



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: October 4, 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

Everyone can reach this love through mediation, the spirit of prayer, and sacrifice, by an intense interior life. Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired. How does a lamp burn? Through the continuous input of small drops of oil. If the drops of oil run out, the light of the lamp will cease, and the bridegroom will say, "I do not know you" (Matt. 25:12). What are these drops of oil in our lamps? They are the small things of daily life: faithfulness, small words of kindness, a thought for others, our way of being silent, of looking, of speaking, and of acting. Do not look for Jesus away from yourselves. He is not out there; He is in you. Keep your lamp burning, and you will recognize Him.

Mother Teresa, *No Greater Love* (Novato, CA: New World Library, 1989), 22.

Lay Ministry

10:30 AM LECTOR

10/04: DAVID CLEGG

ACOLYTES

10/04: TBD

ALTAR GUILD

10/04: LAURA FUNK, GEORGIANNA HARRISON,
GAIL ROLSTON

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VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY

10/04: ELIZABETH PORTER, MIKE LAVIGNE

10/11: DEBBIE SHAFFER, JOE BLEIER

CIRCLE OF CARE (WEEKLY)

ON HOLD UNTIL IN-PERSON MEETINGS RESUME

INTERCESSORY PRAYER (WEEKLY)

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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

This morning you put your donation in the offertory plate. We do this every service at St. Paul's. The Psalmist tells us to do this in a spirit of sacrifice and thanksgiving. Sacrifice means that the gift we offer makes a difference in our lives. I thank God for the sacrifices you are making every week in thanksgiving for the way that God has blessed you.

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

Frank E. McKee
Stewardship Chairman

September 27

Offering: \$5,990.00
Attendance: 25

Cover Art: Anonymous, *Christ Crucified* (South Caicos, Turks & Caicos Islands: St. George the Martyr Anglican Church, nd), wood, detail.

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

10:30 — HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Prelude

Processional Hymn **H #411**
O bless the Lord, my soul!
(*St. Thomas (Williams)*)

Opening Sentence BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis **H #S280**
Collect. BCP 357
The Lessons

First Reading . . . Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm Psalm 19
Epistle Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel Hymn **H #474**
When I survey the wondrous cross
(*Rockingham*)

Gospel Matthew 21:33-46
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 #683**
O for a closer walk with God (Beatitudo)
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

Open the Eyes of My Heart **A3 #131**
Seek Ye First **A3 #139**

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365
The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 366
Recessional Hymn **H #432**
O praise ye the Lord! (Laudate Dominum)

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.

Rector's Update

Greetings to the saints at St. Paul's,

Beautiful Fall weather has graced Greenville! It's been a pleasure to have early morning walks in the cool mornings, and enjoy working outside. Our power bills will be much lighter too! I'm looking forward to our Annual St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals at 10:00 am on Saturday October 3rd in the breezeway between the church and Clardy Hall. On Sunday we'll not only have in-person service, but we'll also once again be able to enjoy Coffee Hour together (with the standard precautions). Sunday morning Bible Study should return in the next few weeks. The Installation of DOK officers and a new member has been rescheduled to October 18th.

Many Americans gathered on Tuesday evening to watch the first Presidential debate. After the debate, one thing was clear: we need to pray for our country. It also served a call for voters to think and behave as adults. The Presidential debate does not purpose to declare a winner on the basis of personality or whether we'd like to have the candidate over for dinner. Instead, Christian voters need to consider the issues on hand, and look at them through the lens of the heart of Jesus. There are many Christian issues currently on the table. For example, our freedom to exercise religion is under fire, as is the protection of the most vulnerable in society, and even the composition of the family has been threatened. Please listen to news and commentary from 'the other side,' whichever that is for you. If you can't vote for the best candidate, then vote for the least worst. As usual, Jesus is not on the ballot. When He returns, He will return to reign as King forever, and not via an election. Maranatha. Until He returns, I argue that we have a Christian responsibility to participate in our governance. In 2016 only 51.4% of eligible voters in Texas voted, compared with the national average of 60%. The last day to register to vote in Texas is October 5th – THIS MONDAY. To register, go to <https://www.votetexas.gov>.

I want to thank the ECW for continuing to call our parishioners. It's so important for us to stay connected with each other, and I encourage all of us to make an effort to reach out to each other (especially to those who we know are alone). I'm doing the same thing, and have reached out to all of our parishioners in one way or another. We're in this together!

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

- Our Wednesday service has returned as Morning Prayer at 10:30 (currently via Zoom).
- Our 8:00 Sunday service will return when we have at least 10 people who commit to attend.
- Our Stewardship Committee has provided 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.
- Since we're doing so much online our Google, YouTube, Facebook reviews are particularly important. Please take a few moments to give us a 5-star review! Our 10:30 Sunday service is available in-person, on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCmlrRFxbQF7CSAnFS8H9FA>), and Facebook (<https://facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopealgreenville>). 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.
For questions, contact Carrie Headington at cheadington@edod.org.