

# **Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

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***Tenth Sunday After Pentecost  
August 2, 2026***



## **Mission Statement**

We are a worshipping, inquiring and inclusive community united in Jesus' name to change the world.

## **Welcoming Statement**

We invite everyone to join in the communal life of the body of Christ, through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the life and sacraments of this church. We affirm that each person is a child of God, and that those of every race, ethnicity, creed, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation and gender identity are called to be one with us.

*Prelude*

*Chuck Sheaffer*

*Processional Hymn: #427 When morning gilds the sky*

In the name of God; Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit

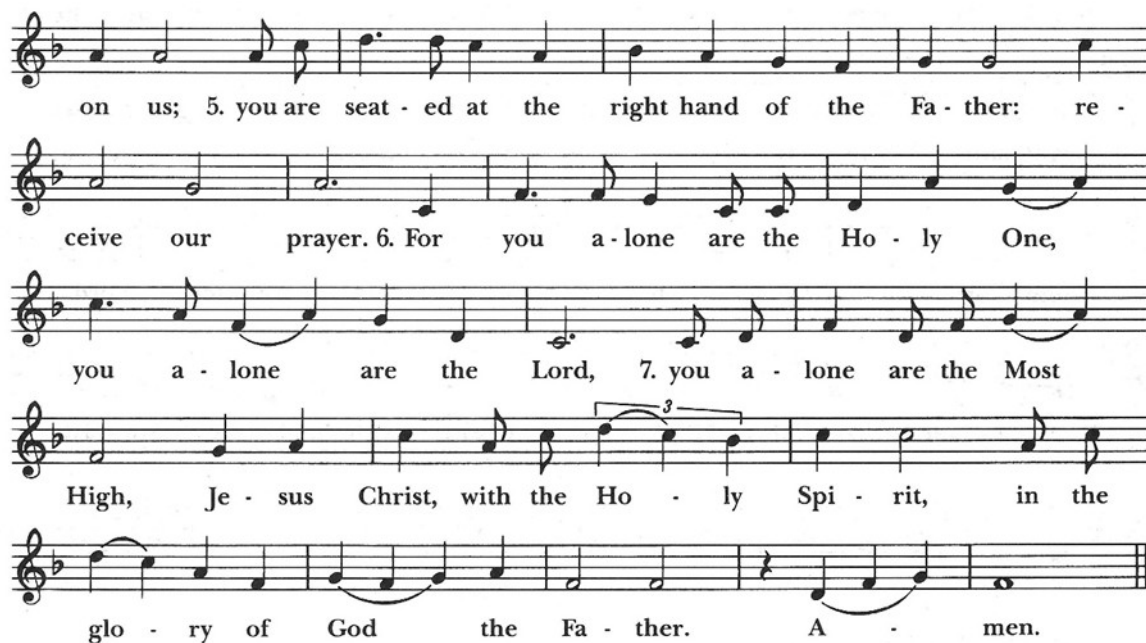
**Amen.**

This is the day the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

*The Gloria*

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



Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

### *The Collect*

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

*Pause*

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*We sit for the first readings*

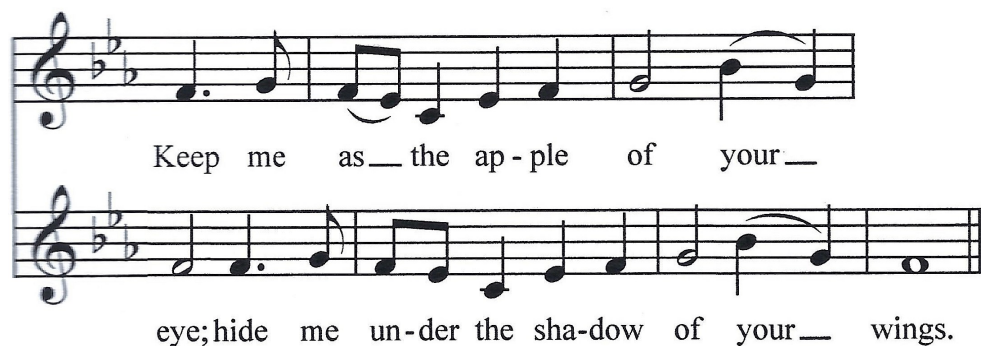
### ***The First Reading – Genesis 32:22-31***

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***Psalm 17:1-7, 16***



- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD;  
give heed to my cry; \*  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; \*  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, \*  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; \*  
I have heeded the words of your lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; \*  
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; \*  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, \*  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them.
- 16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; \*  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding  
your likeness.

***The Second Reading – Romans 9:1-5***

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Gradual Hymn – #679 Surely it is God who saves me*

*The Gospel Reading – Matthew 14:13-21*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you Lord Christ**

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The Sermon – Fr. Brian Dawson*

*Following the sermon we spend some time in stillness. The beginning and end of this time is marked by the ringing of the prayer bowl.*

**Prayers of the People**

## **Confession & Absolution**

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven,  
whose wrongs are pardoned.  
I will confess my sins to the Lord,  
I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

*Silence*

God forgives and heals us.

**We need your healing, merciful God:  
give us true repentance.**

**Some sins are plain to us;  
some escape us,  
some we cannot face.**

**Forgive us;  
set us free to hear your word to us;  
set us free to serve you.**

*The priest says*

God forgives you.  
Forgive others;  
Forgive yourself.

*Silence*

Through Christ, God has put away your sin:  
approach your God in peace.

## **Blessings and Celebrations**

### **Birthday Prayer**

God of joy and celebration, we thank you for the precious gift of life and for the unique journey that each day brings. As this(ese) your servant(s) celebrate(s) another year of life, we pray for your abundant blessings to be upon

them. May your grace continue to guide and shape their paths, filling their days with love, purpose, and joy. Amen

#### **Anniversary Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God, for in the good and the bad times of our life you have stood lovingly by our sides. Bless those whose anniversaries we acknowledge this day. May they remain faithful and loving so that we may be true witnesses to the covenant you have made with us all. Amen.

#### **Prayer for Those We Love**

Gracious God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you want for us all better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### ***The Peace***

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We are encouraged to share signs of Christ's peace with those around us*

#### ***Offertory Hymn - Levas #60 How Great Thou Art***

*The offerings are collected and prayed over, after which Fr Brian prays over the gifts of bread and wine:*

Blessed are you, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.

They will become for us the bread of life and the cup of blessing.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### *The Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

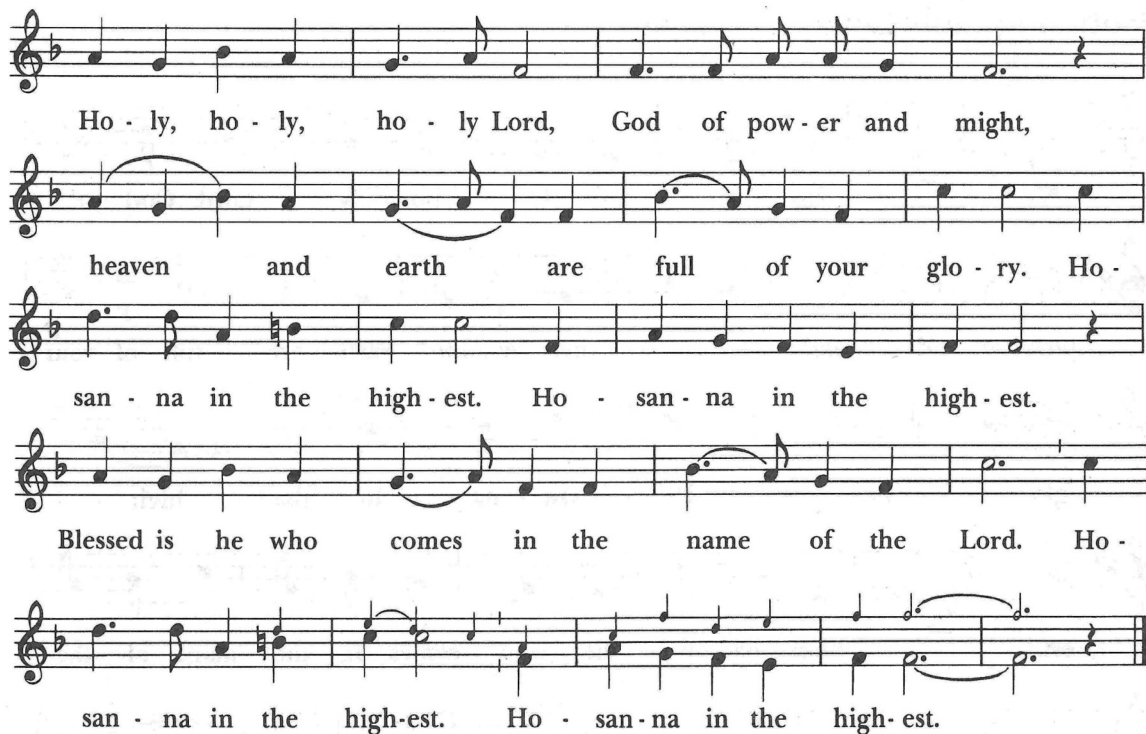
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere  
to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:



The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,'. The second staff continues with 'heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff continues with 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The fourth staff continues with 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -'. The fifth staff concludes with 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'.

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

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Holy and gracious God:

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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God,  
in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.  
Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we offer you these gifts.

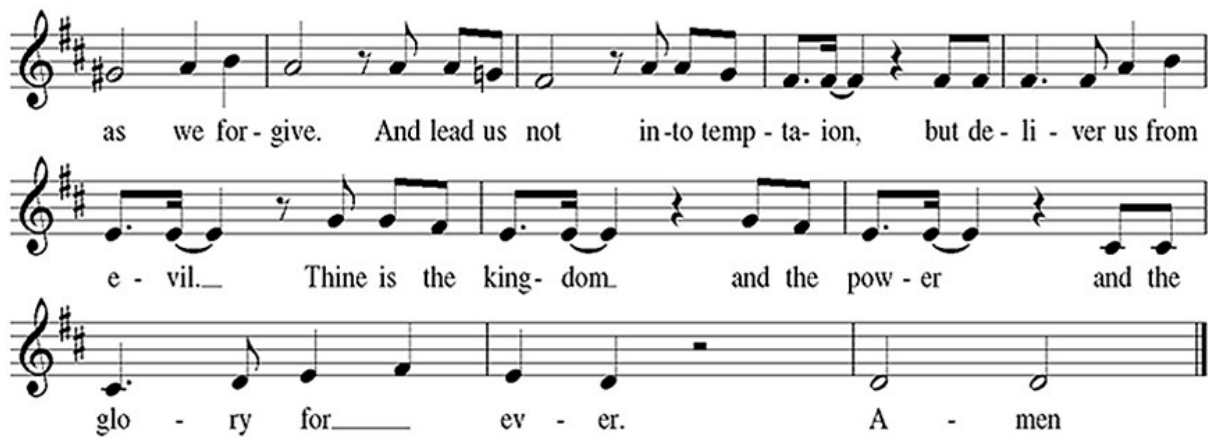
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit  
to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son,  
the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also  
that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament,  
and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace;  
and at the last day bring us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

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

Our Fa- ther who art in hea- ven, Hal- lowed be thy Name, Thy king- dom  
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea ven. Give us this day our  
dai- ly bread. For- give us our tres- pas es, As we for- give those who tres pass a- gainst us,



### ***The Breaking of the Bread***

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

### ***The Invitation***



The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

Come for all things are now ready.

*All are welcome at God's table. Please indicate if you would prefer a gluten free wafer and/ or grape juice.*

*If you would prefer a blessing please place your hands behind your back.*

***Communion Hymn: Levas #150 Jesus the Bread of Life***

***Extending Our Eucharistic Gathering***

*A representative of the parish's Eucharistic Visitors comes forward to receive the bread and wine reserved for those who are sick or otherwise unable to join us in person.*

In the name of us all at St Paul's Episcopal Church, we send our Eucharistic Visitors forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom they go may share with us in this Holy Communion of Christ's body and blood. May they with whom these gifts are shared remain bound to us, and we to them.

**We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.**

***Prayer after Communion***

Let us pray together:

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

***Recessional Hymn: #410 Praise my soul , the King of Heaven***

## **Dismissal**

Our worship is ended. Our service in the world begins.  
Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## ***Postlude***

***Chuck Sheaffer***

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## **A Prayer for Those To Whom the Sirens Rush**

Dear St Paul's family, for nearly two years now as I've journeyed with you I, like us all, have heard the regular cry of emergency sirens past our doors and every time I pause for a moment and think "someone is having a very bad day." And for a while now I've meant to pen a brief prayer that you and we might like to offer whenever the sirens sound. That prayer is below and while from time to time I may suggest that we pause and pray it together, I invite you as you wish to say it silently when you feel so moved. Fr Brian

*Keep watch, O God, over those who face perils and trials this day. Be with our first responders and those to whom they rush. May they for whom the sirens sound know your presence, your constant love and that our prayers are with them. Amen.*

## **Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers**

Fr. Brian is keen to recruit 2 or 3 more people for these important ministries that support our worship life. If you would like to know more, please speak to him.



## **Prayer and Praise**

### **Remember those who have asked for our prayers**

Bonnie, Ishmael, Mary, Bob, Howard, Annamary, Judy, Mike, Jose, Hennie, Kevin, Murray, Karen, Ellen, Jim, James, Ivy, Lindsay, Susie, Anita, Fog, Marlene, Phil, Nancy, Sharon, Peter, Maureen, Alfred, Clara, Michael, Sally, Kelly, MaryAnne, Pat, Karen M., Laurence, Kanyon, Clayton, Kevin, Louisa, Cynthia, Suzanne, Margaret, Clare, Sandy, Charlie, Debora, Ginny, Rosanne

#### **Those who have passed away:**

Cherie Sheaffer

Bishop Jerry Lamb

#### **Those in the Military:**

CPT Sam Birch, USA

PO1st Class Johnny Olmos, US Coast Guard

SGT Carson Repan, USAF

LTC Nathaniel P. Wallace, USAFR

SSG Brandon Wegener, USAF

#### **Leaders and Ministries of St. Paul's:**

The Clergy, Vestry & Wardens, Food Distribution

### August Ministry Schedule

| <b>Dates</b>                    | <b>August 2nd</b>          | <b>August 9th</b>        | <b>August 16th</b>       | <b>August 23rd</b>       | <b>August 30th</b>        |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Clergy</b>                   | Fr. Brian                  | Fr. Brian<br>Dn. Greg    | Fr. Brian<br>Dn. Greg    | Fr. Brian                | Fr. Brian                 |
| <b>Acolytes</b>                 | A-Joyce<br>C-Evelyn        | A-Nancy<br>C- Gabe       | A-Judy<br>C-             | A-Nancy<br>C-Alex        | A-Joyce<br>C-Evelyn       |
| <b>Eucharis-<br/>tic Minis-</b> | Bobbi<br>Ann               |                          | Linda                    | Ann                      | Judy<br>Linda             |
| <b>Lectors</b>                  | Stephanie H-<br>W.<br>Judy | Peter<br>Linda           | Theresa<br>Ann           | Claudine<br>Nancy        | Stephanie H-<br>W<br>Judy |
| <b>Interces-<br/>sor</b>        | Ann                        | Peter                    | Luis                     | Alex                     | Carolyn                   |
| <b>Ushers</b>                   | Ann<br>David               | Claudine<br>Linda        | Luis<br>David            | Claudine<br>Carolyn      | Carolyn<br>Linda          |
| <b>Greeters</b>                 | Ann<br>Lynelle             | Claudine<br>Linda        | Luis<br>Lynelle          | Claudine<br>Carolyn      | Carolyn<br>Linda          |
| <b>Vestry<br/>Rep.</b>          | Ann                        | Peter                    | Luis                     | Alex                     | Carolyn                   |
| <b>Coffee<br/>Hour Host</b>     |                            |                          |                          |                          | Parish Forum              |
| <b>Sunday<br/>School</b>        | NO SUN-<br>DAY<br>SCHOOL   | NO SUN-<br>DAY<br>SCHOOL | NO SUN-<br>DAY<br>SCHOOL | NO SUN-<br>DAY<br>SCHOOL | NO SUN-<br>DAY<br>SCHOOL  |



The flowers at the altar today  
are given to  
The Glory of God by Toni Clark  
In Honor of Dennis Clark's Birthday

### **COMING UP AT ST PAUL'S**

#### **August 8    Memorial Service for Cherie Sheaffer**

Celebrate and remember Cherie Sheaffer, August 8, 11 am with a lunch reception following the service. Sign up in the narthex or contact the church office to help with salads and cookies for the reception.

#### **August 16    Pride Prom Movie Fundraiser**

To help raise funds to support the annual Pride Prom hosted here at St. Paul's we are having a special screening of the movie "Priscilla Queen of the Desert". The movie will show after Coffee Hour at approximately noon. Entry is by donation and all are welcome (although the movie may not be so suitable for children).

#### **August 30    Parish Forum**

## **Gratitude for Donations**

The St. Paul's members who have been entrusted with receiving your donations understand how our members continue to be very generous. It takes all of us to provide the funds for the daily life of the church and the special outreach ministries that have captured our hearts. Here are portions of the notes we recently received from two of those ministries:

*The Food Initiative of Greater Stanislaus, FIGS, formerly Interfaith Ministries*

“Thank you for your generous support of our mission to feed the needy in our area. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and we would not be able to do it without your support.”

Sincerely,

Naomi Pulido, CEO

Note: In 2026 we have given \$507.00 to FIGS through the collection box available the first Sunday of each month.

*The Episcopal Church*

“Thank you for your generous support of The Good Friday Offering of The Episcopal Church. Your gift of \$330.00 received on 4/14/2026 is a testament to your commitment to the values we hold dear-compassion, justice, and unity in Christ. Your gift strengthens our ability to meet the needs of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East today and builds a foundation for tomorrow, bringing hope and healing to those we serve.

We are blessed to have faithful supporters like you, who believe in the importance of sustaining this ministry. Please know that your generosity is making a real difference, and we are deeply grateful to walk together with you in this journey of faith and service.”

Faithfully,

The Most Rev. Sean W. Rose, Presiding Bishop

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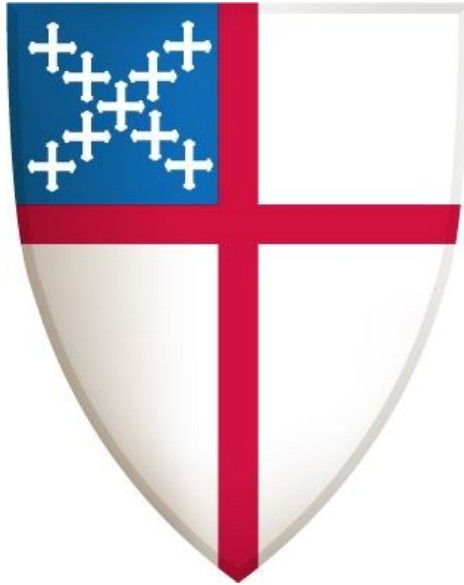
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Joyce Bell, Jose Cruz, Peter Krewko, Carolyn List, Luis Martinez, Ann Mootz,  
Rosanne Mountain, Alex Sarina, & Courtney Smith.

Treasurer: Brandi Anderson

Vestry Clerk: Linda Lowe



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