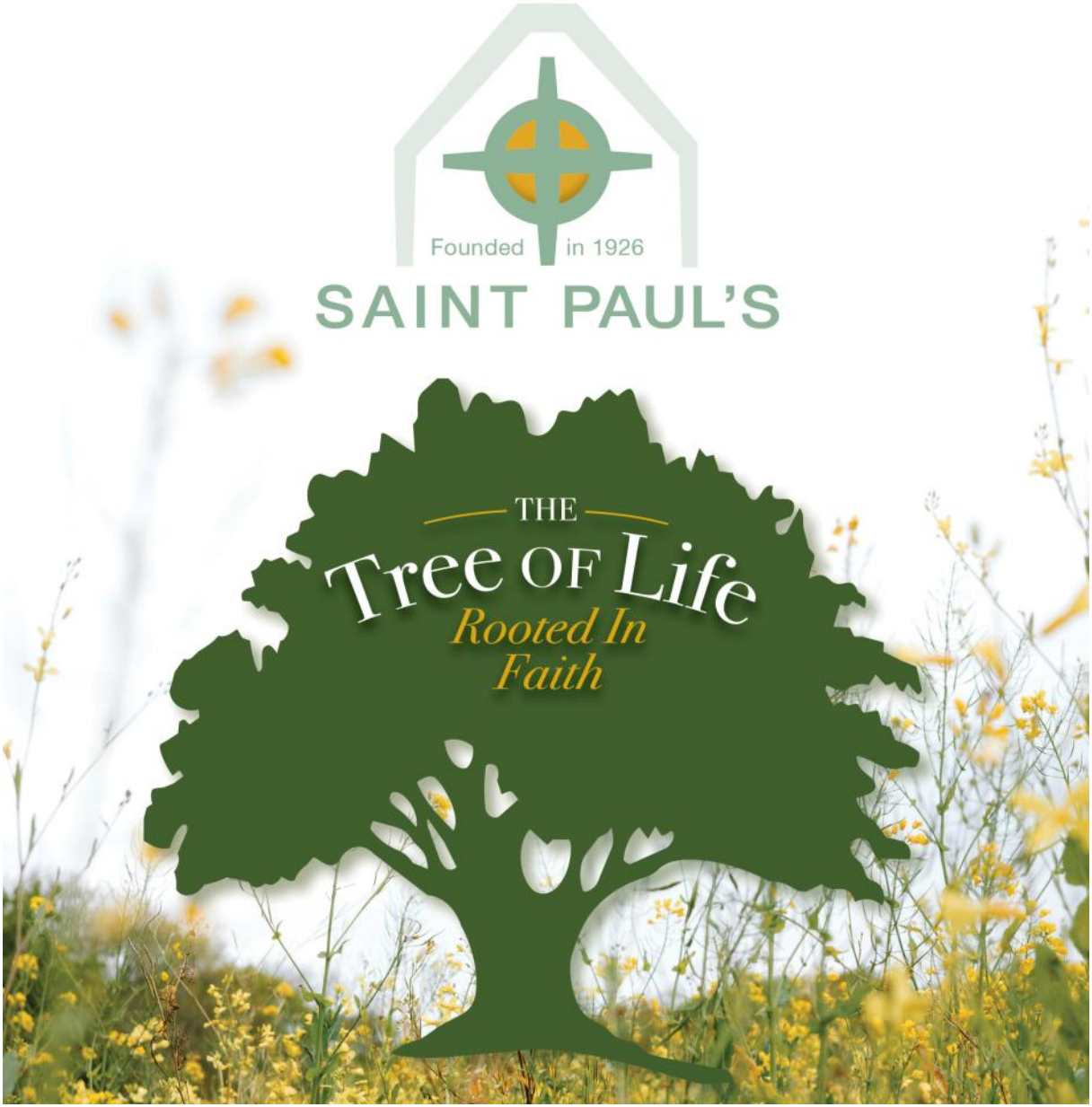


The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026, 9:00 am

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

We ask your prayers for: Josh, Jason, Kate, Stan, 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 Canada.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer—Church of St. Edward, Whitehall; and Campus Ministry.

The Altar Arrangements are given to the Glory of God.

We welcome Alan Kimbrough who is serving as our guest organist today!

SERVING TODAY - 10/18/26 - 9:00AM		**SERVING NEXT SUN. - 10/25/26 - 9:00AM**	
Altar Guild	Cheryl Strine Mary Anna Conley	**Altar Guild**	Mary Ellen Foster Paul T.
Reader	Teena Baldrige Diana Uhlman	**Reader**	Paul T. Chuck Berry
Ushers	Margaret Sampson Diane Labrie	**Ushers**	Linda Miller Jeff Baldrige
Crucifer/ Chalice	Kathleen Walters	**Crucifer/ Chalice**	Randy Young
Book	Teena Baldrige	**Book**	Bob Neben

Stewardship isn't simply a matter of paying our church's bills; it is tending to our spiritual life. How we use our money, our time, and our energy reflects our faith. This year's theme, Rooted in Faith, is fitting. Imagine St. Paul's as a great Tree of Life, its deep root system held firm by our shared faith. Those roots have steadied this church through rocky seasons, and they continue to sustain us now. Today, St. Paul's stands firmly rooted and ready to grow from your investment in God and the church.

First Fruits – Exodus 23:16 "You shall keep the feast of harvest, of the first fruits of your labor, of what you sow in the field. You shall keep the feast of ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labor."

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

PRELUDE: Selections from "A Little Organ Book in Memory of Hubert Parry"
Frank Bridge, Harold E. Darke, and Charles Wood

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL: HYMN #594, God of grace and God of glory **(vs. 1 & 2)** *Cwm Rhondda*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **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

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: EXODUS 33:12-23
A Reading from Exodus

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your

sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."
The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE: PSALM 99 *(spoken responsively)*

1 The LORD is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

**2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.**

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.

**4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

**6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.**

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10
A Reading from 1 Thessalonians

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.
We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead--Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

GOSPEL PROCESSION: HYMN #684 **(vs. 1 & 5)**, O for a closer walk with God *Caithness*

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:15-22

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **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.**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT *Laura Walters*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC: The Lord Bless You and Keep You *John Rutter*

The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you,
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. 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: #377, All People that on Earth do Dwell *Old 100th*

All stand or kneel as able.

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 #391 **(vs. 1-3),** Before the Lord's eternal throne *Winchester New*

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Rigaudon (Grand Choeur) *Jean Baptiste Lully*

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for Bible Listening

Sundays at 10:20 a.m. in the Parish Library / Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
*(*https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84552326439?pwd=05TCyW32UkAdnVdVr1B5LREnmguTr3.1*)*
Bible Listening asks what is God saying to us and what does God want us to change in our lives today.

Movie Night – This Thursday, October 22 - FIELD OF DREAMS (1989) Join us for dinner at 6:00, movie at 6:30 and popcorn throughout.

Volunteers needed for Canterbury Courts' Fall Party this Friday, October 23 from 2-4pm. They need help to serve food and help with games. These events are fun for the residents and volunteers. There will also be a magician there to entertain everyone. Contact Nancy Downey or Pat Harbert if you are interest in volunteering or just come to Canterbury Court on Oct. 23. It is located at 450 N. Elm Street in West Carrollton.

All Saints' Sunday, November 1 - If you have a loved one who died this past year and you'd like them remembered during the service on All Saints' Sunday, please email their name to Lois in the parish office at Lois@stpauls-dayton.org, or call the office.
All names need to be submitted by Monday, October 26.

On Sunday, November 1, remember to set your clocks back one hour, and MAKE A CHANGE! Bring your loose change to church that Sunday and make a difference in the lives of those who seek assistance at the House of Bread.

Honoring and Remembering our Veterans - On Sunday, November 8 we will celebrate our Veterans. If you are a veteran, please give your name and branch of service to Lois in our parish office by emailing her at Lois@stpauls-dayton.org or call the church office. **All names need to be submitted by Monday, November 2.**

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.

A few weeks ago the choir sang, "There in God's garden stands the tree of Wisdom, whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations." This year's stewardship theme is the Tree of Life. We ask not just for healing, but for knowledge, compassion and beauty, bound together in hope. We have new faces in the choir, new section leaders and volunteers. Join us in the choir anytime, we'd be glad to welcome you.

Special music will continue to enhance our liturgies in the weeks to come:

Sunday, 10/25, "If Ye Love Me," by 16th century English composer Thomas Tallis.

All Saints' Day, 11/1, a guest oboist, Lauren Geerlings, a stirring vocal solo rendition of "Wade in the Water," sung by our baritone section leader, Chris Trimble.

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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
Secretary of the Vestry - Kathleen Walters
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