



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: September 27, 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)

Lay Ministry

10:30 AM LECTOR

09/27: SUZANNE TAYLOR

ACOLYTES

09/27: TBD

ALTAR GUILD

09/27: MIKE LAVIGNE, BETH LACHNITT

10/04: GAIL ROLSTON, LAURA FUNK

VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY

09/27: JOHN-PAUL BALLARD, STEVE RAMSEY

10/04: ELIZABETH PORTER, MIKE LAVIGNE

CIRCLE OF CARE (WEEKLY)

ON HOLD UNTIL IN-PERSON MEETINGS RESUME

INTERCESSORY PRAYER (WEEKLY)

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Morsel for Meditation

The Nazarene was not weak! He was strong and is strong! But the people refuse to heed the true meaning of strength.

Jesus never lived a life of fear, nor did He die suffering or complaining.... He lived as a leader; He was crucified as a crusader; He died with a heroism that frightened His killers and tormentors.

Jesus was not a bird with broken wings. He was a raging tempest who broke all crooked wings. He feared not his persecutors nor his enemies. Free and brave and daring he was. He defied all despots and oppressors. He saw the contagious pustules and amputated them. He muted Evil and he crushed Falsehood and he choked Treachery.

Kahlil Gibran, *The Crucified* (Written on Good Friday)

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: Luke Armstrong, 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

Is the offering in your envelope today a sacrifice of thanksgiving? Is it a true sacrifice for you and your family? Is it given in thanksgiving? We here at St. Paul's believe that all we have and all our time, ability, and money are gifts from a glorious and generous God. Today, we are thankfully offering back to God only a part of that which God has given us. I thank you for your faithfulness in your giving.

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

Frank E. McKee
Stewardship Chairman

September 20
Offering: \$3,900.00
Attendance: 22

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

10:30 — HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Prelude

Processional Hymn H #450

All hail the power of Jesus' name
(Coronation)

Opening Sentence BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis H #S280

Collect. BCP 357

The Lessons

First Reading Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Epistle Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel Hymn H #410

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
(Lauda anima)

Gospel Matthew 21:23-32

Sermon The Rev. Dr. 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 #534

God is working his purpose out
(Purpose)

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

Majesty A3 #113

Glorify Thy Name A3 #45

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 366

Recessional Hymn H #685

Rock of ages cleft for me (Toplady)

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.

Rector's Update

Greetings to the saints at St. Paul's,

Laura, Cosette, and I had a wonderful time of refreshment, and we appreciated Fr. Getz handling the services in my absence. It was good to take a break, and good to be back. Thank you to all who picked up the load over the last couple weeks. The gifts left in my office have brought joy to my heart.

In North of Boston, Robert Frost wrote "He says the best way out is always through. / And I can agree to that, or in so far / As that I can see no way out but through." That applies for viscerally for us today. We've been through some tough changes, and even while we see some light at the end of the tunnel, we can also expect a few more bumps along the way. That's OK. Our God is faithful and stands with us – now and forever, and that gives us the confidence to be bold. Our Offerory Hymn this week, Hymn #534, proclaims, "God is working his purpose out, as year succeeds to year, God is working his purpose out, and the time is drawing near; nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be, when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea." At St. Paul's, we'll keep pressing on until the earth shall be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea!

We have some happy changes in our services. Our in-person 10:30 service has returned (with precautions taken), and I'm looking forward to seeing y'all on Sunday! Our online broadcast of Sunday worship will continue for the foreseeable future. Our 8:00 Sunday service will return when we have at least 10 people commit to attend. Sunday morning Bible Study looks to return in the next few weeks. Our Wednesday service has returned as Morning Prayer at 10:30. Currently this occurs via Zoom, and we hope to have this as in-person service soon. 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. On Sunday October 4th we're going to have the Installation of new DOK officers, and a new member.

Those of us who have been going to restaurants have noted that many restaurants have the menu via QR codes. This has been a response to desiring a safe contactless way for people to order and pay for their food. Our Stewardship Committee has picked up on this idea, and you'll note a QR code now appearing in our Sunday bulletin. The QR code will take you to the links on our church website for donating without having to handle money tactilely.



Here's some other 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://g.page/r/CfEFXlXvRQvbEAg/review>
- Our 10:30 Sunday service is available in-person, 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 fathernickfunk@gmail.com.
- The Parish office remains closed; however, we continue to check voicemails and emails regularly.
- The St. Paul's Zoom Meeting access 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: Robb Horn

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.
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