

St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

The Rev. Joyce Corbin Allen,
Celebrant & Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
10:00 A.M. SERVICE
JULY 12, 2026

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Please stand as you are able.

The Processional Hymn

"O love, how deep, how broad, how high"

*The Hymnal 1982 #448
Deus tuorum militum*

The Word of God

The Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Celebrant says

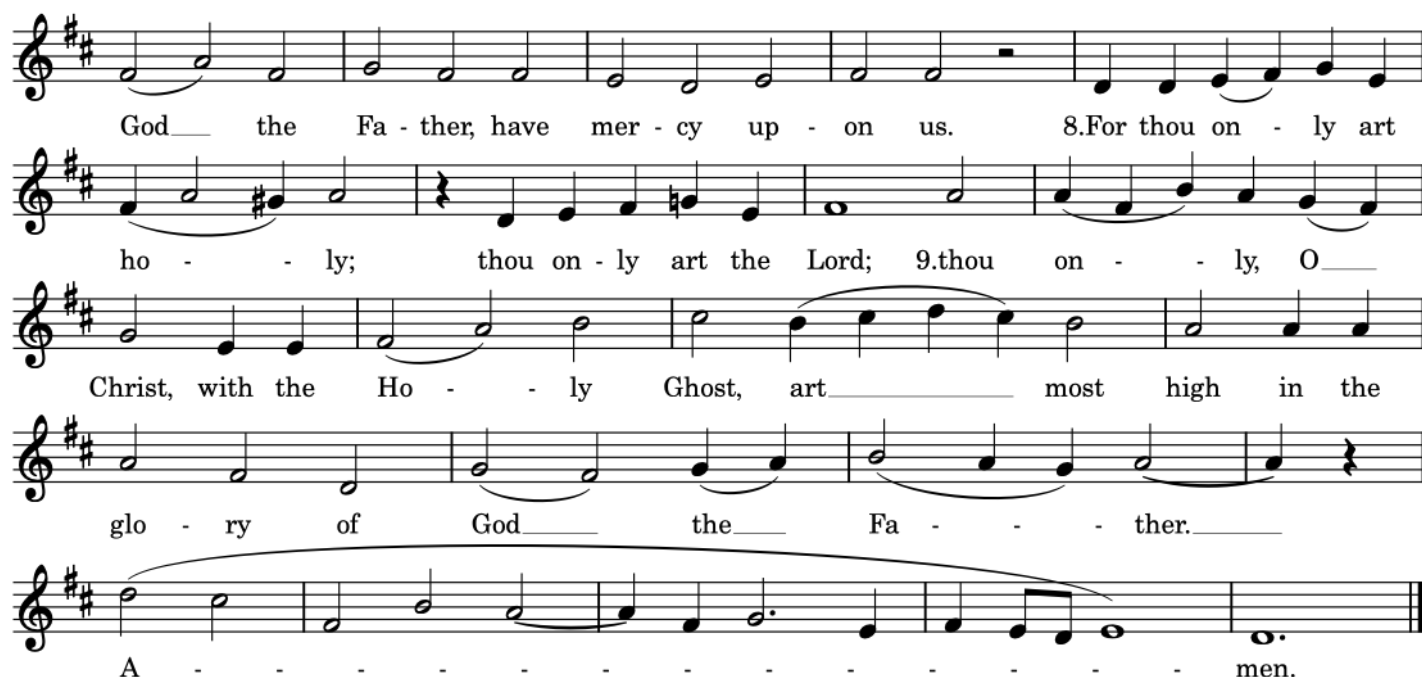
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The following is sung.

The Gloria: Glory to God

The Hymnal 1982 #S202

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will to men. 2. We praise thee,
we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God
the Fa - ther Al - might - - - y.
4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ; 5. O Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
 People **And also with you.**
 Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Children's Processional

"All things bright and beautiful" (v. 1)
Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

*The Hymnal 1982 #405
 Royal Oak*

The First Reading

Genesis 25:19-34

A Reading from Genesis.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
 and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
 the one shall be stronger than the other,
 the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
 People **Thanks be to God.**



- 105 Your word is a lantern to my / feet *
and a light upon my / path.
- 106 I have sworn and am de / termined *
to keep your righteous / judgments.
- 107 I am deeply / troubled; *
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your / word.
- 108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my / lips, *
and teach me your / judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my / hand, *
yet I do not forget your / law.
- 110 The wicked have set a / trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your com / mandments.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for / ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my / heart.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your / statutes *
for ever and to the / end.

The Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Please stand as you are able.

The Gradual Hymn

"What wondrous love is this"

*The Hymnal 1982 #439
Wondrous Love*

The Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People ***Glorify to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls

away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

People remain standing until the homilist invites all to be seated.

The Homily

The Rev. Joyce Corbin Allen

A moment of silence follows the homily.

Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.***

***For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

The Prayers of the People

Form IV (adapted)

BCP 388

People's Response: ***Hear our prayer.***

Confession & Absolution of Sin

BCP 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel or stand as you are able. The Celebrant and People say

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

*Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.***

The Peace

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

Please be seated.

Welcome, Announcements, & Offertory Sentence

If you would like to donate online, follow the QR code found here or on the giving card in the back of the pews. At the end of the announcements, you are also welcome to come forward to make a special donation to Heifer International, a non-profit organization whose mission is to end hunger and poverty, to mark an anniversary, blessing, or other event.



The Holy Communion

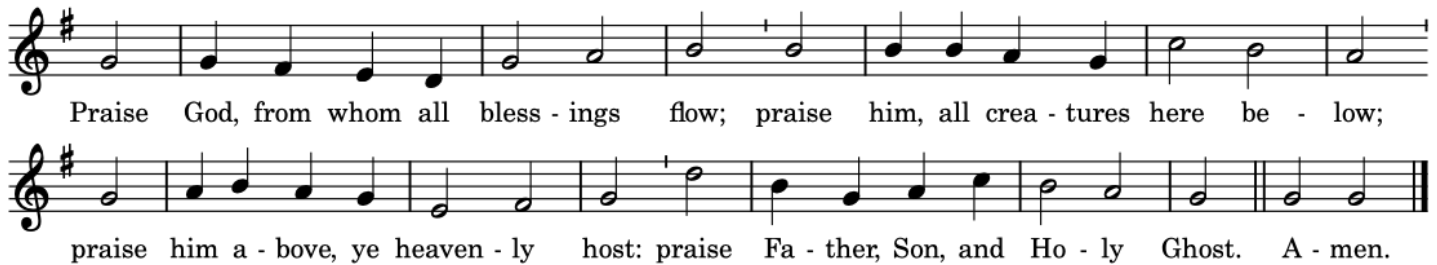
The Offertory

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Please stand as you are able while the offering is presented.

The Offertory Response: The Doxology

Old 100th



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

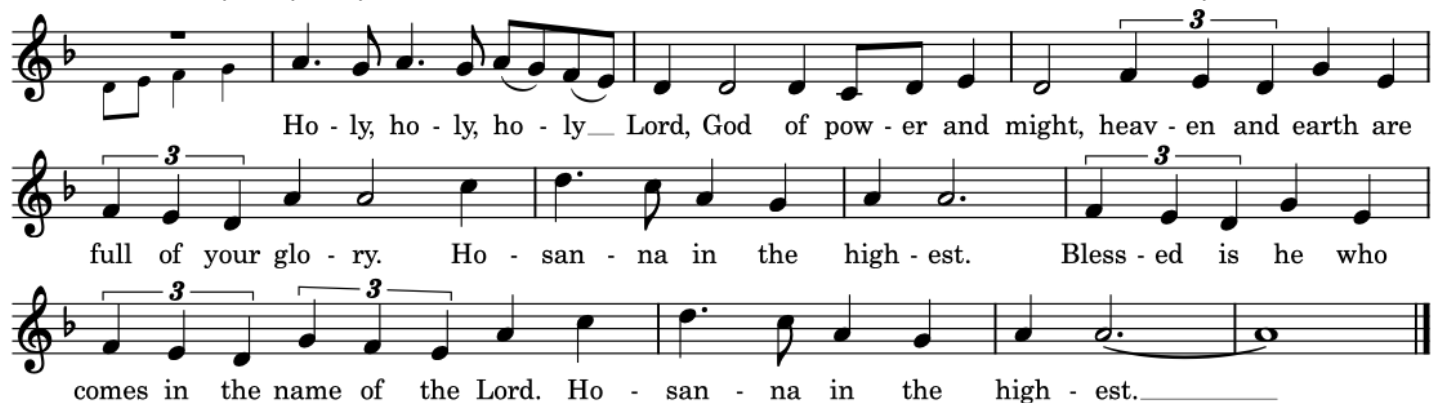
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

The Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

The Hymnal 1982 #S129



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly— Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant then continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem: O Lamb of God

The Hymnal 1982 #S163

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the Fraction Anthem. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3' above the staff. The lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on_ us.' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values and a triplet, with the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on_ us.' below it. The third staff concludes the phrase with a final note and a double bar line, with the lyrics 'Lamb of God_ you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.' below it.

The Presentation & Invitation

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to come forward for Communion, including children. Please follow the ushers' guidance as you come to the rail. If you would like a gluten-free host, extend your hands palms down. If you would like to receive the wine by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup), keep the bread in your hands and wait for the communion server to come to you with a pottery chalice. If you would like to drink from the chalice directly, please consume the bread first and a communion server will offer you the silver chalice (common cup). If it is not your custom to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest and a priest will offer a blessing or a deacon will offer a prayer. A person may be available to provide prayers for healing in the back southwest corner of the church. Simply head to the back during communion distribution and wait for your turn.

Music During Communion

"Lord of all hopefulness"

The Hymnal 1982 #482

Slane

"Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

The Hymnal 1982 #324

Picardy

"The head that once was crowned with thorns"

The Hymnal 1982 #483

St. Magnus

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

The Post-Communion Prayer

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Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Please stand as you are able.

The Retiring Processional

"I want to walk as a child of the light"

The Hymnal 1982 #490

Houston

The Dismissal

BCP 366

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

GENERAL INFORMATION

New to St. Paul's? Welcome! Please let us know you are here by filling out a visitor card in the pew. Stop by our Connecting Station in the narthex (lobby) to chat and find materials that might help if you are new to St. Paul's or The Episcopal Church. Join a tour of our campus the third Sunday of the month after the 10 a.m. service to learn more and meet others. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to find out more about us!

Kids in Worship at St. Paul's: Children are always welcome in our worship services without exception, but if parents should wish for a space where your kids have more room to move around during the service, you are welcome to make use of the Comfort Room (glassed-in room at the rear of the worship space from which you can still hear and see the service). Ask an usher if you need help finding it. Also, our Kids' Club (free nursery care) is available during the 10 a.m. service, and infants/toddlers through 36 months (3 years old) are welcome to attend.

Accessibility: St. Paul's strives to make our services and programs comfortable and accessible to all. Ushers and Greeters are available to help. Please let us know how we can work together to improve your experience here.

Please wear your nametags when you're here at church! And if you don't yet have a nametag, please complete an order form in the narthex (lobby) so we can get you one!

HAPPENING TODAY – JULY 12, 2026

Welcome the Rev. Joyce Corbin Allen: We are excited to have the Rev. Joyce Corbin Allen serving as celebrant and homilist today! Joyce has served many roles in our diocese as a bridge priest and leader in Dismantling Racism and Pilgrimages initiatives. Be sure to stop and say hello after the services.

Children's Chapel: Children 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to process to Children's Chapel during the 10 a.m. service and will return to their families during announcements.

Favorite Hymn Discussion: During summer, members of the clergy or staff will lead a 20-minute discussion on one of the hymns included in Sunday's liturgy. Today, Deacon Erica Ridderman will discuss "I want to walk as a child of the light." The discussion will be in the Parish Hall and should begin 15 minutes after the conclusion of the service.

Popsicles and Parables: All children are invited to the playground to hear a Bible story, eat popsicles, and enjoy time to play! We'll meet after the 10 a.m. service on the playground.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Schedule Continues Through Sept. 6: Services are 8 a.m. (Rite I) and 10 a.m. (Rite II) through Sept. 6.

“Brighter Days Ahead” Fundraiser: Help us make an immediate impact, making our spaces more welcoming and inviting this summer by donating to the Brighter Days Ahead project. Every donation toward our \$30,000 goal will help refresh our most-used spaces, brighten our walls, and care well for the spaces God has entrusted to us. If you have walked through the narthex, met in the Youth Wing, or gathered in one of our offices, you will appreciate the importance of caring for these spaces. Learn more online and donate by July 31 so we can complete this work before September!

Youth Bible study at Chipotle: On Wednesdays in July, the youth of St. Paul's will gather with Deacon Erica Ridderman for Bible study at Chipotle (100 Wrenn Dr. in Cary). Middle schoolers (rising 6th-8th) will gather from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and high schoolers (rising 9th-12th) will gather from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Bibles will be available, or you can bring your own. Chips and guac are on St. Paul's; feel free to purchase your own burritos or anything else. Hope to see y'all there!

Refuge for Refugees (R4R) Help for a New Family: We are assisting a family of five (husband, wife, three young boys) from Gaza who relocated from New Jersey to Cary last week. R4R has offered to help with a few items, including grocery gift cards, to support them in the first few months of their adjustment. Details on how you can help are on the website and in the narthex. Learn more about this and all the work of R4R by contacting Deb Richard at debrakrichard@gmail.com.

Help Support Vacation Bible Camp (VBC): Our 2026 Vacation Bible Camp, #KidsConnect, is just around the corner (July 27-31), and we could use help with purchasing a few more supplies! We've made it easy - just click on our Amazon wish list (link on our website or in the narthex) and have items sent right to the church. It would be super helpful to have everything in place by next week, so please consider shopping right away!

Help us Pick Hymns this Summer: During the summer, we want to include your favorite hymns on Sunday mornings. Sign up online or on the sheets in the narthex, and we will include them throughout the summer. Parameters: All hymns should be from The Hymnal 1982. One favorite per person. No seasonal hymns, please (i.e. Christmas, Lent).

We pray for Noah, Sally, Parrish, Janet, Nancy, Susan, Chuck, Carter, Anne, Ethan, Mary Jo, Judy, Carl, Martha, Henry, Althea, Jan, Zemiria, Henry, Louise, Terri, Lee, Andy, Benita, Mary, Sherry, Louane, Keith, Jimmy, Sharo, Claudia, Ethan, Mauricio, Allison, Theresa, Ben, Rich, Isabelle, Nancy, Kenny, Chris, Paige, Mary Martha, Jerry, Erika, Stacey, Lisa, Kay, Jack, Carl, Megan, Jan, Quinn, Travis, Zachary, and Guy.

In the prayers for the deceased, we pray for Aleta Violet Ober Carter, James Willis, and Alvin Keller.

If you have a name you would like to include on the prayer list, or a ministry event that you would like to announce in this printed bulletin, please send information to announcements@stpaulscary.org. Names included in the prayer list will remain for a month, and we are happy to extend at your request. Please note that there is a 2-week lead time on printed announcements.



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