



*Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost: October 25, 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*

It is not love in the abstract that counts. We have loved the workers, the poor, the oppressed, but we have not loved “personally.” It is hard to love. It is the hardest thing in the world, naturally speaking. Have you ever read Tolstoy’s Resurrection? He tells of political prisoners in a long prison train, enduring chains and persecution for the love of their brothers, ignoring those same brothers on the long trek to Siberia. It is never the brothers right next to us, but the brothers in the abstract that are easy to love.

Dorothy Day, cited by Tom Heron, *We Are All Called* (Lulu, 2019), 112.

## Lay Ministry

### **10:30 AM LECTOR**

10/25: DEBBIE SHAFFER

### **ACOLYTES**

10/25: TBD

### **ALTAR GUILD**

10/25: LAURA FUNK, GEORGIANNA HARRISON,  
GAIL ROLSTON

### **VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY**

10/25: STEVE RAMSEY, MIKE LAVIGNE

11/01: JOE BLEIER, DANA MEDFORD

### **CIRCLE OF CARE (WEEKLY)**

ON HOLD UNTIL IN-PERSON MEETINGS RESUME

### **INTERCESSORY PRAYER (WEEKLY)**

ON HOLD UNTIL IN-PERSON MEETINGS RESUME

**ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND IN MEMORY OF FATHER NICK’S MOTHER,  
MAXINE FUNK  
FROM BILL AND JUDY SHADDOX  
AND WILLIAM AND ANGELA DRYER**

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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

Each week as you write your check or put your money in your offering envelop, you are making a spiritual act of thanksgiving for all of God's gifts. It is an act of graciousness, of appreciation for God's work throughout our daily lives. Please be generous for we are returning to God a portion of what God had given us.

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

Frank E. McKee  
Stewardship Committee Chair

**October 18**

Offering: \$2,050.00

Cover Art: William Blake, *The Song of Los* (Washington DC: Library of Congress, 1795), book illustration. Leaf size 32.0 x 24.0 cm. copy B., detail.

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

## 10:30 — HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

### Prelude

Processional Hymn . . . . . **H #398**

*I sing the almighty power of God*  
*(Forest Green)*

Opening Sentence . . . . . BCP 355

*Gloria in excelsis* . . . . . **H #S280**

Collect. . . . . BCP 357

### The Lessons

First Reading . . . . . Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm . . . . . Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Epistle . . . . . I Thessalonians 2:1-8

Gospel Hymn . . . . . **H #372**

*Praise to the living God! (Leoni)*

Gospel . . . . . Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon . . . . . The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk

The Nicene Creed . . . . . BCP 358

Prayers of the People (Form III) . . . . BCP 359

The Confession. . . . . BCP 360

DOK Officer Installation . . . . .

The Peace. . . . . BCP 360

### Announcements

### Holy Communion

Offertory . . . . . **H #607**

*O God of every nation (Llangloffan)*

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 #450**

*All hail the power of Jesus' Name!*  
*(Coronation)*

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.*

## *October Vesty Highlights*

At the October Vestry meeting, the Vestry:

- Wished Vestry member Elizabeth Porter a Happy Birthday!
- Endorsed having an Advent program in 2020.
- Heard that Bishop Love of Albany has lost in an ecclesiastical trial, and that Bishop Sumner (et al) has written in support of Bishop Love.
- Heard that Diocesan Convention will be via Zoom on November 7th.
- Heard that the Safety Team has met a couple times, including with the Greenville Police Department, and expects to be fully operational by the end of the year.
- Reviewed that our church service opening (or closing) is tied to GISD. If GISD is open on Friday, we will be open on that Sunday. An outdoor service is being considered, should the church building be closed.
- Approved new signatories for our accounts at Alliance Bank.
- Heard that St. Joseph's Guild has not been meeting, however the work of maintaining the church plant continues, especially the additional cleaning.
- Heard that \$24,000 has been donated to the roof fund.
- Heard that the School and Parish have delivered cards and water to the local firemen, and will do the same for the EMT's and police.
- Heard that the Diocesan online Alpha Course is ongoing.
- Heard that the Nominating Committee is composed of the outgoing Vestry, and as these particular persons were appointed, rather than elected, they are not prohibited for running for election in 2021.
- Approved a Background Check Policy and Scope. This includes the requirement for all Vestry members, employees, and youth workers to undergo a background check.

October: Monthly operating income: \$10,299; Monthly expenses: \$18,107; Variance: -\$7,878



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