammond
Readers:	Carolyn Welcome, Nan Marie Wollam, Kate Sprague
Ushers:	Don Smith, Buzz Wollam
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Felicia Demann, Walter Tanner, Holly Pritchard

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

BLESSING OUR STUDENTS AND THE WORK IS VERY NEAR YOU

Families, please save the date of Sunday, August 25th. Karin, the new Children's ministry director and I are planning a special blessing for each child or youth returning to school. It would be wonderful if our whole community could witness and support your child's entrance into their new grade.

Finally, I come back from vacation chomping at the bit to share with you all that I've thought about and created. It all clusters around a phrase that I will be repeatedly inviting you to make your own and use as little reminder throughout the week. The phrase is a variation on one of Moses' great teachings from the end of Deuteronomy. In his last talk to the people of Israel, just as they are about to enter the Promised Land, he reassures them "The word is very near you." (Deut. 30:14.) Likewise, I hope to reassure us that "**The work is very near you.**"

Remember, we pray each Sunday for God to "send us to do the work you have given us to do." I want to help you discover and name the work God gives you. Stay tuned! The teaching begins Labor Day weekend and the Tuesday following.

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 Studies	Wednesdays at 10am in Duncan Hall Thursdays at 6:15pm in the Downing Library

WHO'S WHO AT ST. PAUL'S

The Governing Board (called the Vestry)

Walter Tanner (Senior Warden), Buzz Wollam (Junior Warden), Libby Silvestri, Tom Witt, Richard Micheli, Katie Taggart, Michael Welcome, Patrick Bowen and Janie Burtch (Secretary)

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

Finances Holly Pritchard, Lorrie Bugatto 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
Our Homeless Neighbors	Bobby Owen and Ginny Horton

PRAYER LIST

Carol Seymour	Jaime K	Mark Hardin
Dayton, Ohio	Irving Bernstein	Mike A
David S	Joan Peterson	Olivia Monforte
Earl	Judy, Swede, Valery & Family	Sandy & Herbert
El Paso, Texas	Justin Merriman	Susan Fischer
Gilroystrong	Laura Gordon	Those In Border Cages
Hasan, Connie, Zachariah, Sienna & George Sume	Linda Bartera	