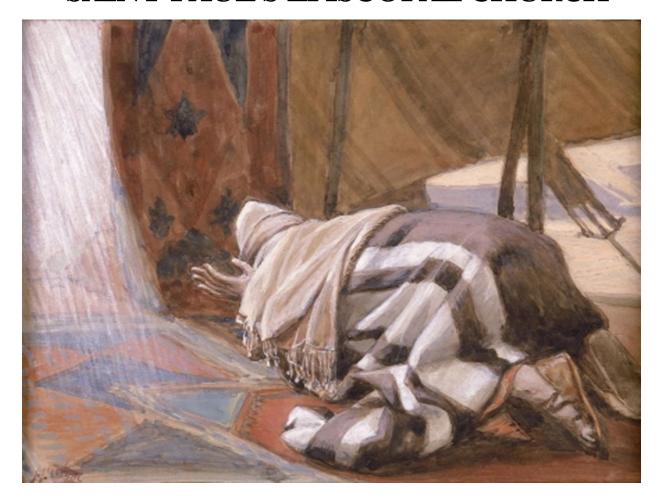
SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost August 7, 2022 10:30 AM

The Rt. Rev José McLoughlin Bishop of Western North Carolina

The Rev. Stephanie E. Parker Rector

Welcome to our Church

WELCOME

to

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We are delighted you are seeking God in this special place. We want you to know that wherever you are on the journey of faith, you are welcome to ask your questions here.

Services are available: Recent services are available on our website:

https://stpaulwilkesboro.org

Newsletters: Sign-up today to receive our electronic newsletter. Email the church office at

<u>office@stpaulwilkesboro.org</u> to have your name added. If you would like a printed copy of the newsletter mailed, please call the office.

We extend a special thanks today to all that have been so generous with their time and talents in making this service possible.

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The Gathering

Prelude

Chaconne in F Minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Welcome and Announcements

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #401, stanzas 1-3

The God of Abraham Praise



Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider Let us pray:

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.

Glory to You S 236





The Collect

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your

to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and

said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and

the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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The Response Psalm 33:12-22

Exultate, justi

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

The LORD looks down from heaven, * and beholds all the people in the world.

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.

He fashions all the hearts of them * and understands all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; * a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait upon his love,

To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.

Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, * as we have put our trust in you.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

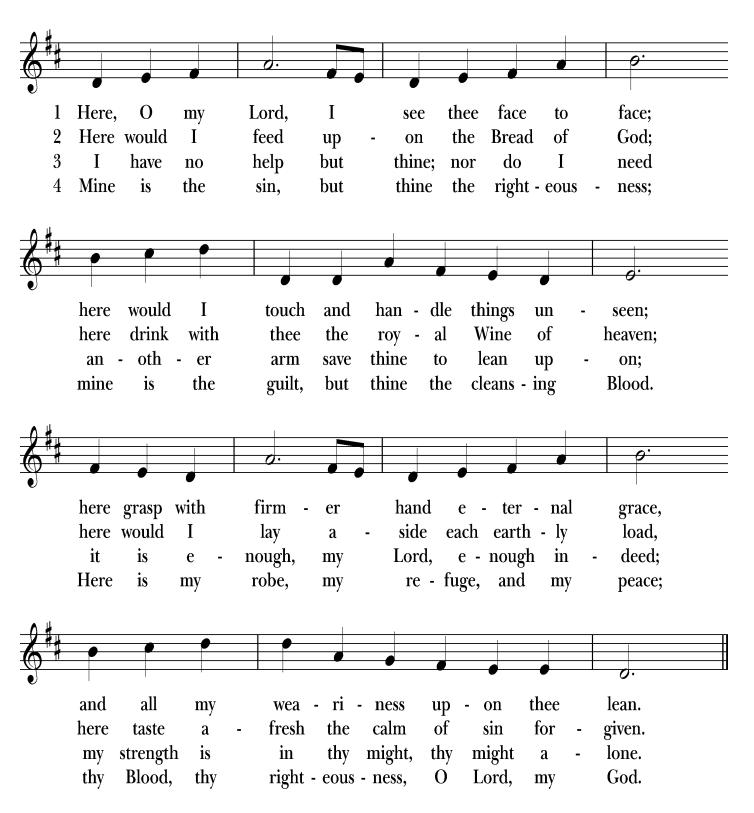
Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Please stand, as you are most comfortable

SEQUENCE HYMN #318

Here, O My Lord, I see Thee Face to Face



The Gospel Luke 12:32-40

Presider The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

All are seated

The Sermon

The Rev. Steve Sedgewick

The Nicene Creed—(Spoken)

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Prayers of the People

Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, we pray with one heart and mind to our God, saying:

Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the Earth.

We pray that the love that flows endlessly between the Father and the Son in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit may renew and deepen the lives of all who follow Jesus and draw the human family all together into your eternal dance;

Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the Earth.

We pray for the leaders of the Church, and for the leaders of nations, that we, with them, may discern the ways to overcome divisions and mistrust, that all may reflect your unity in every aspect of our common lives.

Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the Earth.

We pray that your Abundant Life, seen clearly in the life of Jesus, may endure and flourish as the Holy Spirit enlightens us to a greater understanding of you, ourselves, and all others with whom we share our planet.

Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the Earth.

We pray for our families, our communal life and our wider communities, that they may be places of communion and mutual support, which builds us up and strengthens us with your grace and truth.

Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the Earth.

We thank you for our natural world, which you so lovingly created and call us to redeem; help us be wise, careful, and loving caregivers of your creation.

Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the Earth.

In the power of your Spirit who joins our prayer to Christ's eternal intercession, we pray for the sick, the suffering, those who have died, and all who stand in need, especially (add your own intercessions silently or aloud). For healing for all the world we pray,

Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the earth.

In an endless outpouring of thanksgiving for your ceaseless joy, we give thanks for (add your own thanksgivings silently or aloud) that we may always rejoice in the power of your love.

Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the Earth.

Presider: Gracious God, with whom Jesus taught us to live intimately, by the inner workings of your Spirit, help us to embrace your grace and deepen our communion with you, give us courage to more and more be signs of your enduring love. This we pray through Christ, who lives and works with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love

and serve only your will. Amen.

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

*"The Peace" is a Christian tradition deriving its roots from Jesus himself who greeted people saying, "Peace be with you." "The Peace" may feel awkward if you are new or an introvert or trying not to be noticed. We take this portion of our worship seriously as we live in a deeply divided world full of violence. These actions in God's house model what we are called to do in the world.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory

Offertory Anthem

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord (from *Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Cast thy burden upon the Lord,

And he shall sustain thee.

He will never suffer the righteous to fall;

He is at thy right hand.

Thy mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heavens.

Let none be made ashamed, that wait upon Thee!

(Psalm 55:22)

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand, as able.

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP page 369

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord

People And of thine own have we given thee

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Remain standing for the Prayer of Consecration

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

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.

By your will they were created and have their being.

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.

Thank you for your mercy Lord when we fall short of your hope for the human family.

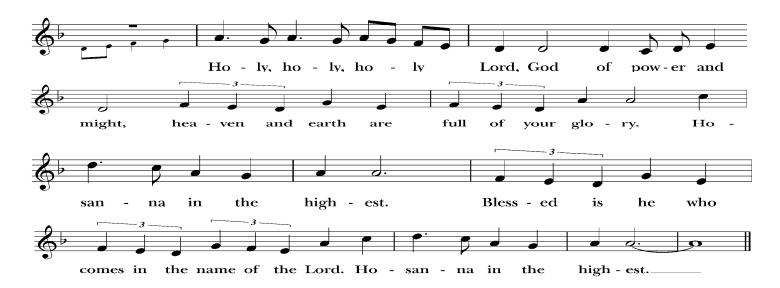
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his love, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

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:

Sanctus: S-129 Holy, Holy, Holy



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 all 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,

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

Lord, God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebekah and Leah; 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.

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.**

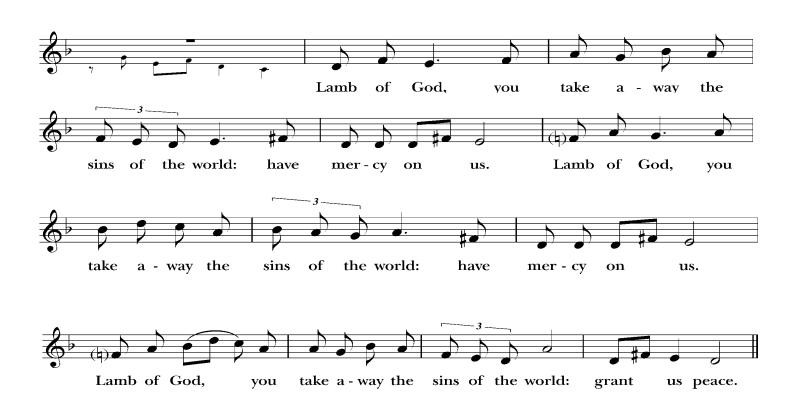
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Fraction

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S-163 Lamb of God



The Invitation to Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God...

This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you have little, you who have been here often and you have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, for it is the Lord who invites you.

You will now have three ways to receive communion:

In one kind--this means you receive only the bread or only the wine. Receive the bread by extending your hands, palm upward, when the presider comes to you and then leaving the rail or crossing your hands over your chest when the chalice comes to you.

To receive the wine only, cross your hands when the bread is presented and then drink from the chalice by gently assisting the chalice bearer by grasping the base of the chalice lightly to help guide it to your lips.

Intinction (having the bread dipped in the wine and placed in your hand) is only done by the presider from the intinction tray. To receive communion by intinction simply keep your hands down by your sides as we have been doing. Then raise them to take intincted bread between thumb and forefinger.

In two kinds--this is where you consume both the bread and the wine either by receiving the bread and then drinking from the chalice or by Intinction.

There is no intinction by multiple individuals from the chalice. Gluten free wafers available upon request.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Meditation on "Nyland"

Richard Cummins (b.1936)

Presider Let us pray,

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.

Please stand

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #637

How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord



Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit

Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers: All who are ill or unemployed and those who are on our prayer list.

Short-term

John Oliver, Bonita Stewart, Julian Family, Jackie Foster, Estelle Gille, Juanita Phillips, Rebecca Carroll, Sloan Barnhilll, Aletha Johnson

Long-term

Lisa Wingler, Dot Beamon, Esther Eller, David Temple, Ken Asel, Doug Merritt, Julius Parks & Family

Armed Forces

Let us pray for the safety of **all our troops**, especially Micha Duerk, Faith Lankford, Cole Griffith, Zach Necessary, Walker Pardue, Philip Southwell, Mark Stone, Jason Westmeyer, and all others who serve throughout the world.

Please send to the church office the addresses of troops with connections to office@stpaulwilkesboro.org, especially those abroad.

Prayer requests can be submitted through the prayer request form by scanning the QR code, or by contacting the office



The Assisting Bishop is Coming! August 28, 2022

Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation

Assisting Bishop, Jay Magness is coming for a visit on Sunday, August 28th. This is a wonderful opportunity for you and/or your family to receive Confirmation, Reception, or to Reaffirm your faith in an intentional way. These acts are reserved strictly for the Bishop and it is always a day of joy when we gather and celebrate these wonderful Rites.

On that day we will have our *One Service*, *One Body Celebration* and I hope that we will turn out in great numbers to show our hope and excitement for our future.

Please notify Becky at office@stpaulwilkesboro.org and sign up to participate!

This will be an amazing event for our community and an excellent way to share fellowship! For those interested please be prepared to stay after the 10:30 service on August 14th and 21st.

It will be a fun and informative experience even for those who will not be participating in any of the Rites.





August 9-Mike & Jean Adams

August 7-Tonya Bottomley

August 7-William Locke Griffith

August 10-Pam Curley

August 11-Anne Marie Reid

August 12-Jenny Nelson

August 12-Alyson Curley

August 12-Maggie Shupe





You are invited to participate in a Back to School "Fill the Backpack" school supply drive. Help a student get off to a successful start of school this year!

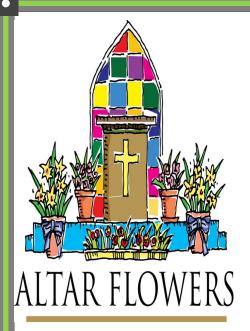
Pick up an empty backpack in the Commons. Each backpack will have a grade level and list of supplies attached- use the list to shop for school supplies.

Update <u>More backpacks have been placed in the</u>

commons.

Backpacks need to be returned (Please drop off at the Parish Office during normal business hours) by Sunday, August 21st and will be given to students in need at North Wilkesboro Elementary School.

If you have any questions, contact Rachel Minick (minickr@wilkes.k12.nc.us).



SIGN UP TODAY!

Sponsor our Sunday
Flowers to Honor Your
Special Memories and
Occasions!

Signup sheet and envelopes are in the commons.

Cost: \$40 for one vase and \$80 for two.

Sign up for one or both vases.

Standing order with City Florist, who will bill the church monthly. If you want something special for your two vases, call City Florist with your request. In that case, if you pay them

directly, let them know your flowers replace our order.

If you want to "do your own thing" sign up for both vases then let Kathie Smith know at least a week before your chosen Sunday, so that the standing order can be canceled.



Sign ups for altar flowers are posted in the commons, or use the QR code and sign up online!



Announcement! The deadline to order bricks has been extended to August 31, 2022!!

Help Support our Office Renovation through your Donation -orplace a BRICK in <u>Honor</u> or <u>Memory</u> of your Loved one(s).

- Bricks are \$150 each.
- Inscriptions can have 12-14 letters per line.
- Some letters like "A" take up more space.
- 4 lines/brick maximum, with 3 lines preferred for easier reading. The bricks will be similar to those around the Veteran's monument in front of the Heritage Museum.

(See example below)

- Donate online via the church app.
- Completed Forms and Payment must be received no later than July 31, 2022

Please note: if paying by check or online, please be sure to note on the memo area "Brick"



Serving Today

Altar Guild: Laurie Love, Ramona Curtis, Reba Whittington

Reader 8:30: Laurie Love

Reader 10:30: Denise Sturdivant

Acolytes: Jenny Nelson & Tom Carnes

Usher 8:30: Bill Harris

Usher 10:30 Ron Myers



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