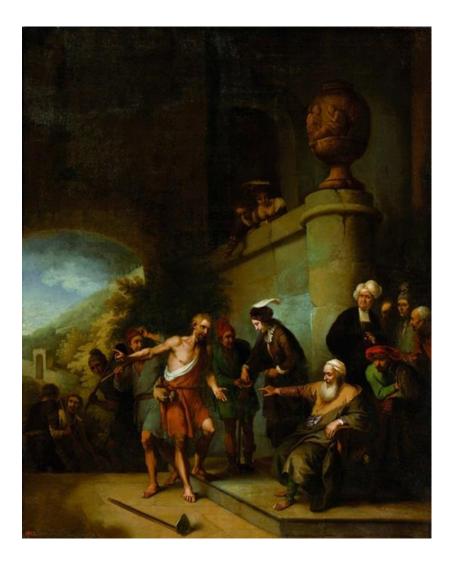


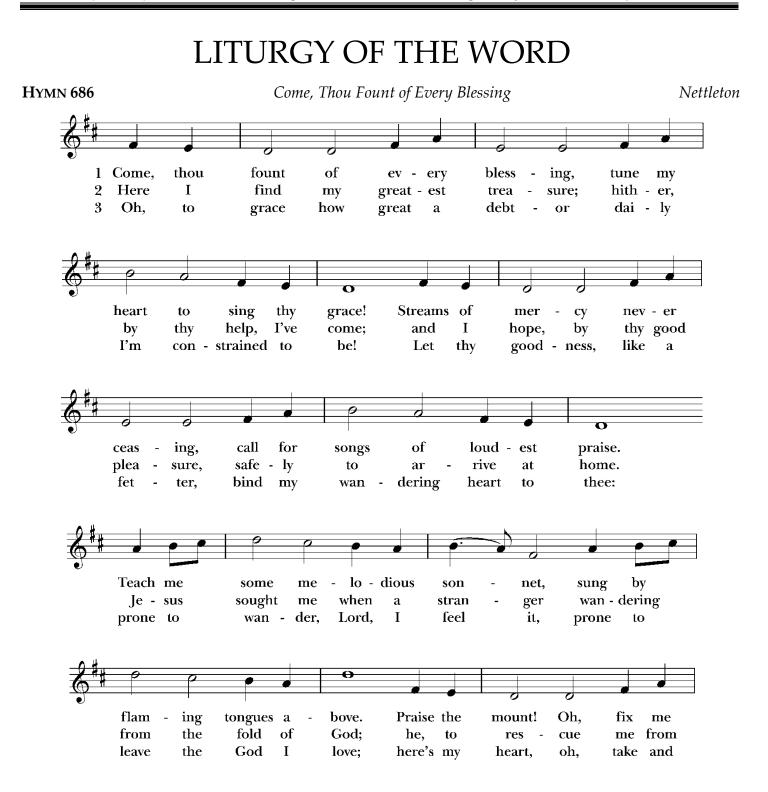
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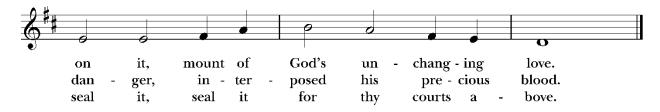
September 24th, 2023 – 10:45 A.M.



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Please silence all electronic devices before the service begins. Page numbers refer to The Book of Common Prayer. Your spoken responses are welcomed throughout the service and can be recognized by the words in bold print.





Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

OPENING SALUTATION

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.**







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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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FIRST LESSON: JONAH 3:10-4:11

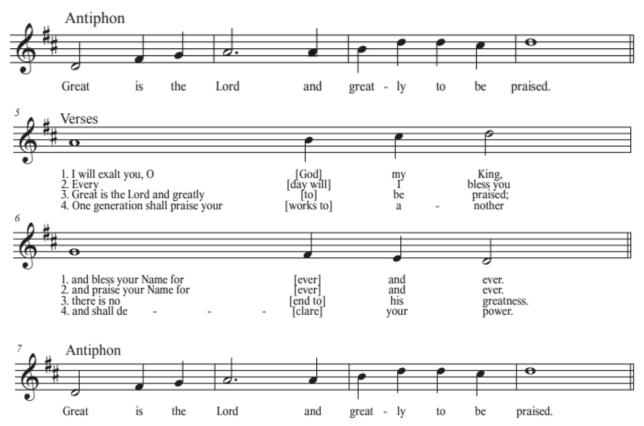
When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said,

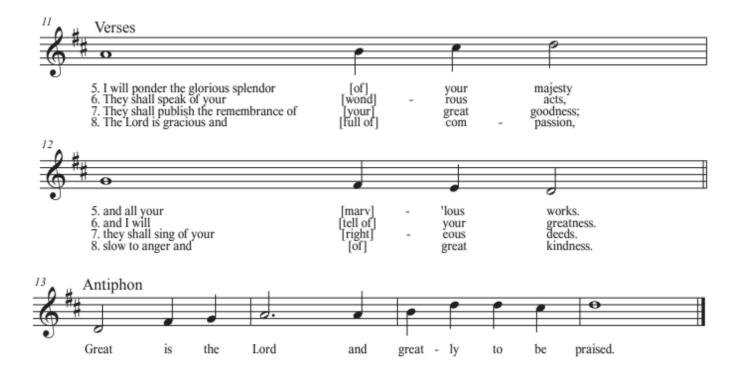
"Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1-8 Exaltabo te, Deus

After the choir demonstrates the opening antiphon, the congregation joins in singing the whole psalm.





SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Wondrous Love





Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835. Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. acc. Carlton R. Young, (b. 1926).

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about

five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

GospellerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

After a period of silent reflection, all stand and say

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Said in unison

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,

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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 II)

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In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Rob, our Bishop; Tammy, our Rector; Ashley, our Associate; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for the clergy and people of Holy Trinity, Fayetteville, and St. Andrew's, Columbia; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace, for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who suffer, the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison, remembering especially those who have commended themselves to our prayers: especially Joyce, Jack, Alicia, Vivian, Bull, Patti, Thomas, Toni, Charlie, Lorri, Patsy, Emily, Ellen, Ben, Randy, Holton, Jack, Magnolia, Sandy, Tory, Carl, Allan, Wylie, Sarah, Dyches, Patty and Helen.. Are there others? Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed especially Hugh, Bobbie, Ray and Naomi. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant concludes the prayers

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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 ABSOLUTION

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 PEACECelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God Be in My Head

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The people remain standing

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.*People* Glory to you for ever and ever.

- *Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
- *People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**
- *Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

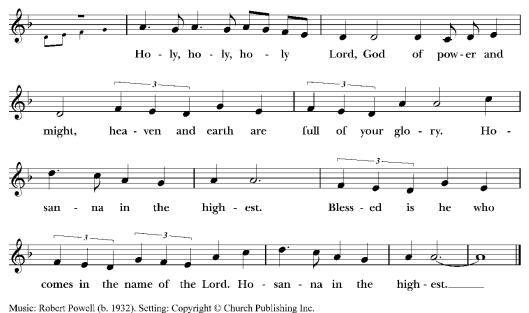
People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Celebrant and People

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

The Celebrant continues

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PeopleOur 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

Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

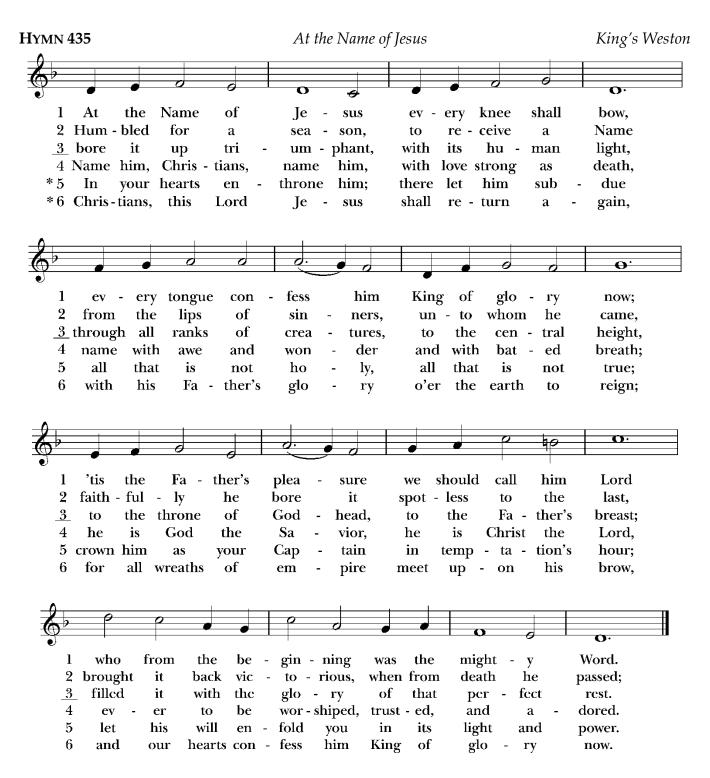
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All are welcome at God's table. People who are searching for a deeper understanding and relationship with God who do not wish to partake are invited to receive a blessing. Come forward to the front of the chancel at the direction of the ushers, simply cross your arms over your chest. To receive the bread and the wine, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the wine, please assist the chalice as it is offered. To indicate a gluten free wafer, cross your hands one on top of the other.



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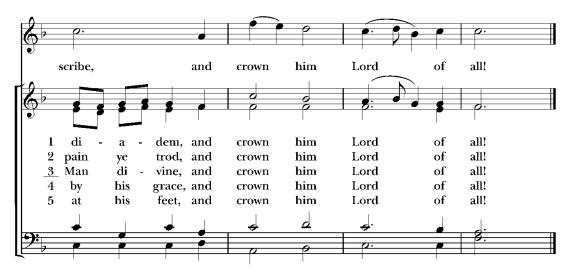
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food, in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**





 6 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The flowers on the retable are given to the Glory of God and in memory of their parents, Hugh and Bobbie Salter and Ray and Naomi Ransom, and in honor of all their children and grandchildren by Jeffrey Hugh Salter and Jeanette Holland Salter.

UPCOMING

September 26, 2023 8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
September 27, 2023 12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
	Lectionary Study to Follow
September 27, 2023 4:45 p.m.	Bible Study
September 28, 2023 8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
October 1, 2023 8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
October 1, 2023 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
October 1, 2023 10:45 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
October 1, 2023 5:00 p.m.	Crosswinds & Headwinds

The noon service on Wednesday, and the 10:45 a.m. service on Sunday will be live streamed and available to watch on-demand following the service: St. Paul's Facebook page and St. Paul's YouTube channel.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Visitors and Newcomers: Welcome! We are glad you have joined us in person and online. To learn more about membership, baptism, or confirmation, or to receive emails about upcoming St. Paul's events, visit our website www.stpaulsbeaufort.org or email the church office at <u>church@stpaulsbeaufort.org</u>.

Childcare is available during the service in the Parish Hall. Children's Worship bags are available in the back of the church. Please use, enjoy, and return the worship bags at the end of the service.

AN OPEN CHOIR REHEARSAL – Come see if the choir is right for you!

October 4th at 6:00 pm in the Choir Room in the Parish House Join us for a no-commitment choir rehearsal to see if you might be a good fit for the St. Paul's Choir

Daughters of the King meeting for all members of St Clair's Chapter and for others who may be interested in the order. The meeting will be held at 9:00 am on October 8, 2023 in the Parlor at St. Paul's parish hall. The meeting purpose will be prayer and planning for the coming year. If there are questions, please call or email Diane Meelheim. <u>dmeelheim@aol.com</u>

Usher Training for both services will be held on October 4 and October 15 at 3:00 pm. In the church. Attendance at either session is appreciated. Those who are assigned as ushers or who would like to usher are invited. It is expected that the meeting will last one hour or less.

ECW UPDATES:

ECW Fall Social TODAY, Sunday, September 24th

The ECW Board cordially invites all to our Fall Social TODAY at 1100 on Arendell , Morehead City from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Exchange

The first phase of our 2023 Fall Bazaar is LIVE right now.

http://www.StPaulsExchange.givesmart.com

You can bid and BUY NOW by accessing our Give Smart link. Please share this link with friends and family, and browse some of the awesome things that have been donated. The Exchange will run until October 7, when the Bazaar fully opens online. Any items remaining will be folded into the in-person Bazaar for purchase on November 4.

Bazaar Sit-Down Luncheon – BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

The ECW Bazaar Committee is bringing back the **Sit-Down Luncheon** for the first time since 2019. The luncheon will be served on the day of the Bazaar on November 4, 2023, from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. Tickets for the Luncheon are \$15 a plate and can be purchased in the On-Line Sale starting October

7, 2023. The menu for the day will be **Hot Chicken Salad Casserole**, p.138, **Five Bean Salad**, p.99, **Sweet Potato Souffle**, p.121, **Sister Shubert's yeast rolls**, **Coconut Pie**, p.188, and a choice of beverages. We are currently asking for food donations and volunteers to work the day of the luncheon. A sign-up sheet will be in the Parish Hall beginning **Sunday**, **September**, **24th** during both coffee hours. If you have questions, please contact the Luncheon Co-chairs Nancy Smith (252) 723-8689 or Donna Ivey (919) 580-6769.

Blessing of the Animals will take place on October 8th during our 10:45 am service. Bring all of your family members who do not typically attend church with you- "all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground." We cannot wait for you all to join us, and we hope you will invite your friends.

Evensong will be held at 5 pm on October 8th in the church. We hope that you will join us for this event.

It has been announced that the Open House, Open Hearts Revival with Bishop Curry scheduled for October 21, 2023 has been **POSTPONED**. We will keep you posted on future plans.

Outreach for September – Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels of Beaufort operates under the Beaufort Fellowship of Churches. This is a service which delivers not only a balanced meal but also a friendly smile and contact for homebound folks. We are currently serving good, balanced meals plus fruit or dessert prepared by Donna's Deli at Piggly Wiggly in Beaufort. The meals are picked up between 10:35 and 10:45 a.m. and then delivered Monday through Saturday by volunteers from Beaufort Ole Towne Rotary, St. Paul's Church, Ann St. UMC and One Harbor Church. **All donations** are used to pay for Meals and are greatly appreciated. We also **welcome** new **volunteers** to deliver Meals. Volunteers usually deliver Meals one day per week for a month duration and/or sub now & then. It takes about 1 to 1 ½ hours to deliver meals on a given day and really makes you feel good to have given of yourself. To inquire about Volunteering, please call Sandra Howarth at 252-241-4292.

Please consider making a special donation to Meals on Wheels during the month of September. For further information or to inquire about volunteering, please call Sandra Howarth at (252) 241-4292. If you would like to donate to the Meals on Wheels program, please do so through "Online Giving" on our website (<u>www.stpaulsbeaufort.org</u>). Alternatively, you may donate with a check payable to St. Paul's Church with "Outreach" in the memo line. Checks may also be mailed to the church.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

for members of the St. Paul's Family: Rachel Chaplain, Holton Eastman, Anne Eastman, Ben Green, Jack Gardner, Alicia Ragsdale, Sandy Brock, Patti Otten, Joe Ustach, William Moore Davis, Thomas "Bull" Bullock, Dyches Boddiford, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Magnolia S., Sarah Spillane, Allan Harding, Patty White and Helen O'Neal.

for friends: Linda Gerlock (friend, Barbara Bryan), Elinor King (friend, Barbara Bryan), Thomas Goodson (brother, Bill Goodson), Allison Merante (daughter, Dorothy Kirtley), Danny Owens (friend, 5 Loaves), Joey Smith, Randy Hondros (friend, Jim and Cindy Cash), Bob Long (friend, Wade Gardner), Becky Wilkerson (friend, William Moore Davis), Patty Fowler (friend, Harriet Lassiter), Brinn Louise Bitner (close friend of the Whitt family), Toni Phillips (daughter, Wade Gardner), Lorri Rowe (daughter, Bob Gallo), Patsy Salter (friend, Donna and Bob Ivey), Jeff Van Meter (nephew, Nancy Ustach), Jack (friend of Melina Glancy), Allison Davies Talbot (David's sister in law), Lee Worth (friend of Megan and Will Ziglar), Tammy Nash, Brent Brewer (friend,Kenneth and Ashley Henry), Althesina Krutulewski (friend,Joe Ustach), Wylie Sloan (grandson, Hamilton and Ann Sloan), Laura Waldon (niece, Annette Cruse), and Lorraine Chavez (mother, Phil Chavez).

To add your name or the name of a loved one to the prayer list, contact the St. Paul's Office at 728-3324 or email <u>church@stpaulsbeaufort.org</u>. Individuals will remain on the prayer list for thirty days. To keep the person on the list longer, simply contact the Office with that request at the end of the thirty days. The person to be listed must give permission for their name to be included in this public prayer request list. *Cover:* Dietrich, *Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard* (1752) *Public Domain.* [retrieved August 09, 2023]

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