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ST. PAUL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2023 FALL PROGRAM CALENDAR
A Note From Our Rector

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People      And also with you.

This ancient salutation serves as our traditional invitation to prayer. It dates back to the early church and reminds us that our worship is reciprocal – a call and response. It is also a reminder that the Lord, God, Spirit, Christ, Jesus, the presence of God is with you. It is within you, and it surrounds you.

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church is also here with you as you walk your spiritual journey. The guiding theme of our 2023 - 2024 program year is “Being With.” It takes its name from one of our small group offerings that we will offer in November/December. Beyond that, though, the words “Being With” remind us of Jesus’s promise to be with us. Remember? Jesus said, “And I will be with you always, even unto the ages of ages” (Matthew 28:20). As the Body of Christ, your church community is called to be with you as you learn, serve, and discover. And, as you know, our ways of being with each other come in all shapes, sizes, and expressions, which is why we’ve tried to create a variety of offerings.

In addition to being with our St. Paul’s community through the regular rhythms of Sunday worship and fellowship, I hope you’ll also find ways to be with your community as we come together in learning and service. Your vestry, ministry committees, staff, and clergy have worked throughout the summer to develop programming that calls us together as the Body of Christ, a community that reminds those far and wide that the presence of the awakened and risen Christ.
Thanks to all of those who have worked so faithfully to develop the offerings contained in this document. It is the result of many thoughtful and prayerful conversations.

Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation in the church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3.20-21)

The Rev. Dr. Charles T. Dupree  RECTOR

program year
KICKOFF DATES

Homecoming Sunday
Sunday, September 10 @ 11am
A kick off of the new program year!

Sunday School & Rector’s Bible Study Kickoff
Sunday, September 17 @ 9am

Ministry Fair
Sunday, September 17 @ 11:15 am (Following Worship)
Learn more about the unique programming that nourishes our community and get involved in St. Paul’s vibrant ministries.
Nursery (0 - 5 years old)
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Room 111
Our well-equipped Nursery is staffed by two nurturing and experienced adults. Our Worship Service can be heard from the Nursery.

Children's Sunday School
(3 years old - 5th Grade)
9 am | Room 113
Bible Stories will be presented through Godly Play, which invites children to imagine, explore, and wonder about who God is and how God works in our lives.

Youth Formation
(6th - 12th Grade)
9 - 9:45 am | Room 110

Choir Warm-Up
9 am | Choir Room and Church

Rector’s Bible Study
9 - 9:45 am
Norwood Room

Sunday Morning Worship
10 - 11:15 am
Includes Holy Eucharist and Children’s Chapel

Sunday Social Hour in the Gathering Area
Sundays following Worship
savory and sweet snacks available in addition to coffee, tea, and water.

St. Paul’s History Tours
Sundays following Worship in the Sanctuary.
**Office and Church Open**  
Mondays - Thursdays | 9 am - 4 pm  
Fridays | 9 am - 12 pm

**Comforting Stitches**  
Mondays | 2 pm - 4 pm  
Family Room  
Create hand-crafted items with a small group dedicated to building fellowship and sharing the love of Christ.

**Clergy Meeting**  
Tuesdays | 9:15 - 10 am  
Palmore Room

**Facilities Meeting**  
Tuesdays | 11 am - 12 pm  
Atrium

**Evening Prayer**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
6 - 6:30 pm | Facebook Live

**Emmaus**  
Thursdays | 8:30 am - 2:00 pm  
A weekly meal ministry that has provided lunch to more than 150 guests every Thursday for over twenty-five years.

**All Staff Meeting**  
Tuesdays | 10 - 11 am  
Palmore Room

**Choir Rehearsal**  
Thursdays | 7 - 9 pm  
Choir Room

**AA Meetings**  
Thursdays | 12 - 1 pm  
Undercroft
Faith and Action

The Community Engagement Faith and Action series will provide a monthly symposium to educate our congregation on the role of Christian witness and advocacy in the public square regarding the most urgent social justice issues including Trans Inclusion, Reparations, Affordable Housing, Gun Violence, and Criminal Justice Reform.

September 24 | Trans Youth
October 22 | The Church and Racial Reparations
November 19 | Affordable Housing
December 17 | Reducing Gun Violence

Special Events Following Sunday Worship

- Sunday, October 15: Congregational Town Hall - Congregational gathering to discuss St. Paul’s Budget as an authentic expression of Christ’s love in the heart of Richmond.
- Sunday, October 29: Newcomer Gathering - St. Paul’s newest members meet with clergy and lay leaders to connect with current offerings.
- Sunday, December 3: Advent Fair - A joyous celebration of the beginning of Advent, including crafts, service projects, holiday snacks and festive music.
Small Group Opportunities
“Being With”

Being With is a small group course developed by St. Martin in the Fields, based on sharing stories and hearing the stories of others. The course helps participants connect their own life experiences with the Christian story, inviting them to be more attentive to the ways that God has and continues to work in their lives, in good times and difficult ones.

October - December | Mondays | 5:30 - 7 pm | @ St. Paul’s
Wednesdays | 10:30 am - 12 pm | @ Westminster Canterbury (open to all)

Community Engagement Devotion Group

Please join Rev. Charlie and Rev. Gwynn this fall through the spiritual practice of racial healing. We will examine our hearts and histories as we strive to faithfully follow Jesus’ way of love as repairers of the breach in Richmond and beyond. Our focal text will be *The Night Is Long But Light Comes in the Morning: Meditations for Racial Healing* by Dr. Catherine Meeks.

Wednesdays | September 27 - November 1 | 6 - 7:15 pm | Online

St. Paul’s Choir

Have you ever enjoyed the experience of singing with a choir? If so, you are invited to join us as we prepare and offer sacred choral treasures that have come to us throughout history and are still being composed. St. Paul’s incredible choir sings every Sunday at our 10 am service. In addition to offering anthems, the choir leads the congregation in singing during our dynamic worship services that incorporate older and current liturgical expressions while being grounded in Episcopal tradition. Rehearsals are every Thursday 7 - 9pm. The choir also leads Choral Evensong services, Lessons and Carols, and other activities vital to the life of our church.
Second Sunday Family Worship
Join St. Paul’s families and clergy for a late afternoon worship service geared towards our children and families. Drawing from the Book of Common Prayer, this will be a casual and engaging intergenerational service with communion. Children and families are participants in all aspects of the service. Everyone is welcome. Following the service will be the option to participate in the Second Sunday Supper.
Second Sundays | 4 - 4:45 pm | Norwood Room

Second Sunday Suppers
The church provides a main entree, and parishioners sign up to bring a side, salad, or dessert. Show off your favorite recipe or bring something simple to share at this informal intergenerational supper. Whether you come to the worship service or not, it’s a great way to see old friends and make new ones.
Second Sundays | 5 - 6:30 pm | Parish Hall

Pride Eucharist and Festival
This year, the Episcopal Churches of the Central Richmond Regions will gather for a festive Eucharist to launch Pride weekend in Richmond. We’ll also gather under one tent at the Pride Festival on Brown’s Island to extend an affirming welcome to the LGBTQIA+ community.
Thursday, September 21 | 6 pm & Saturday, September 23 | Brown’s Island
Blessing of the Animals
On Sunday, October 1st at 4 pm, we will hold a simple service of the Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis’ Feast day at Capitol Square near the Bell Tower. Please bring your well-behaved pets and a lawn chair/blanket for this intergenerational, interspecies service to give thanks to God our Creator, bless God’s creatures, and pray for healing of God’s good creation.

Reconciliation Weekend
A weekend of contemplative events and services to expand justice and peace among all people, fostering God’s Beloved Community. Beginning Saturday, October 21st: Walking with the Enslaved: The Church’s Role in Slavery and a racial healing creative writing workshop with The Warmth, a collective of young black writers, artists, and thinkers. Reconciliation Sunday, October 22nd: a liturgy of healing, featuring a guest preacher. Followed by by a special forum on the Church and racial reparations and choral evensong devoted to social justice in the afternoon.

Winter Worship Wednesdays
Join the St. Paul’s community during the Winter/Advent season for worship, conversation, and a simple soup supper. These services are intended to be quiet and reflective in nature, providing space to slow down during a busy season. Following each service, we will gather for a warm meal and warm conversation.
November 29, December 6, December 13, December 20 | 6pm
**ministries**

**Family Worship Space**
We believe children are an essential part of our Christian community; St Paul’s has created a dedicated Families space within the sanctuary to ensure they are included as full participants in the Worship Service. We welcome families with young children to a soft area near the front of the Church. This is a soft space with rugs, pillows and quiet activities. In the Narthex, there are Worship bags with activities for older children as well as books.

**Sunday School**
All children from age three through 5th grade are invited to attend Sunday School during the school year. We meet at 9 am in Room 113. Bible Stories will be presented through Godly Play, which invites children to imagine, explore, and wonder about who God is and how God works in our lives. To learn more about Godly Play, visit www.godlyplay.org.

**Gospel Procession**
Following the Epistle reading, during our 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, all are invited to join our Gospel Procession, especially children. Gather at the Chancel steps or join as the procession moves through the church during the
hymn. Following the Gospel reading, children may leave to attend Children’s Chapel. Children have an opportunity to hear and experience scripture in developmentally appropriate ways by engaging in songs, prayers, brief meditation and storytelling of the day’s Gospel and/or New and Old Testament readings. Children return during the Peace and to participate in Communion.

**Christmas Pageant**
Each Christmas Eve during the 4 pm service, all are invited to participate in the Family Christmas Eve Pageant. This annual tradition is a heartwarming narration of the Birth of Christ. There is always room for angels, sheep and shepherds. Grab a costume and join us!

**Easter Egg Hunt**
Easter Sunday, following our festive worship service, all are invited to participate in our Egg Hunt on the grounds of Capitol Square. There are always plenty of eggs and fun. A great way to catch up with parishioners of all ages. Bring a friend!
All youth grades 6-12 are encouraged to join St. Paul’s Youth Ministry. All are welcome, no matter where you are in your spiritual journey. Our goal is to provide a loving and affirming community and engage youth as active members of the church through education, fellowship, and service. Religious Formation for all youth grades 6-12 meets at 9 am on Sunday mornings. High school students meet at 11:30 am on the third Sunday of each month. Please reach out to Bo Cresswell, our Youth Ministry Coordinator, to introduce yourself and get involved!

**OFFERINGS FOR CHILDREN**

**Children’s Art (3 yr. - 5th Grade)**
Age appropriate art and craft activities
Monthly | 9 - 9:50 am

**Children’s Music (3 yr. - 5th Grade)**
Age appropriate musical experiences are presented, including bells, and songs.
Monthly | 9 - 9:50 am

**Youth Group (9th-12th Grade)**
Third Sunday of the Month
11:30 am - 12:30 pm

**Family Worship Service**
Second Sundays | 4 - 4:45 pm
Norwood Room

**Family Gathering**
Fun and fellowship among families of children and youth, including Movie Nights, Game Nights, and “special guests”.
Every Other Month | In person or Zoom
EN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Canti
St. Paul’s is proud to offer our children and youth the opportunity to receive an uplifting choral education in the context of Christian community. Our young singers will joyfully learn about worship, liturgy and the Christian faith while honing their vocal skills, and enhancing their understanding of music theory and sight-singing. Beginning September 24, Crystal Jonkman will lead rehearsals following Sunday worship, from 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM. Canti typically sings during worship four times throughout the program year, including the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve service. Younger children will be considered based on skills and involvement with other music instruction (eg. were already in Canti, piano lessons, Kindermusik, etc.).

Prayer Partners
Matching a child/youth with an adult, to build faith mentor relationships.
Sundays I September 24 @ 9 am, January 21 @ 9 am, April 28 @ 11:30 am
Norwood Room
Racial Healing & Justice Team
First Tuesdays
5 - 6:30 pm
Palmore Room

Environmental Stewardship Team
First Wednesdays
12:30 - 1:30 pm
Palmore Room

Faith at Work
Second Wednesdays
12:30 - 1:30 pm
Palmore Room

Community Engagement Steering Committee
Third Wednesdays
5 - 7 pm
Palmore Room

Vestry Meetings
Third Sunday of the Month
Following Worship

Second Sunday Wear Orange for Gun Safety and Awareness
On Second Sundays we wear orange to raise awareness of gun violence in our community, and lift up local victims in our liturgy.

Sunday Suppers
Second Sundays
5 - 6:30 pm | Parish Hall

Faith & Action Forum
Monthly | Sundays
11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Youngish Adult Gatherings
Every Other Month
Fellowship opportunities for those in their 20s, 30s, and 40s to connect with others in our community.

Serve Dinner at Liberation Veteran Services
Fourth Sunday Evenings
Multigenerational teams serve meals to local homeless veterans.

Women of a Certain Age
Fourth Wednesdays Evenings
A monthly gathering for supper and fellowship.

St. P’s at WC
Third Tuesday
Every Other Month
Westminster Canterbury
A gathering of St. Paul parishioners who live at Westminster Canterbury Richmond, a senior living community.

Participants join in fellowship, conversation, and updates on church activities.
seasonal OFFERINGS

Evensong
Occasional Sundays @ 4 pm

Newcomers Gathering
Sunday, October 29th
Sunday, April 21st
Parish Hall following Worship

10-week Sacred Ground Circle
Wednesdays | January 10 - March 20
5:30 - 7:30 pm (in-person)
Sacred Ground is a discussion series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America’s history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.

Grief Group
Spring Offering (TBD)

Dismantling Racism: Youth Edition
Sundays | February 11- March 24
A Lenten series developed utilizing resources from the Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing. Creates a space for our youth to address systemic inequalities and expand racial justice.

2024 Lenten Speakers & Lunch Series
Wednesdays in Lent
February 21 & 28 | March 6, 13 & 20
Speakers lead discussion on a timely topic, followed by lunch in Parish Hall.

Holy Week
March 24 – March 31, 2024

Annual Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont
May 3 - 5, 2024

St. Paul’s Sunday
Sunday, January 28

Men’s Softball Team
Spring 2024

Annual Parish Meeting & Vestry Election
Sunday, February 4
Following Worship

Shrine Mont Summer Camps
Summer 2024
Scholarships Available

Women’s Retreat
Next retreat in 2025
Calendar

OF EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Monday, September 4
Labor Day
Offices Closed

Thursday, September 7
7pm | Choir Rehearsal Resumes
Friday, September 8
9 am - 2 pm | Environmental Stewardship Hike at Lacy Auto Parks
6 - 7:30 pm | Peace with the Earth Potluck | Join families with young children from First Mennonite Church, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church and others to share a potluck meal, learn about Peace Camp and tour Shalom Farms including a scavenger hunt.

Sunday, September 10
Homecoming Sunday & Second Sunday
10 am | Commissioning of Annual Giving Campaign Team & Choir during Sunday Morning Worship Resumes
4 pm | Family Worship Service
5 pm | Second Sunday Kickoff Cookout

Sunday, September 17
Sunday School kickoff & Ministry Fair
8:30 - 8:50 am | Continental Breakfast in the Atrium
9 am | Formation Kick-off (Children, Youth Formation and Rector’s Bible Study) & Choir Warm-Up
11:15 am | Ministry Fair in the Parish Hall. Reception hosted by the Parish Life Committee

Thursday, September 21
6 pm | Pride Eucharist at St. Paul’s in partnership with area Episcopal Churches. Childcare will be provided.

Saturday, September 23
12 - 6 pm | Richmond Pridefest at Brown’s Island. The Episcopal Churches of Central Richmond will come together under the same tent to extend an affirming welcome to the LGBTQ+ community.

Sunday, September 24
11:30 am | Faith & Action Forum: Trans Youth
11:30 am | Canti Rehearsal Resumes

Wednesday, September 27
6 pm | Community Engagement Devotion Group on The Night Is Long But Light Comes in the Morning by Dr. Catherine Meeks Begins
**Sunday, October 1**

10 am | Liturgy focused on Creation Care | World Communion Sunday | Annual Giving Campaign Kickoff

4 pm | Blessing of the Animals Service at the Capitol Grounds

**Saturday, October 7**

**Youngish Adult Event**

3:30 - 5:30 pm | Oystoberfest at St. Thomas’ Episcopal

**Sunday, October 8**

**Second Sunday**

No Children or Youth Formation

4 pm | Family Worship Service

5 pm | Second Sunday Supper

**Monday, October 9**

10 am | Pocahontas Project Indigenous Peoples’ Day Event at the Mantle on Capitol Square with Bell Tolling

**Saturday, October 14**

9 am - 2 pm | Environmental Stewardship Hike at Pocahontas State Park

**Sunday, October 15**

11:30 am | Congregational Town Hall - Budget Presented

**Saturday, October 21**

**Reconciliation Weekend**

9 am - 2 pm | Walking with the Enslaved: The Church’s Role in Slavery

9 am - 2 pm | The Warmth Writing Workshop

**Sunday, October 22**

**Reconciliation Weekend**

10 am | Reconciliation Sunday Worship with guest preacher & Litany of Reconciliation

11:30 am | Faith & Action Forum: The Church and Racial Reparations

4 pm | Choral Evensong

6 pm | Youth @ Liberation Veterans Services
**Friday, October 27 - Saturday, October 28**
**John Philip Newell - Earth and Soul, A Collaborative**

**Friday Evening (October 27) | 7 - 9 pm | ‘A Dappling Light’ |** An evening with the Celtic teacher John Philip Newell in which he shares his own spiritual journey in relation to the great search for beginnings today | St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church

**Saturday Morning (October 28) | 9 am - 12 pm (8:30 am arrival and registration) | ‘Sacred Earth Sacred Soul’ |** A morning of teaching and spiritual practice with John Philip Newell and his colleague Cami Twilling, exploring the main themes of his award-winning book Sacred Earth Sacred Soul: Celtic Wisdom for Reawakening to What Our Souls Know and Healing the World | St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

**Saturday Evening (October 28) | 6:30 - 8:30 pm | ‘Hebridean Treasure: Lost and Found’ |** A screening of the film version of this live stage performance with a time for reflection and conversation to follow | First Presbyterian Church

**Sunday, October 29**
11:30 a.m. | Newcomers Gathering in Parish Hall following Worship
Wednesday, November 1
7 pm | Three Choirs Festival held at St. Stephen’s

Saturday, November 4
Family Fun Night | Time TBD

Sunday, November 5
All Saints Sunday
10 am | Close of Annual Giving Campaign | Baptisms | Daylight Savings Time | New Kneelers
Presented by the St. Petca’s Guild

Saturday, November 11
9 am - 5 pm | Environmental Stewardship Hike to Savage Neck Dunes

Sunday, November 12
Second Sunday
4 pm | Family Worship Service
5 pm | Second Sunday Supper

Sunday, November 15
6 - 8 pm | Youngish Adult Friendsgiving

Sunday, November 19
11:30 am | Faith & Action: Affordable Housing

Thursday, November 23
Thanksgiving
Offices Closed

Friday, November 24
Day after Thanksgiving
Offices Closed

Sunday, November 26
Christ the King Sunday
No Children or Youth Formation
10 am | Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, November 29
6 pm | Winter Worship Wednesday
Saturday, December 2
10 am | Advent Prayer Walk (Capitol Square)

Sunday, December 3
Advent I
11:30 am | Advent Fair
4 pm | Advent Lessons and Carols

Wednesday, December 6
6 pm | Winter Worship Wednesday

Sunday, December 10
Advent II | Second Sunday
4 pm | Family Worship Service
5 pm | Second Sunday Supper

Wednesday, December 13
6 pm | Winter Worship Wednesday

Thursday, December 14
6 - 8 pm | Youngish Adult Christmas Party

Sunday, December 17
Advent III
11:30 am | Faith & Action: Reducing Gun Violence
4 pm | Richmond Allied Voices Holiday Concert

Wednesday, December 20
6 pm | Liturgy of the Longest Night (Blue Christmas) | Winter Worship Wednesday

Sunday, December 24
Advent IV | Christmas Eve
No Children or Youth Formation
10 am | Advent IV and Holy Eucharist
4 pm | Christmas Eve Pageant
7 pm | Holy Eucharist
10 pm | Holy Eucharist

Monday, December 25
Christmas Day
10:00 am | Holy Eucharist

Monday, December 25 - Friday, December 29
Church Offices Closed

Sunday, December 31
No Children or Youth Formation
Want to Get Involved?

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Michele Tisdol / Nursery Coordinator

Clergy

The Rev. Dr. Charles T. Dupree / Rector
The Rev. Gwynn Crichton / Associate Rector for Pastoral Care
And Community Engagement
The Rev. Rainey Dankel / Associate Rector for Parish Life
The Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper / Associate for Adult Faith Formation
And Newcomer Ministries
The Rev. Andie Rohrs / Assistant for Pastoral Care
Vestry

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Chris West / Class Of 2024
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Randy Blankenship / Class Of 2025
Brian Carr / Class Of 2025 / Junior Warden
Tom Smith / Class Of 2025
Maria Everett / Class Of 2026
Marshall Martin / Class Of 2026
Kristi Mullins / Class Of 2026
Amelia Paulie / Class Of 2026
Ways to Connect With Us

Worship With Us
Sundays @ 10 am

Connect With Us Online
Visit our website: www.stpaulsrva.org
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