



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: October 18, 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

10/18: DEBBIE SHAFFER

ACOLYTES

10/18: TBD

ALTAR GUILD

10/18: LAURA FUNK, GEORGIANNA HARRISON,
GAIL ROLSTON

VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY

10/18: FRANK MCKEE, DANA MEDFORD

10/25: STEVE RAMSEY, MIKE LAVIGNE

CIRCLE OF CARE (WEEKLY)

ON HOLD UNTIL IN-PERSON MEETINGS RESUME

INTERCESSORY PRAYER (WEEKLY)

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Morsel for Meditation

I am glad, brothers and sisters, that our church is persecuted precisely for its preferential option for the poor and for trying to become incarnate in the interest of the poor and for saying to all the people, to rulers, to the rich and powerful: unless you become poor, unless you have a concern for the poverty of our people as though they were your own family, you will not be able to save society.

Oscar Romero, *The Violence of Love*

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

“Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His name; bring offering and come into His courts.”

Psalm 96:8

Book of Common Prayer, pg 373

Frank E. McKee

Stewardship Committee Chair

October 11

Offering: \$8,932.15

Attendance: 27

Cover Art: *Roman Denarius depicting Domitian* (1st Century), silver coin, detail.

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (black)

H= Hymnbook (red)

A3 = Alleluia III (yellow)

10:30 — HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Prelude

Processional Hymn **H #537**

Christ for the world we sing! (Moscow)

Opening Sentence BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis **H #S280**

Collect. BCP 357

The Lessons

First Reading Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm Psalm 99

Epistle I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel Hymn **H #525**

The Church's one foundation (Aurelia)

Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

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 #292**

O Jesus, crowned with all renown
(Kingsfold)

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

Sing Alleluia to the Lord **A3 #145**

Seek Ye First **A3 #139**

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 366

Recessional Hymn **H #368**

Holy Father, great Creator
(Regent Square)

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.

Rector's Update

Greetings to the saints at St. Paul's,

Well, two steps forward and one step back is still progress, right? You've all seen the previous E-pistle that since Bishop Sumner has tied the opening/closing of in-person services throughout the Diocese to the local ISD actions, and our school district has closed in-person classes, we will go to online only for this Sunday. The installation of DOK has been postponed until we return to in-person services. I'm guessing that schools will open back up next week, and if they do, then we will resume our in-person services on October 25th. GISD updates can be found at: <https://www.greenvilleisd.com>. To offer some consolation for having online only church, the bars in Hunt County are now open at 50% capacity.

Last week we celebrated 'Fire Prevention Week.' Not only do we take the time to think about fire safety, we also take time to thank those who are ready to help should we experience a fire. Last Friday, St. Paul's Episcopal School created art for the firemen at Station #4 (the one closest to St. Paul's), and members of the parish delivered some of the water that the ECW bought that has St. Paul's logo on it. The firemen were very appreciative and put the children's art on their fire truck (see picture).



Early voting is going on at the Fletcher Warren Center, and I encourage all of us to vote like Christians. There is no perfect candidate on the ballot, but there are important issues where the candidates hold vastly different positions. Many realize the significance of this election, and the lines for voting have stretched out into the parking lot for the last few days. Cosette and I made our visit to the polling station, and the lines move quickly. As usual, I tried to get her a ballot. She seems to qualify since she's a native born, has a picture ID, and pays her taxes (via dog license). Unfortunately, she didn't register to vote by October 5th, and there seems to be a policy about having opposable thumbs to qualify. At least she doesn't have to wear a mask.

On a personal note, I had the sad honor of giving my mother Last Rites on October 9th, and she went into the arms of Jesus a few hours later. She had been in hospice since Lent, and we had numerous opportunities to talk about her journey into the Kingdom of God. The funeral will not be until the spring, as my sister is not willing to travel to the family cemetery in Hillsville Virginia until there is COVID vaccine. Please keep our family in your prayers.

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.
- Sunday morning Bible Study should return in the next few weeks.
- 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/UCCmIrRFxbQF7CSAnFS8H9FA>), 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: None