

St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

The Rev. Dr. James Weldon, Jr., Celebrant
The Rev. Dr. Erica Ridderman, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
OCTOBER 11, 2026

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Please stand as you are able.

The Processional Hymn

"Christ, whose glory fills the skies"

The Hymnal 1982 #7
Christ Whose Glory

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 Gloria: Glory to God

The Hymnal 1982 #280

(organ)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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

"I want to walk as a child of the light" (v.1)
Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

*The Hymnal 1982 #490
Houston*

The First Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

A Reading from Exodus.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Psalm 23, *Dominus regit me*

Jerome Webster Meachen (b. 1930)



- 1 The LORD is my / shepherd; *
I shall not be in / want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green / pastures *
and leads me beside still / waters.
- 3 He revives my / soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his / Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no / evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they / comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who / trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running / over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my / life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for / ever.

The Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

The Gradual Hymn

“Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord” (v.4)

The Hymnal 1982 #178

Alleluia No. 1



The Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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. Dr. Erica Ridderman

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: Day by Day

St. Paul's Choir

Martin How (1931-2022)

Day by Day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly, day by day.

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 #S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,____

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,____

hea - ven and earth are full,____ full____ of your glo - ry. Ho -

- san - na in the high - est. 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. 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

***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: Jesus, Lamb of God

The Hymnal 1982 #S164

Je - sus lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er
of our sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re -
- deem - er of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Presentation & Invitation

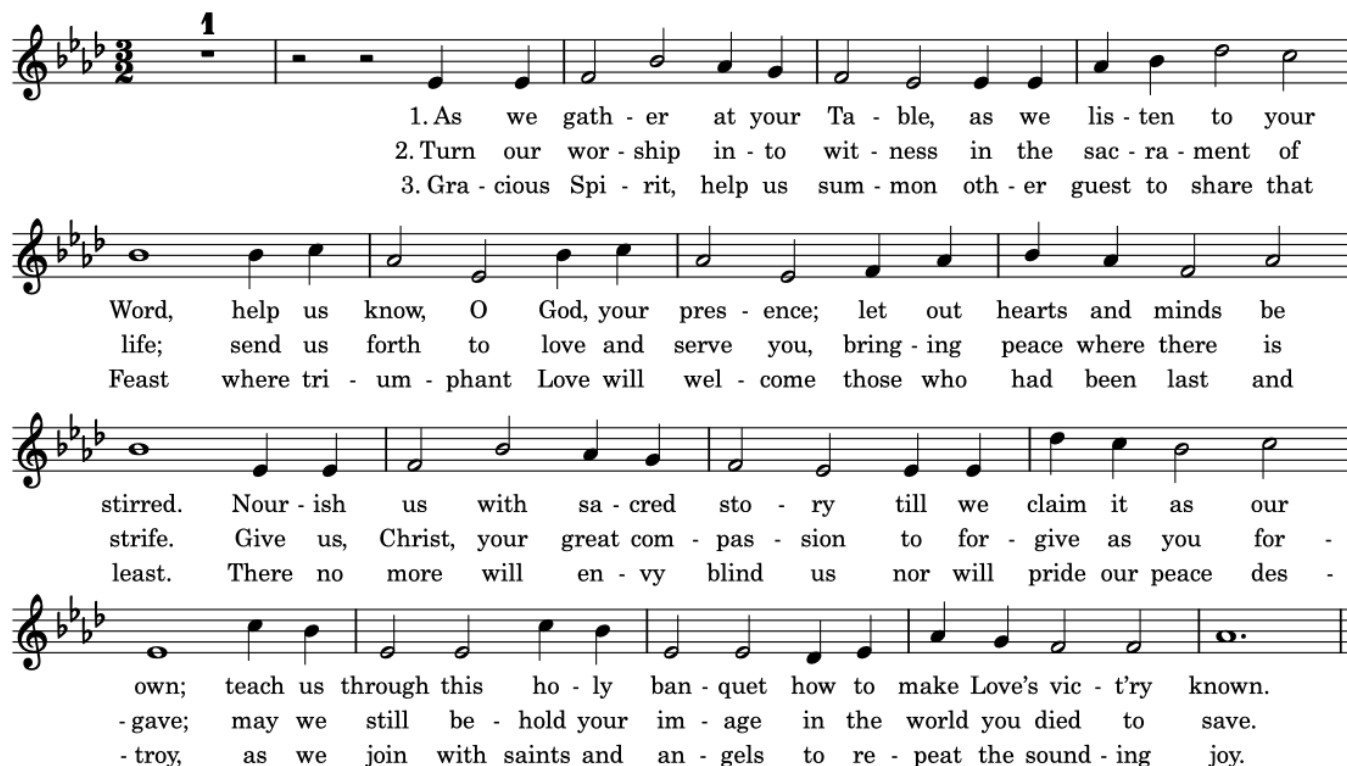
The Celebrant says

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.

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1. As we gath - er at your Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your
 2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of
 3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us sum - mon oth - er guest to share that

Word, help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let out hearts and minds be
 life; send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is
 Feast where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and

stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our
 strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for -
 least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace des -

own; teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 - gave; may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 - troy, as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

"The King of love my shepherd is"

The Hymnal 1982 #645
St. Columba

"My God, thy table now is spread"

The Hymnal 1982 #321
Rockingham

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

The Post-Communion Prayer

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

"Rejoice, ye pure in heart!" (vv. 1-4)

The Hymnal 1982 #557
Vineyard Haven

The Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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Postlude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

The Altar Flowers are offered to the glory of God and in celebration of this evening's wedding between Dawn Watson and Robert Green.

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:20 a.m. Adult Formation
10:05 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

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 today after the 9 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 9 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.

Name Badges: One of the best ways to show hospitality in a community this size is to wear nametags. Please help us bridge the "unknowing" by wearing yours! If you don't yet have a nametag, please complete an order form in the narthex (lobby) so we can get you one. Contact Joyce Loughlin at loughlin1@mindspring.com with questions.

HAPPENING TODAY – OCTOBER 11, 2026

Children's Chapel: Children 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to process to Children's Chapel during the 9 a.m. service and will return to their families during announcements.

Children's Sunday School - 5th grade and under: Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m. in the education building.

Youth Sunday School - 6th thru 12th grade: Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m. in the youth wing, joining with adults for today's forum.

Adult Forum: Our forum this week is taking place in the youth wing at 10:20 a.m., joining with our youth Sunday School program. Hear our deacon, the Rev. Erica Ridderman, PhD, presenting from her dissertation "When We Say God is Love."

Wedding Service Today: This afternoon at 4 p.m., we celebrate the wedding of Dawn Watson and Robert Green. Please be aware that the church is closed this afternoon until 5 p.m. Congratulations to the bride and groom!

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) 6th thru 12th grade: Our walk to the Downtown Cary Park has been postponed due to weather, so we'll meet from 5 to 7 p.m. for games/activities, continued conversation about the Bible, and dinner together. Note the change in location: there will be a wedding happening, so we'll **gather in the parish hall** (not the youth wing).

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathered in Grace Stewardship Campaign: Share fellowship, conversation and connection as we celebrate the many places we come from—across countries, states, and communities—the spiritual journeys of our lives and the grace that brings us together as one community in Christ. This year's stewardship campaign has three components:

- **Gatherings in Grace:** Join fellow parishioners for small gatherings, offered in several locations and on various dates Oct. 16 through Nov. 13. Details can be found on flyers in the narthex and online.
- **Dotting the Map:** On Sunday, Oct. 25, we invite everyone to mark where they're from on three maps: the world, the nation, and North Carolina.
- **Stewardship Sunday:** On this day, Nov. 15, we conclude stewardship season officially, asking you to confirm your support for 2027 by returning your pledge. We gather to celebrate the generosity that sustains the worship, formation, pastoral care, outreach, fellowship, work for justice, and daily ministry of St. Paul's.

You will receive a letter soon with information on how you can make an impact with your pledge. In the meantime, be sure to join one of our gatherings, and make sure you are here to dot the map!

A Stand for Dignity--People of Faith Raising Voices for Immigrants: The Wake Interfaith Immigration Network invites all to join in downtown Raleigh today, Oct. 11 from 2-4 p.m. on the south lawn of the State Capitol for this community gathering for public witness. The program will feature interfaith prayer and song, along with speakers sharing perspectives on the immigrant experience and the call of faith. Free and open to all, with no registration required. Please contact Lynn Tovar at lztovar@uwalumni.com if you are interested in attending; we will arrange carpool options with advance notice.

REI (Racial Equity Institute) Phase I Training: St. Paul's will host Racial Equity Institute Phase I training for the community on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 15-16. St. Paul's folks – first timers and alum – are welcome. Thanks to the generosity of the Racial Justice and Reconciliation Committee of our diocese, scholarship funding is available. We will be able to cover half of the cost for new participants until those funds are exhausted. If financial support would help make this training more accessible to you, please reach out to aleta@att.net BEFORE registering. Find out more about REI training on the St. Paul's website.

Clergy Clash Obstacle Course, our Final Event of Brighter Days Ahead: At 6 p.m. during the Halloween Carnival on Oct. 25, Fr. Jay and Deacon Erica will compete in a battle of skill, stamina, and will as they race through a thrilling (albeit safe) obstacle course on the playground. They need your support! You can give to either "Team Jay" or "Team Erica" to give them a time advantage – for every \$100 given, they will gain a 1 second headstart. All funds raised will go to the "Brighter Days Ahead" campaign, which continues to brighten and enhance our St. Paul's spaces, particularly the Youth Wing. And of course, come cheer on our clergy on Oct. 25 as they compete for a good cause! Giving instructions are available in the narthex and on the parish website.

Children's Choir Pop-up Oct. 25: Children interested in singing the offertory with the St. Paul's Choir on Oct. 25 at the 9 am service are invited to come to several 30 minute rehearsals beginning Oct. 12 and 14 at 4 p.m. We will sing John Rutter's "Look at the World" with the St. Paul's Choir which features parts for young singers. The full list of rehearsals can be found on our website. Contact Rusty at rusty.mckinney@stpaulscary.org for more info or just come to rehearsals!

Supporting November Elections – Souls to the Polls: Gather with other Cary ONE Wake congregations for a Souls to the Polls event on Oct. 18 at 2 p.m., starting with prayer here in the church, walking or driving to the early voting site nearby. Volunteers from St. Paul's Community Response Group, ONE Wake and the Racial Justice Planning Group will be on hand after Sunday services throughout October to provide basic information to support participation in the Nov. 3 election. Learn more about how you can respond to the call of The Episcopal Church to engage in elections as a means of Christian stewardship.

Reverse Trick or Treat at Glenaire: Children and their parents are invited to share some Halloween fun at Glenaire Retirement Community with a reverse Trick or Treat! Please join us on Oct. 18 following the Christmas Pageant rehearsal (approx. 11 a.m.). Wear your costumes to Church/Sunday School and bring a bucket (candy provided) to share and receive with the residents. We will meet in the lobby at 6000 Glenview Garden Place, Cary.

Call for Vestry Nominations: 2027 is going to be a very important year for St. Paul's! The vestry is the core elected lay leadership group of the parish, and those we elect in November will be part of the group that builds our vision with Fr. Jay as we move us forward together. The vestry meets monthly and gathers for an annual weekend retreat to accomplish the meaningful, necessary work that underpins all that happens at St. Paul's. All confirmed adult members in good standing are eligible to be nominated to serve on the vestry. Learn more about the work of the vestry by speaking with current vestry members (listed on our website). To nominate someone, or for any questions, please contact wardens@stpaulscary.org. The nomination period closes on Oct. 25.

First Pageant Rehearsal: The first rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant is next Sunday morning, Oct. 18 at 10:15 a.m. in the church. We will have a read-through of the script and practice the songs. We will also briefly describe the blocking and the set. It would be helpful to have at least one parent present per family, especially if your child has limited attention in a busy setting. Lastly - it's never too late to join us! We have room for more shepherds, soldiers, angels, and animals. All are welcome; just come to the rehearsal! If you will be away the weekend of the pageant, join the fun in singing Christmas hymns and hearing the Christmas story at rehearsals. Contact Melanie Williams, melanie.moyer.williams@gmail.com, with questions.

Halloween Carnival Featuring Carnival Games, Chili, Trunk or Treat: Celebrate Halloween with us Sunday, Oct. 25 from 5-7 p.m. on the church grounds. Activities will include youth-led carnival games and prizes, a Chili Cookoff in the parish hall (hotdogs and potluck, too), and Trunk or Treat! Everyone is welcome to participate. Ministries and groups of friends can decorate their car trunks and hand out candy, and anyone is welcome to enter the Chili contest! You can find the sign-up on the parish website.

Updating our Veterans List: St. Paul's has a custom of expressing gratitude for faithful military service by listing the names of veterans, living and in memoriam, in a special posting on the Sunday closest to Veterans Day. We are in the process of updating that list and invite you to include your veterans by emailing Natalie Sroka at natalie@stpaulscary.org by Nov 1. Please let her know the name and the branch of military service to be listed for any additions. If you were on the list last year, you do not need to notify us again.

Baptism at St. Paul's: Our next date for celebrating baptism at St. Paul's will be November 1. Please contact Natalie Sroka at natalie@stpaulscary.org if you need information about baptism for adults or children.

Spiritual Retreat for Seniors (65+): Join us on Saturday, Nov. 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the youth wing, for "Living Your Best Life: Exploring Life, Loss and Legacy," a retreat for seniors. Limited to 30 participants, the retreat will be led by parishioner Fr. Frank Hubbard, assisted by Nancy Fierke, Howard Loughlin, Joyce Loughlin, and Glenda Swann. The day includes a catered Mediterranean lunch (free will cash offerings accepted). To learn more and register, contact Fr. Frank Hubbard at therevfah50@hotmail.com. Transportation can be provided upon request.

We pray for Sally, Janet, Carl, Martha, Chuck, Henry, Althea, Louane, Mauricio, Allison, Ben, Jack, Bob, Claudia, Marsha, Travis, Savannah, Kathryn, Jackie, Ted, Renee, Xavier, Lambert, Scott, Sue, Kathy, Barbara, Larry, Zachary, Ken, Carter, Anne, Kevin, Jon, Kathleen, Farley, Jenna, Sophie, Tim, the Jackson family, Stephen, Laurie, Mary Marsha, Patrick, Kirsten, Joyce, Stann, Tytus, Malcolm, Barbara, Anne, and Rob.

In the prayers for the deceased, we pray for Ann Shuman.

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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