

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 26, 2022

One Body — One Service

9:30 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:

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office@stpaulwilkesboro.org 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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do ask nonvaccinated
persons to wear their
masks**

The Gathering

Prelude

Arioso

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome and Announcements

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #655

Oh Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end:
2 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee,



be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

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

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord
God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____
_ for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____
3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, _____ seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

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hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of

depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,

you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

The Collect

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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

1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21

The LORD said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 16

Conserva me, Domine

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *

**I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."**

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; *
**in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Please stand, as you are most comfortable

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

All are seated

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephanie E. Parker

A time of silence following the sermon.

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 Jesus 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

Pilate's Dream (from *Jesus Christ Superstar*)

Andrew Lloyd Webber (b. 1948)

*I dreamed I met a Galilean,
A most amazing man.
He had that look you very rarely find,
The haunting, hunted kind.*

*I asked him to say what had happened,
How it all began?
I asked again, he never said a word,
As if he hadn't heard.*

*And next, the room was full of wild and angry men,
They seemed to hate this man.
They fell on him and then
They disappeared again.*

*Then there were thousands of millions
Crying for this man.
And then I heard them mentioning my name,
And leaving me the blame. –Tim Rice (1970)*

sung by Steve Reid, tenor

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.

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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 you glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus: Spoken
Holy, Holy, Holy

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest**

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

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia.

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 & 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

John Nineteen: Forty-One (from Jesus Christ Superstar)

Andrew Lloyd Webber

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 #525, (stanzas 1,2,3 and 5)

The Church's One Foundation

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude Offertorio

Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)

PRAYER LIST

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

Short-term

Kathie Smith, Estelle Gille, Deacon Susan Whittington, Juanita Phillips, Rebecca Carroll, Sloan Barnhill, Sharon Burkenbine, Aletha Johnson, Tamera Burkenbine,

Long-term

Joyce Wheeling, Dot Beamon, David Temple, Wes Martin, Ken Asel, Doug Merritt, Julius Parks & Family, Esther Eller,

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



**Help us
FILL THE
BACKPACKS**

*Back to
SCHOOL
SUPPLY DRIVE*
**JUNE 19–
AUGUST 21**



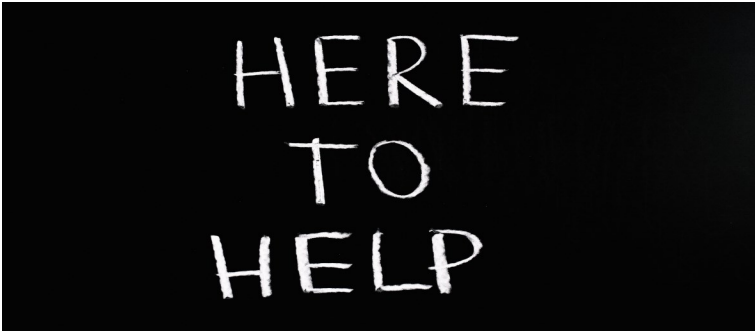
You are invited to participate in a Back to School “Fill the Backpack” school supply drive. Help a student get off to a successful start of school this year!

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.

Backpacks need to be returned 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).



Crisis Assistance Needs

We are serving hot meals in person to our neighbors once again and it feels so good to have this

ministry up and running. We never stopped providing meals throughout the pandemic but there is something special about sharing fellowship with our neighbors on Thursday’s. We would love to have some volunteers prepare meals for **September 1, 22 and 29**. If you think you can help provide a meal please let Ruth Harris know at 336.984.9690.

Clothing Ministry –We have a need for larger size Women’s clothes, baby and children’s clothes

With Great Appreciation,
Ruth Harris



June 26-Cynthia Hartley

June 27-David McNeill

June 29-Carol B. Canter

June 30-Steven Reid

July 2-Grace Nye

July 2-Alline Skees

July 2-Susan Hubbard



June 26-Ray & Ricki Barger

June 27-Bailey & Julie Koch

July 2 -Johnny & Kathi Johnson



Altar Flowers today are given by Glenn and Kathie Smith in Memory of their son, "Trey"

LGBTQ+ FAMILY DAY

**JULY 9TH
10 AM - 3 PM**

**CAMP HENRY
CANTON, NC**



A time to relax and have fun with your LGBTQ+ family. Open to anyone in the community who identifies as LGBTQ+ and their queer or ally family members.

Activities will be offered by Camp Henry staff. Lunch, activities, and lake access for boating and swimming are included in the price.

Registration Info @ camphenry.net

Hosted by The Episcopal Diocese of WNC & Camp Henry

COST

Adults	\$10
17 & Under	\$5
3 & Under	Free

Summer Sundays

One Body

One Service

9:30 AM

July 24, 2022

August 28, 2022

Help Support our Office Renovation through your Donation -or- place a BRICK in Honor or Memory 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 9:30: Denise Sturdivant

Acolytes: Keyonni Staley & Drew Mayberry

Usher 9:30 Jeff Beard



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



Outside our Walls

Come hear some beautiful patriotic music sung by choir members
throughout the county including members from St. Paul's choir.

Wilkes Chamber Singers

Sunday July 3, 2022

7:00 PM

Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall



St. Paul's Vestry

Doug Merritt
Ramona Curtis
Richard Searcy

Richard Barber
Beverly Cook
Gwen Temple

Carol Canter
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