



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, September 8, 2019, the Thirteenth 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	Waltz	Frederic Chopin
Opening Hymn	473	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	139:1-5, 12-17	BCP p. 794
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	304	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. Gluten free bread available.

Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP p. 367
Sanctus	S-130	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	527	Hymnal
Postlude	Prelude	J. S. Bach

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

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Naming Our Leadership. On the bulletin board in Duncan Hall there are now group-pictures of three of our leadership teams at St. Paul's- the Vestry (our board), St. Paul's Forward (our finance group) and RenewalWorks (spiritual leadership). Come see the faces and learn the names of our leadership!

The Work is Very Near You. Each week in church we pray to God to "send us to do the work you have given us to do." Find out with Christopher how to do your work with gladness and singleness of heart. Saturdays 8:30am and Sundays 11:30am.

These Least Brothers of Mine (Mt. 25:40). And among these "least" cited by Jesus—besides the hungry, thirsty, alien, naked and sick—is the prisoner. Is he calling you to reach out with a card or letter to a prisoner? Eighteen volunteers—14 members of St. Paul's—are engaged in Death Row Ministry. Come and see what it's about at their next meeting, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 11, in the Upper Room.

New College of Christian Practice. Learn from teachers drawn from five different Episcopal Parishes of Marin at St. Paul's this fall. Choose among Sitting Zazen with Jesus, The Resurrection is the Foundation of Christianity, Jesus and the New Age and Three Restorative Stories of Mary and Jesus. Classes are three Wednesday nights starting September 11th at 7pm. Email cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org for information.

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.

Greeters Needed. We are blessed with visitors. Greeters would serve with one person each at each gate prior to church to meet and greet, then act as a team right after the service to escort our visitors to coffee hour. Contact Katie at katietaggart@att.net

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.

Bible Studies. This week, the Wednesday 10am Bible Study begins reading the seven short letters from James to Jude. On September 12th, the Thursday 6:15pm Bible Study resumes to read the Gospel of Mark. All are welcome.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher H. Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Valerie Zander, Chris Hammond, Chris Olson
Readers:	Valerie Zander, Chris Olson, Kate Sprague
Ushers:	Don Smith, Buzz Wollam
Altar Guild:	Michael Green, Linda Danford, Katie Taggart, Jan Santucci

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

A BEAUTIFUL BUSY WEEK

There are lots of ways to learn and grow with St. Paul's this week.

Sunday

- At the 10am service the fabulous **Libby** kicks off our year of Sunday School by teaching the children great music with the help of her guitar.
- At 11:30am I repeat the coaching in the new practices that help us all realize that, by God's grace, **The Work is Very Near You.**

Wednesday

- Our bi-monthly gathering of the **Death Row Ministry** is from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. We now are connected with 20 men, so there's plenty of room for letter writers, pray-ers and visitors.
- The fall semester of **New College of Christian Practice** kicks off at 7pm. You have a choice of 4 cool classes, each taught by people representing 5 different congregations in Marin. Each is about a different facet of the mystery of Jesus. It's \$30 for all three sessions which meet every other Wednesday.

Jump on in. The water's great!

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 Karin Holsinger
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

Dale	Jaime K	Midland & Odessa, TX
Dayton, OH	Joan Peterson	Mike A
David S	Judy, Swede, Valery & Family	Olivia Monforte
Dorian Survivors	Justin Merriman	Richard Alongi
Earl	Kairos Inside San Quentin 53	Sandy & Herbert
El Paso, TX	Laura Gordon	Susan Fischer
Eva Anderson	Linda Bartera	Those In Border Cages
Gilroystrong	Mark Hardin	Y.A.H.
Hasan, Connie, Zachariah, Sienna & George Sume	Mary & Jim	