



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, September 15, 2019, the Fourteenth 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	Prelude and Fugue	Dietrich Buxtehude
Opening Hymn	645	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	Psalm 14	BCP p. 598
Gradual	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia	
Prayers of the People	Form IV	BCP p. 388
Offertory Anthem	Incline Thine Ear	Fredrich Himmel
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 A		BCP p. 361
Sanctus	S-130	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Hymns	439, 664	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	423	Hymnal
Postlude	Fugue	Dietrich Buxtehude

The Altar Flowers are given by John Schaver and Mario Chavarria to the glory of God and in loving memory of Maria de los Angeles Chavarria Parini.

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Death Cafe Today!** Sunday, September 15. 4-6 pm in Duncan Hall. All are welcome for an open and uplifting conversation about death and dying, life and living. Refreshments will be served.

**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.

**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](mailto: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.** The Wednesday 10am Bible Study is reading the seven short letters from James to Jude and the Thursday 6:15pm Bible Study is reading the Gospel of Mark. All are welcome.

## SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher H. Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Michael Green, Dawn Rice, Demelza Rice
Readers:	Michael Green, Dawn Rice, Carolyn Welcome
Ushers:	Neville Armstrong, Scott Hastings
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Felicia Demann, Walter Tanner, Holly Pritchard

# CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

## THE WORK IS VERY NEAR YOU

For the next few weeks, instead of printing my weekly email message, I will share in this space the baseline teaching for The Work is Very Near You. Already, people at St. Paul's are assuming these practices and seeing some beautiful results in their daily life. This first part of the multi-week teaching is the working assumptions that get us toward the daily, hourly and weekly practices:

In Deuteronomy, Moses teaches that the word of God is very near you. This can be extended to include the teaching that the work is very near you. At all times, we can do the things that are before us for the glory of God. This class/book provides a series of little practices that guide us, in each moment, to do the work God has given us to do and so live with gladness and singleness of heart, and with fullness of life.

### Our Way of Proceeding

A. **Words.** Words are not things but living powers that are real, make things real and combine things of the world in creative ways. We pay careful attention to words in most of the practices and games of this class/book.

B. **Practice.** As with learning a new sport or instrument, focused repetition is essential. Throughout the weeks you take this class or read this book, keep repeating the practices and games.

C. **Shifts.** We will be focusing on a series of small, subtle shifts. It's like going to the chiropractor with small shifts of your spine.

D. **Camino Boots.** To go on the Camino pilgrimage we need boots that have been broken-in. To come to know and see that the work is very near you, we need two practices that are broken-in; 20 minutes of prayer each day and an hour a week of worship. We will regularly be using both to help build our awareness and shift our daily practice of life.

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

<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

**Children's Ministry** Karin Holsinger  
**Youth Group** 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
<b>Our Homeless Neighbors</b>	Bobby Owen and Ginny Horton

## PRAYER LIST

Dale	Jaime K	Midland & Odessa, TX
Dayton, OH	Joan Peterson	Mike A
David S	Joseph Cook	Olivia Monforte
Dorian Survivors	Judy, Swede, Valery & Family	Richard Alongi
Earl	Justin Merriman	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	