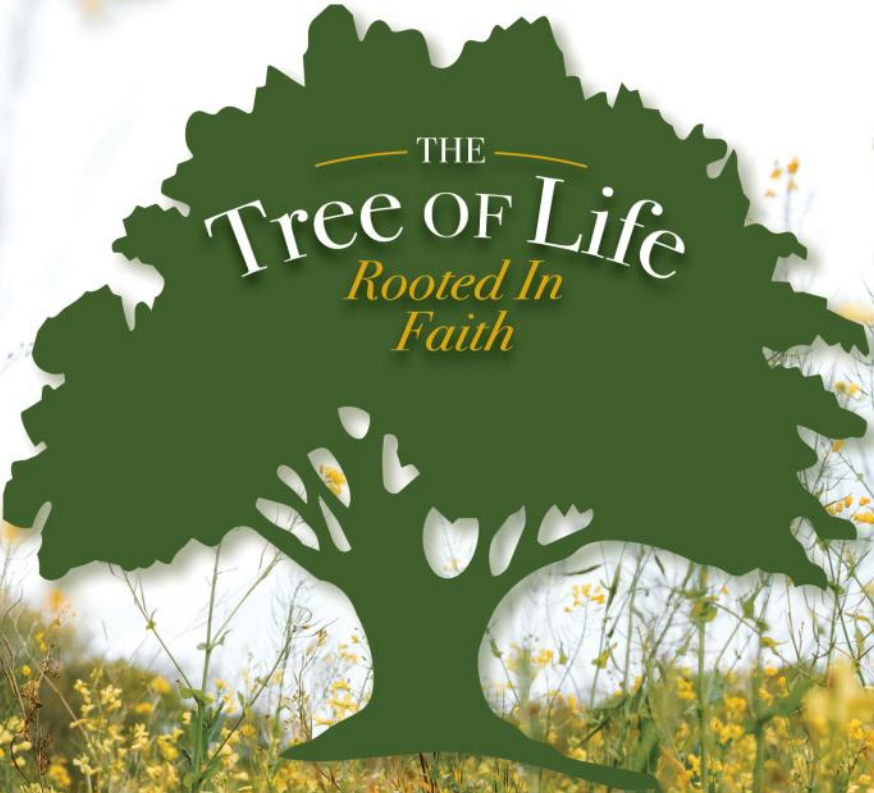




SAINT PAUL'S



THE
Tree of Life
*Rooted In
Faith*

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 11, 2026, 9:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your cell phone.

We ask your prayers for: Dave, Sophie, Dar, Nancy, Steve, Bob, Payson, Sophia, Kim, Anne, Chuck, Eric, Katherine, Larry, Bryan, Greg and family, Natalie, Bill, Jennifer, Evan, Yimaira, Connie, Jamie, Otto, Jim, Beth, Joern, Valerie, Helen, Sherrie, and Candace.

And for those serving in the Armed Forces and Diplomatic Corps of our Country: David Craddock, John Sampson, Brett Griffin, Zachary Falter, and Isabel Steen Falter.

And for those having Birthdays (please see the weekly email).

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer—The Anglican Church of Burundi.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer—St. Thomas, Terrace Park; and St. Francis, Springboro.

The Altar Arrangements are given to the Glory of God.

SERVING TODAY - 10/11/26 - 9:00AM		SERVING NEXT SUN. - 10/18/26 - 9:00AM	
Altar Guild	Diane Labrie Ada Hawrylak	Altar Guild	Cheryl Strine Mary Anna Conley
Reader	Mike Miller Laura Walters	Reader	Teena Baldrige Diana Uhlmann
Ushers	Charlie Campbell Micky Neben	Ushers	Margaret Sampson Diane Labrie
Crucifer/ Chalice	Bob Neben	Crucifer/ Chalice	Kathleen Walters
Book	Shea Sampson	Book	Teena Baldrige

Welcome to Stewardship Sunday! After this morning's service, we invite you to visit the Cloister and explore our **Ministry Mall**. Representatives from more than fifteen St. Paul's ministries will be there to welcome you, share what they do, and help you discover where your own gifts might make a difference. Stewardship is about more than pledging. It is also about generously sharing our **time, talents, and gifts**. Stroll through the Ministry Mall, start a conversation, and discover a new way to serve God, St. Paul's, and our community.

Living our faith means putting it into action.

Next, join us in the Parish Hall for our annual **Stewardship Brunch**, complete with breakfast casseroles and other brunch favorites. **Pastor Tim Forbess**, C.E.O. of G.F. Bailey Development Corp., will speak about his work connecting faith with community needs. Learn about the steps ahead as we prepare to form a Search Committee for our next rector. Pledge Packets will be distributed and mailed to everyone who was unable to attend.

Whether or not you signed up to bring food, your presence is a gift. Come worship, connect, celebrate, and share in the life of St. Paul's — **we want you with us!**

All Hymns are in the Blue 1982 Hymnal or Lift Every Voice & Sing (referred to as LEVAS).

PRELUDE: Dialogue en trio du Cornet et de la Tierce

François Couperin

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL: HYMN #7, Christ, whose glory fills the skies

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Celebrant
People

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA, HYMNAL #S277

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: EXODUS 32:1-14

A Reading from Exodus

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to

Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE: PSALM 106:1-6, 19-23 (*read responsively*)

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

**2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?**

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

**4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;**

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

**6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

**20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**

21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

**22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.**

23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

A Reading from Philippians

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

All stand as they are able.

GOSPEL PROCESSION: HYMN #321 (vs. 1 & 2), My God, thy table now is spread

Rockingham

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:1-14

Celebrant
People

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Celebrant
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

THE REV. JEAN VARGO

All stand as they are able.

THE 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 - From the book *"Hear Our Prayer"*

After each petition the people respond with *"Hear Our Prayer"*.

All stand or kneel as able.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

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.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives: to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in an upright heart before thee now and evermore, Amen.

All stand if able.

HYMN #43, vs. 4

The Eighth Tune

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS, HYMNAL #S129

**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.**

All kneel if able.

The Celebrant continues

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 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,

Celebrant and People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

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 St. Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER, BCP, p.#364

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD, BCP, p. #364

FRACTION ANTHEM, #S154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance
that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with
thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN: #645 (vs. 1-3), The King of love my shepherd is *St. Columba*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL: HYMN #556 (vs. 1-3), Rejoice, ye pure in heart

Marion

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Psalm 19

Marcello

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book Lovers this Tuesday, October 13 at 1:00pm in the Library. We will discuss *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. It's about Hedy Lamarr who was a screen star and a scientist/inventor. Everyone is welcome whether you have read the book or not. Come join us!

Next month, Nov. 10th, we'll discuss *The River of Doubt* by Candice Millard about Theodore Roosevelt's harrowing exploration of the uncharted Amazonian river.

Let's grow our book club and increase our friendships!

Movie Night – Thursday, October 22 - FIELD OF DREAMS (1989) starring Kevin Costner, James Earl Jones, Ray Liotta, Amy Madigan and Timothy Busfield was the winner of numerous awards. The iconic quote, "If you build it, they will come" . . . Sounds like a parable? Join us for dinner at 6:00, movie at 6:30 and popcorn throughout.

Sunday, November 15 there will be a joint service at 10:00am at St. Paul's to celebrate Rev. Jean's 45th Ordination Anniversary, and staff appreciation for St. Mark's and St. Paul's.

Join us for Bible Listening (*no session this morning due to the Stewardship event*)

Sundays at 10:20 a.m. in the Parish Library (note earlier time beginning next week, October 18)

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

(<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84552326439?pwd=05TCyW32UkAdnVdVr1B5LREnmguTr3.1>)

Bible Listening focuses on listening to the voice of God. It is a time to share, and to move from hearing the word of God to acting on it. The scripture from the Sunday lectionary will be utilized. If you'd like to learn more, please contact Jeff Baldrige or Rev. Jean.

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WELCOME!

We're glad you're here today! Your presence with us is a blessing. We invite you to participate in worship, say the prayers, sing the songs, and introduce yourself. You'll find a visitor card in the pew back in front of you. We're so excited to meet you.

WORSHIP TIMES

9:00 am - Worship Service with Hymns

Office hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday – Thursday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Friday

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Class of 2027 - Cheryl Strine, *liaison to Parish Life*

Class of 2028 - Jill Davis, *liaison to Communications and Properties*

Class of 2029 - Cathy Fain, *liaison to Outreach*, Diane Labrie, *liaison to Worship*

Senior Warden (*term expires 2027*)- Chris Brandt

Junior Warden (*term expires 2027*) - Steve Ireland

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