



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: September 20, 2020

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

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Office Hours: The Church Office is closed with staff working remotely until further notice.

Service Times

SUNDAY

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

WEDNESDAY

Noon . . . NOONDAY PRAYERS (VIA ZOOM)

Morsel for Meditation

The heart is stretched through suffering, and enlarged. But O the agony of this enlarging of the heart, that one may be prepared to enter into the anguish of others!...The cross as dogma is painless speculation; the cross as lived suffering is anguish and glory. Yet God, out of the pattern of his own heart, has planted the cross along the road of holy obedience. And he enacts in the hearts of those he loves the miracle of willingness to welcome suffering and to know it for what it is – the final seal of his gracious love.

Thomas R. Kelly: as quoted in *Rich in Years*

Lay Ministry

10:30 AM LECTOR

09/20: SUZANNE TAYLOR

ACOLYTES

09/20: TBD

ALTAR GUILD

09/20: GEORGIANNA HARRISON

09/27: MIKE LAVIGNE, BETH LACHNITT

VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY

09/20: DANA MEDFORD, FRANK MCKEE

09/27: JOHN-PAUL BALLARD, STEVE RAMSEY

CIRCLE OF CARE (WEEKLY)

ON HOLD UNTIL IN-PERSON MEETINGS RESUME

INTERCESSORY PRAYER (WEEKLY)

ON HOLD UNTIL IN-PERSON MEETINGS RESUME

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: Robb Horn, Dana Medford, Bill Rolston, Father Gordon, Dolores Miltenberger, 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.

Stewardship Today

We are held accountable for how we treat this planet Earth, and how we love, care for, and serve others. It is a “both-and” love for God’s creation and for God’s children. I thank God that you are here this Sunday as we reverently thank God for God’s creation and return to God what has been given to us: our time, our abilities, and our money to be used for the service of others.

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

Frank E. McKee
Stewardship Chairman

September 13
Offering: \$4,005.00
Attendance: 23

Cover Art: Rembrandt, *Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard* (St. Petersburg, Russia: The Hermitage, 1637), oil on panel. Dimensions: Height: 31 cm (12.2 in); Width: 42 cm (16.5 in), detail.

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (black)
H= Hymnbook (red)
A3 = Alleluia III (yellow)

10:30 — HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Prelude

Processional Hymn **H #690**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah
(CWM Rhondda)

Opening Sentence BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis **H #S280**

Collect. BCP 357

The Lessons

First Reading Exodus 16:2-15

Psalm Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Epistle Philippians 1:21-30

Gospel Hymn **H #343**

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

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon Father Peter Getz

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 #9**

Not here for high and holy things
(Morning Song)

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

Rise up, ye saints of God! **H #551**
(Festal Song)

Glorify Thy Name **A3 #45**

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 366

Recessional Hymn **H #544**

Jesus shall reign (Duke Street)

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.

Rector's Update

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 say within lowered capacity requirements.
- When we go to multiple services, there will be a cleaning between services, including bathrooms.

On Sundays, 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.

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 is the link to Google: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/St.+Paul's+Episcopal+Church/@32.8568565,-95.8659367,5z/data=!4m8!1m2!2m1!1sst+paul's+episcopal+church!3m4!1s0x864be792e71fa069:0xdb0badd555c605f18m2!3d33.0869325!4d-96.081569>
- Our Sunday services are available live at 10:25 am on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCmlrRFx-bQF7CSAnFS8H9FA>) 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 faternickfunk@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.

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>.

The Complete Alpha Schedule

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| *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? |

To sign up, e-mail Laura Faulkner at lfaulkner@edod.org.
For questions, contact Carrie Headington at cheadington@edod.org.