



The Fourth Sunday of Easter: May 3, 2020

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

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Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8am - 2pm

Lay Ministry

10:30 AM LECTOR

05/03: DAVID CLEGG

ACOLYTES

05/03: DAVID KIRKLIN

ALTAR GUILD

05/03: GEORGIANNA HARRISON

05/10: MIKE LAVIGNE, BETH LACHNITT

VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY

05/03: DEBBIE SHAFFER, FRANK MCKEE

05/10: STEVE RAMSEY, JOE BLEIER

CIRCLE OF CARE (WEEKLY)

05/03: SUZANNE TAYLOR, BILL SHADDOX

05/10: MIKE LAVIGNE, NANCY WYANT

INTERCESSORY PRAYER (WEEKLY)

ON HOLD UNTIL IN-PERSON MEETINGS RESUME

Service Times

SUNDAY

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

WEDNESDAY

Noon NOONDAY PRAYERS

Morsel for Meditation

We have very efficiently pared the claws of the Lion of Judah, certified him “meek and mild,” and recommended him as a fitting household pet for pale curates and pious old ladies. To those who knew him, however, he in no way suggested a milk-and-water person; they objected to him as a dangerous firebrand. True, he was tender to the unfortunate, patient with honest inquirers, and humble before heaven; but he insulted respectable clergymen by calling them hypocrites; he referred to King Herod as “that fox”; he went to parties in disreputable company and was looked upon as a “gluttonous man and a wine-bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners”; he assaulted indignant tradesmen and threw them and their belongings out of the Temple; he drove a coach-and-horses through a number of sacrosanct and hoary regulations; he cured diseases by any means that came handy, with a shocking casualness in the matter of other people’s pigs and property; he showed no proper deference for wealth or social position; when confronted with neat dialectical traps, he displayed a paradoxical humor that affronted serious-minded people, and he retorted by asking disagreeably searching questions that could not be answered by rule of thumb. He was emphatically not a dull man in his human lifetime, and if he was God, there can be nothing dull about God either.

Dorothy Sayers, *Letters to a Diminished Church: Passionate Arguments for the Relevance of Christian Doctrine* (Thomas Nelson, 2004), 4-5.

Jesus Christ, *Head of the Church*

The Rt. Rev. Dr. George R. Sumner, *Bishop*

The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk, *Rector*

The Rev. Gordon Miltenberger, *Assisting Priest*

David Gish, *Music Director*

John Shasteen, *Organist*

Angela Dryer, *Parish Administrator*

Order of Worship

Pray for the Church, the Body of Christ

Please pray for those on our prayer list this week: Wes Archer, Judy Shaddox, Chris Bynum, Lily Stipe, Chris Wiltz, Allen Clegg Sr., The Clegg Family, Jo Dodson, Elaine Hodge, Beverly Gish, Cyndi Sehr, Faye Hamann, Dana Medford, Bob Lanier, Alice Cooney, Wayne and Lillian McHenry, Eileen Jenkins, Father Gordon, Dolores Miltenberger, Dru Ann Jamison, Mike Lavigne, and Paula Reeves. We also pray for our Daughters of the King Ministry as they bring their strength and service together by praying for friends and for the people.

Contact our church office to add a name to our prayer list:
903-455-5030.

Highlights/Announcements

- Per the directive of Bishop Sumner, the St. Paul's Church office is closed for the foreseeable future. Angela Dryer, our Parish Administrator, will check the office voicemail and email daily and respond to any messages.
- **The Memorial Fund of St. Paul's gratefully acknowledges contributions by Elizabeth Porter, in Loving Memory of St. Paul's faithful family member, PAULA BACKUS.**

Stewardship Today

Part of our stewardship is taking time, developing our ability to pray - to communicate with God in Prayers of Intercession for those in need of God's healing. In practicing good Christian stewardship, it is not time or abilities, or money, but all three, given to make known God's love for this world. We are healed not to retire from God's service, but to serve God's world. We are always called upon to practice good stewardship.

One Minute Stewardship Sermons by The Rev. Charles Cloughen, Jr.

Frank McKee- Stewardship Committee Chair

April 26 - Offering: \$2,495.00

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (black)

H= Hymnbook (red)

A3 = Alleluia III (yellow)

10:30 — HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Prelude

Processional Hymn H #645

The King of love my shepherd is
(St. Columbia)

Opening Sentence BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis H #S280

Collect. BCP 357

The Lessons

First Reading Acts 2:42-57

Psalm Psalm 23

Epistle 1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel Hymn H #343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
(St. Agnes)

Gospel John 10:1-10

Sermon The Rev. Nicholas Funk

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

Prayers of the People - Form III BCP 359

The Confession. BCP 360

The Peace. BCP 360

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory H #708

Savior, like a shepherd lead us
(Sicilian Mariners)

Offertory Anthem A3 #221

Doxology (Old 100th)

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A. . . BCP 361

Sanctus H #S129

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

Agnus Dei H #S157

The Presentation BCP 362

Communion Hymns

Glorify Thy Name A3 #45

Freely, Freely A3 #39

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 366

Recessional Hymn H #663

The Lord, my God my shepherd is (Crimond)

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.

Upcoming Events

- 05/03: Sunday - Tune in to the Church's Facebook Live or YouTube at 10:30am for the morning service
05/03: Sunday - Virtual Coffee Hour following the morning service via Zoom
05/06: Wednesday - Noonday prayer at Noon via Zoom (also posted live on the Parish's Facebook page)
05/06: **Wednesday - 8am & 6pm - Tune in to GEUS community Channel 34 for a broadcast of the previous Sunday's service at St. Paul's - a weekly event!**
05/08: Friday - Interactive Bible study via Zoom at 8:00am
05/10: Sunday - Tune in to the Church's Facebook Live or YouTube at 10:30am for the morning service
05/10: Sunday - Virtual Coffee Hour following the morning service via Zoom

To Join Zoom Meetings, use the following information:

Website: <https://zoom.us/j/9037772020>

Meeting ID: 903 777 2020

Password: 7777777

One tap mobile: +13462487799, 9037772020#

Dial by your location: +1 346 248 7799

Rector's Update - May 1st

Greetings to the saints of St. Paul's,

Texas cautiously has begun opening back up, and most are looking forward to the day when we return to a more normal routine. Our dog, Cosette, and cat, Vincent, seem quite happy to have the whole family at home, but Cosette really misses the human interaction on Sundays (and especially Sam's treats). We received some great news this week. The Parish and School have received funding through the CARE Act for the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program. A special thanks to our Sr. Warden, Bill Rolston, for handling this!

Here's where things stand at St. Paul's this week:

- We're continuing to do Sunday services online only. These are broadcast live via YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCmlrRFxbQF7CSAnFS8H9FA>) and Facebook (<https://facebook.com/stpaulsepisopalgreenville>). Our recorded Sunday service is broadcast on the GEUS community Channel (Channel 34) on Wednesdays at 8 am and 6 pm. The recorded sermon may be found on our website as an MP3. This will continue at least through May 10th.
- The church building is now locked when not in use. This is to allow for the expensive video equipment to remain in place between services, and to make it so that we do not have to complete a top-to-bottom sanitizing every time we use the church. If you are one of the parishioners who uses the church for private prayer, please contact the Rector.
- Our Sunday services improve each week, and the number of viewers continue to increase. Our tech team (i.e. The Faunce family, Laura Funk, and Mark Walsh) are great! Thanks to all of them!
- Our parish office has closed, and we are working from home at least through May 10th. We are checking parish voicemails remotely, responding to emails, and meetings will be done via conference calls and videoconferencing.
- If you need to get with me for a meeting, I'm available to schedule one for a phone or video call. Probably the best email is fathernickfunk@gmail.com.
- Pastoral Care is being done via phone and videoconferencing. Face-to-face pastoral calls are only done in dire situations, and by the Rector only. If you have needs for shopping, emergency repairs, etc., please email or call - we can help!
- Zoom videoconferencing has been the major provider for videoconferencing in the Diocese, and St. Paul's is using it regularly. The St. Paul's Zoom Meeting may be found at <https://zoom.us/j/9037772020>. Our Meeting ID is: 903 777 2020, and password is: 7777777. That's the same meeting information as I use for all my meetings.
- We are offering Noonday Prayer on Wednesdays at noon via Zoom and Facebook and/or YouTube live streaming (when it works).
- Our 'Bible and Breakfast' Bible Study continues at 8:00 on Friday morning (without the breakfast) via Zoom.
- We have our Sunday Coffee Hour after the 10:30 service via a Zoom meeting.

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