

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 23, 2020

Hymns - Proper 16A

Processional Hymn

Christ is Made the sure foundation (Westminster Abbey) -- H#518

Gospel Hymn

You are the Christ, O Lord (Wyngate Canon) – H#254

Offertory Hymn

Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling (Ubi Caritas [Murray]) -- H#577

Communion Hymn

King of Glory -- A3#161

Sing Alleluia to the Lord -- A3#145

Recessional Hymn

The Church's One Foundation (Aurelia) -- H#525

Morsel for Meditation

To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly be broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one...Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket – safe, dark, motionless, airless – it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. The alternative to tragedy, or at least to the risk of tragedy, is damnation. The only place outside heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers and perturbations of love is hell.

C. S. Lewis: *The Four Loves*

Readings

- Exodus 1:8-2:10
- Psalm 124
- Romans 12:1-8
- Matthew 16:13-20

Stewardship Today

Give us a reverence for the earth as Your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to Your honor and glory.

Book of Common Prayer, page 388.

Frank E. McKee
Stewardship Chairman

Lay Ministry

Lector:	8/23: Debbie Shaffer	8/30: TBD
Acolyte:	8/23: TBD	8/30: TBD
Altar Guild:	8/23: Georgianna Harrison	8/30: Mike Lavigne, Beth Lachnitt
Vestry Person of the Day:	8/23: Mike Lavigne, Debbie Shaffer	8/30: Frank McKee, John-Paul Ballard

The Altar flowers for August were given to the glory of God by Jennifer Faunce for her family and friends.

Vestry Highlights

At the August Vestry meeting, the Vestry:

- Discussed how the Coronavirus has been impacting businesses and churches. The Vestry was encouraged to step out in leadership to engage building for the Kingdom of God, rather than the easier move of 'waiting until things get back to normal.'
- Was informed that Angela has returned from maternity leave; however, the office remains closed and we're working remotely.
- Was reminded that St. Paul's reopening (or closing) for services is tied to GISD actions. When GISD is open, so are we. If GISD closes, so will we. Currently St. Paul's is scheduled to reopen for an in-person service on Sunday September 13th. The procedures will be the same as June.
 - On Sunday's, we'll have a 10:30 service only until we have at least 10 people commit to attend an 8:00 service.
- Was informed that the Wednesday service will change in September. There will be no mid-week service on September 2, 9, or 16. On the 23rd, the Wednesday service time will be 10:30 (immediately following Children's Chapel), and it will be Morning Prayer. It will likely remain on Zoom until we have in-person Children's Chapel. When we have regular attendance of 10 persons, we'll change it to Holy Eucharist.
- Was informed that the Friday morning Bible Study will change to another day/time in September.
- Was reminded that all Vestry members need to complete the required modules for Safe Church training.
- Heard that the Jr. Warden continues to ensure the that grounds are properly maintained, and that the church is sanitized for worship.
- Heard that we have \$2K now in the fund for roof repair.
- Heard that the Finance Committee will form and begin work on the budget in the next month.
- Heard that Diocesan Alpha Course starting up on September 10th via Zoom.
- Approved a plan for a community garden called 'Fruitful Ministry.' Six parishioners were named as participating in the plan, and they will begin work in the fenced in area next to Clardy Hall in the near future.

The Treasurer's Report indicated:

August: Monthly income: \$16,600; Monthly expense: 15,667; Variance: \$932

YTD income: \$122,475; YTD expense: \$111,763; Variance: \$10,712