

Mark Your Calendar

September 30th EFM 6:30 p.m.

October 5th Blessing of the Animals

October 22nd Celtic Service 6:30 p.m.

October 27th Book Club— "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt

November 2nd—All Saints Day



St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Exton
The Rev. Maxine Dornemann, Rector
Mary Davis, Rector's Warden
Lisa Hartman, Music Minister
Luther Detweiler, Treasurer ~ Greg LeBlanc, Auditor



September 28th, 2025

Sixteenth Season after Pentecost



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The Mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church,
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is to create many doors by which people are invited to enter the church and to exercise hospitality by welcoming all persons who seek a closer relationship with the sacred: those who have much faith and those who have little; those who have tried to live their faith and those who have struggled.



*Welcome! We are happy
with us. Please be sure
guest information card
if you have restless little
of the rocking chair and*

*to have you worship
to ask an usher for a
before you leave today.
ones, please make use
soft toys in the Narthex.*

HOLY EUCHARIST

- Pan frying: Heat oil in a large deep skillet to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Place tomatoes in hot oil in batches of 4 or 5, to prevent them from touching; fry until crisp and golden brown on one side, then flip and fry on other side.
 - Air Fryer: Follow instructions that come with your appliance.
5. Transfer fried tomatoes to a paper towel-lined plate to drain. Repeat with remaining tomatoes.



Blessing of the Animals

St. Paul's Episcopal Church invites you to join us for our annual Blessing of the Animals service. This beloved community event offers a chance to give thanks for our cherished pets and companions.

When: Sunday, October 5th, at 2 p.m.

What to bring: Please bring your furry, feathered, or scaly family members on a leash or in a carrier to ensure a safe and respectful experience for all. You are also welcome to bring a photograph of a beloved pet if they cannot attend.

Sign-up: To help us prepare for the event, please sign up using the QR Code.

~ St. Paul's Community Outreach ~

Community Garden & Chester County Food Bank

Our Community Garden Committee harvested 29 more pounds of organic vegetables and herbs in the past two weeks, elevating our total donation for this growing season to 575 lbs. of healthy and nutritious food. This is an important St. Paul's Outreach Program, because all donations to the Chester County Foodbank are used to help feed our Chester County neighbors who have food insecurity.

The cooler weather has allowed our fall plants to begin to grow. FYI for all garden bed renters, we will not be shutting off the water to the garden until the end of October to allow these fall plants to mature fully.

The cooler weather has also slowed our tomatoes from ripening. If you are looking for a way to use your green tomatoes, you may want to try the old-fashioned Southern recipe below.

Fried Green Tomatoes (4 servings)

Ingredients:

- 4 large green tomatoes
- 2 large eggs, ½ cup breadcrumbs
- ½ cup milk, 2 teaspoons coarse kosher salt
- 1 cup all-purpose flour, ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- ½ cup cornmeal, 1 quart vegetable oil for frying

Directions

1. Slice tomatoes 1/2-inch thick. Discard the ends.
2. Whisk eggs and milk together in a medium-sized bowl. Scoop flour onto a plate.
3. On another plate, mix cornmeal, breadcrumbs, salt, and pepper.
4. Dip tomatoes into flour to coat. Then, dip tomatoes into milk and egg mixture; dredge in breadcrumbs to completely coat and cook:



Rite I: 8:00 AM

Rite II: 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Prelude in D Major Op 23 Nr 4

PIANO

S. Rachmaninoff

ENTRANCE HYMN

HYMNAL 410

PRAISE MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God, Father and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

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 his inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord, **Amen**

GLORIA

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THE COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

~ Children's Chapel Dismissal ~

FIRST READING; A READING FROM Jeremiah 32:1 –3A, 6–15

In our Hebrew scripture lesson Jeremiah, confined in King Zedekiah's palace in Jerusalem for prophesying King Zedekiah's capture by the Chaldeans and the fall of Jerusalem, engages in a prophetic action. He purchases family land from his cousin and, as a public proceeding, Jeremiah gives his secretary Baruch the task of sealing and securing the deed. All of this is to indicate that, unlike the present time of calamity, the days will once more come when commerce and the buying and selling of property are possible. The state of siege will end.

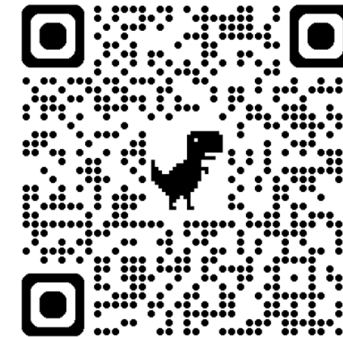
I The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver.

Stewardship Campaign:

You will be receiving more information this week about our stewardship campaign, which begins on October 5th. As part of the campaign, we will be meeting in small groups. You can use this QR code to sign up for a convenient time.



*We would be
would include our*

*grateful if you
stewardship*

prayer in your daily prayers:

Creator God, be present with us as we enter a new season of growth for St. Paul's. Give us the courage to ask, "God, what do You want to do through me at St. Paul's?" Fill us with your life-giving and purifying Spirit and recreate us and this space according to your Will. Enlighten our community and show us the way to honor, improve and enhance this sacred place in honor of You. Let St. Paul's Exton continue to be a beacon of Your love, grace, peace, hospitality and community for generations to come. In Your Name, we pray. **Amen.**

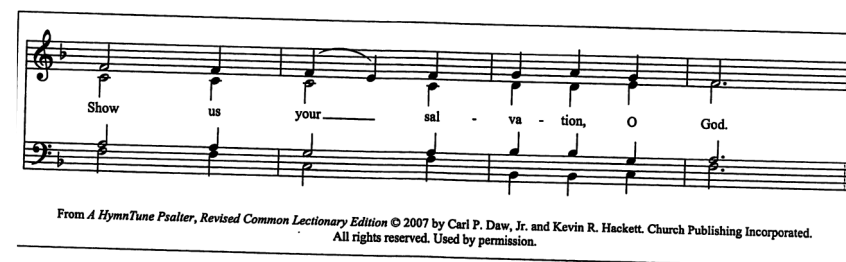


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Flower Guild	
Bread Baker	
Livestream	
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signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mah-seiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Give us ears to hear God's word.



Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

CANTOR Janet Grashof

Refrain

Show us your salvation, O God.

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions,

- and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *

SECOND READING: A READING from 1 Timothy 6: 6-19

In this lesson, Paul exhorts Timothy to be strong with virtues in the race of faith, waiting for the appearance of the Lord Jesus. He warns against the love of money and instructs the rich to be generous and to store up the treasure of true life. Timothy was one of Paul's trusted associates. Paul refers to his noble confession of faith and now charges Timothy, in the presence of God and of Jesus, who made his testimony before Pontius Pilate, to keep the commandment with purity. Jesus will appear at the time appointed by the great Ruler and Lord, the immortal God, whom no mortal can ever see.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

HYMNAL S161

COMMUNION

Everyone who is hungry for spiritual food is welcome to be fed at this altar.

COMMUNION HYMN

MEN'S ENSEMBLE

HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living 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 your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

HYMNAL 688

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

POSTLUDE

PIANO

Prelude in C# Minor Op 3 Nr 2

S RACHMANINOFF

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Father, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Give us ears to hear God's word. Amen.

Sequence Hymn

HYMNAL 574

BEFORE THY THRONE, O GOD, WE KNEEL

(VV 1-2 before Gospel, VV 3-4 after)

GOSPEL READING: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Maxine Dornemann

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our God is a parent to those who obey God's word and those who ignore it. With great humility and with great confidence, let us confide in God the hopes and needs, the pains and the challenges of the whole world, saying: Let us pray to the Lord: Lord hear our prayer.

You have called the members of the Church to live in a manner that bears witness to the obedience to God that they profess. Strengthen those in leadership that their actions might be consistent with God's will, especially our Presiding Bishop Sean, our Diocesan Bishop Daniel, all Priests and Deacons, and our Lay Ministers, especially those who guide the work of our Liturgical Commission. Be present to our companion Dioceses of Guatemala and Navajoland. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Inspire our leaders and all who hold authority in the world to do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but to serve humanity with humility and grace. Guide them to guide our cities, our states and our nation to be places where people know justice and work together toward that vision you had when you first created us. Let us pray to the Lord

Lord, hear our prayer

Kind and Gentle Lord, you uphold the disenfranchised, the weak and the vulnerable. Help us to trust in God's providence even when we become frustrated and lose hope. Help us to trust that you hold us in your strong hands as we pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness that no matter how hopeless things appear, you are committed to redeeming your creation and overcoming evil. Help us find solutions to the challenges in Ukraine, Gaza and Palestine. And as we often struggle with the challenges surrounding us, let us not forget the blessings and rays of hope surrounding us, especially the celebration of the anniversary of Sandi and Luther

you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death.
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, thee firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

MEN'S ENSEMBLE

WONDERFUL GRACE OF JESUS

DOXOLOGY

HYMNAL 380 (v. 3)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of 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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before

Detweiler's 55th wedding anniversary. The flowers on the altar are in celebration of this wonderful milestone. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Make our joy complete by bringing your healing love to all for whom we pray, especially those on our prayer list including Gary, Connor Munday, Laurie Grashof, Gayle, Debbie Markowitz, Billie, Kim Brown, Kathy Guilin, Cassie Bowers, Kate Travers, Kat Harting, Jennifer, Christian, Iris, Amy, Mark Emmons, and Dawn Lowe, sister of Beth Chamberlain. I invite your own petitions at this time, either silently or aloud. Let us pray to the Lord, especially we pray for those who have followed our savior Jesus through death into exaltation and now feast at your heavenly banquet. Today, we remember especially Bill Pollock, for whom the gates of larger life have opened. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

God, you are a God of mercy, a God who does not deal with us according to our sins nor make your love contingent on our good behavior but loves us where we are. You have bestowed on us many blessings. Help us to remember those who have not been so generously blessed that no chasm separates us. Be merciful to your people everywhere and hear our prayers for those who are in need. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

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

In the name of our crucified and risen Lord; The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

