

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 30, 2020*

Hymns - Proper 17A

Processional Hymn

All hail the power of Jesus' Name (Coronation) -- H#450

Gospel Hymn

Where charity and love prevail (Cheshire) -- H#581

Offertory Hymn

New songs of celebration render (Rendez à Dieu) -- H#413

Communion Hymn

I Love You Lord -- A3#77

Alleluia Medley -- A3#8

Recessional Hymn

God of Grace and God of glory -- H#594

Morsel for Meditation

The image Jesus left with the world, the cross, the most common image in the Christian religion, is proof that God cares about our suffering and pain. He died of it. Today the image is coated with gold and worn around the necks of beautiful girls, a symbol of how far we can stray from the reality of history. But it stands, unique among all religions of the world. Many of them have gods. But only one has a God who cared enough to become a man and to die.

Philip Yancey (unsourced)

Readings

- Exodus 3:1-15
- Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
- Romans 12:9-21
- Matthew 16:21-28

Stewardship Today

"No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Matthew 6:24

Frank E. McKee
Stewardship Chairman

Lay Ministry

Lector:	8/30: Bill Rolston	9/06: TBD
Acolyte:	8/30: TBD	9/06: TBD
Altar Guild:	8/30: Mike Lavigne, Beth Lachnitt	9/06: Elizabeth Porter, Dana Medford
Vestry Person of the Day:	8/30: Frank McKee, John-Paul Ballard	9/06: Gail Rolston, Laura Funk

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

Rector's Report

Greetings to the saints at St. Paul's,

I'll be taking a little down time in September, so this week's Rector's Update will cover a longer time window than normal. The big news is that we'll be resuming in-person worship on September 13! We'll have one service at 10:30. The rule from the Diocese is that if GISD is having in-person classes, then we may offer in-person worship. If GISD goes online only, so will we. When we resume, we'll handle in-person worship just like we did in June. Seating will be first come, first seated basis. We'll continue with our online streaming for the foreseeable future for those who aren't ready to return (and we'll continue to deliver remote Eucharist). The Bishop has encouraged that those 65 and over (and those with underlying health conditions) to continue watching the livestream, rather than attending the service in person. Here are some of the more obvious facets of our in-person worship:

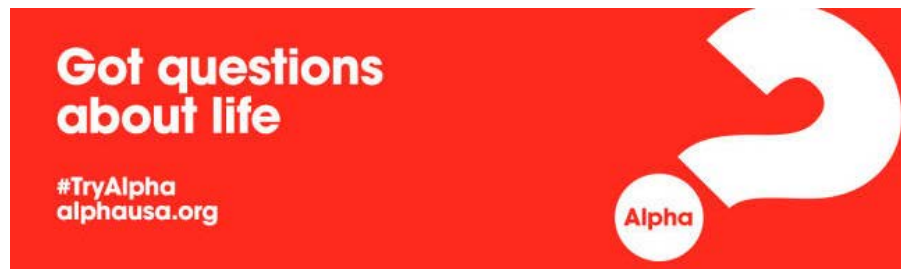
- Masks worn by all at worship (except dogs). Please bring your own!
- Sanitizers located at the entrance and exit.
- Worshippers/households separated by 6 feet.
- No tactile passing of the Peace.
- The collection plate placed at the entrance to the Nave, rather than going hand to hand.
- Bread only communion distributed within Diocesan protocols.
- No usual coffee hour.
- Indoor services will not have congregational singing.
- Only one entrance will be used to ensure that we stay within lowered capacity requirements.
- When we go to multiple services, there will be a cleaning between services, including bathrooms.

On Sunday's, we'll have a 10:30 service only until we have at least 10 people who commit to attend an 8:00 service. Right now, the count of those who have let me know that they will attend the 8:00 Rite 1 service stands at 5 persons. Please let me know if you'll commit to attend!

There will be no Wednesday service on September 2, 9, and 16. On September 23rd we'll restart our Wednesday service as Morning Prayer at 10:30. We'll continue to do the service via Zoom until 5 persons will commit to regular physical attendance (or we restart in-person Children's Chapel). When the average attendance of the Wednesday service reaches 10, we'll change it to Holy Eucharist.

The last Friday morning Bible Study was on August 28th. We're discussing a better time/day, and hope to roll that out in September or October.

The Annual St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals will be at 10:00 am on Saturday October 3rd in the Breezeway between the church and Clardy Hall.



Alpha starts on September 10th at 7:00 pm via Zoom! It will continue through November 19th. The Alpha program teaches the basics of Christianity in an environment that fosters conversations and relationships. If you'd like to research Alpha more, go to <https://www.alpha.org>. Information on how to sign up and connect will be available soon.

The Complete Alpha Schedule

September 10 - Is There More To Life Than This?	October 22 - How Does God Guide Us?
September 17 - Who Is Jesus?	October 29 - How Can I Resist Evil?
September 24 - Why Did Jesus Die?	October 31 - Holy Spirit Online Retreat
October 01 - How Can I Have Faith?	November 05 - Why and How Should I Tell Others?
October 08 - Why and How Do I Pray?	November 12 - Does God Heal Today?
October 15 - Why and How Should I Read the Bible?	November 19 - What About The Church?

Here's some St. Paul's news for the week:

- Since we're doing so much online our Google, YouTube, Facebook reviews are particularly important. Please take the time to give us a 5-star review!
 - Here the link to Google:
<https://www.google.com/maps/place/St.+Paul's+Episcopal+Church/@32.8568565,-95.865936,7.5z/data=!4m8!1m2!2m1!1sst+paul's+episcopal+church!3m4!1s0x864be792e71fa069:0xdb0badd555c605f1!8m2!3d33.0869325!4d-96.081569>
- Our Sunday services are available live at 10:25 am on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCmlrRFxbQF7CSAnFS8H9FA>) and Facebook (<https://facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalgreenville>). Our recorded Sunday service is broadcast on the GEUS community Channel (Channel 34) on Wednesdays at 8 am and 6 pm. Previously recorded services may be accessed anytime on our Facebook and YouTube pages. The recorded sermons may be found on our website as MP3s.
- Remote Eucharist continues, and a few parishioners are helping distribute the Eucharist to parishioners' homes on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please let me know by email if you'd like to receive the Holy Sacrament remotely. The best way to contact me is fathernickfunk@gmail.com.
- The Parish office remains closed; however, we continue to check voicemails and emails regularly.
- The St. Paul's Zoom Meeting may be found at <https://zoom.us/j/9037772020>. Our Meeting ID is: 903 777 2020. To call in, use one tap mobile: +13462487799,,9037772020# or to dial: +1 346 248 7799.

Hospitalized, Rehab, or recovering at home: Paula Reeves, C.J. Cathey