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THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING PRAYER

AUGUST 16, 2026, 9:30 AM

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

We ask your prayers for: Sophia, Kim, Anne, Chuck, Eric, Katherine, Larry, Tim, 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 Church in Wales.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer—Trinity, Columbus; and St. Alban's, Bexley.

The Altar Arrangements are given to the Glory of God.

SERVING TODAY - 8/16/26 - 9:30AM

MORNING PRAYER

Altar Guild	Cheryl Strine Mary Anna Conley
Reader	Mary Ellen Foster Chuck Berry
Ushers	Charlie Campbell Micky Neben

SERVING NEXT SUN. - 8/23/26 - 9:30 AM

Altar Guild	Diane Labrie
Reader	Mike Miller Teena Baldrige
Ushers	Margaret Sampson Diane Labrie
Crucifer/ Chalice	Randy Young
Book	Bob Neben

PRELUDE: Priere a Notre-Dame (from Suite Gothique)

Boëllman

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

PROCESSIONAL: HYMN #537, Christ for the World We Sing

Moscow

OPENING SENTENCE, BCP, PG.78

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Officiant and People kneeling together

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.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

Standing

INVITATORY

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen. Alleluia.**

Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
People **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

VENITE HYMNAL #S35 (*Sung by all*)

Please be seated

PSALM 133 (*Spoken responsively*)

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

**2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,**

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

**4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 45:1-15

A Reading from Genesis

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you

and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

(Standing)

CANTICLE 17, THE SONG OF SIMEON *(Said by all, BCP pg. 93)*

Please be seated

SECOND READING: ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32

A Reading from Romans

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Standing

CANTICLE 21, YOU ARE GOD *(Said by all, BCP pg. 95)*

THIRD READING: MATTHEW 15:10-28

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without under-

standing? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

<i>Reader</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

MICHAEL MILLER

SILENT REFLECTION

Standing

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Officiant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our
life and labor to the Lord.

Please be seated

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Ave Maria

Franz Schubert

Sung in Latin, English translation as follows:

Ave Maria! Maiden mild, Ah! Listen to a maiden's prayer;
For Thou can'st hear amid the wild, 'Tis Thou, 'tis Thou can'st save amid despair.
We slumber safely till the morrow, Tho' even by men outcast, reviled:
Oh Maiden, see a maiden's sorrow, Oh Mother, hear a suppliant Child!
Ave Maria!

Standing

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.**

Standing or kneeling

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER, BCP p. 97

SUFFRAGES

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
 V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
 V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

COLLECTS

Collect of the Day. Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays: O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis: (said by all)

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

A Collect for Guidance: Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Congregation is invited to add their Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving at this time, either silently or aloud.

Standing

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness
 to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all the ages. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL: HYMN #544, Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Duke Street

POSTLUDE: Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for Bible Listening - *Sundays at 10:50am - Parish Library / Tuesdays at 6pm 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.

Choir News and Summer Drop-in Choir Opportunity

The drop-in choir has been a great success so far this summer. On Sunday, July 26th we had the largest attendance to date, with 9 people filling the choir stalls to sing "Peace Like a River" during the offertory. It was wonderful to hear everyone's voices, both in the choir stalls and out in the congregation. Thank you to all who participated. If you missed this one, there is still one remaining before the choir season starts back up in the fall. It will be on August 30th and we will sing "Morning Has Broken." Please consider joining us that morning.

Here is a sneak preview of some of the upcoming special music offerings for the remainder of the summer:

August 9th: "Healing River" by Christopher Roy Grundy....vocal solo

August 16th: "Ave Maria" by Franz Schubert....vocal solo

August 23rd: Title to be announced, accordion solo played by Charlie Campbell

August 30th: "Morning Has Broken," sung by the drop-in choir

September 6th: "Mit Staunen sieht das Wunderwerk" from Haydn's "Creation"...
soprano solo sung by Cynthia Schindler

You are invited to celebrate Episcopal Retirement Services (ERS)'s 75th Anniversary Celebration - ERS is celebrating their 75th anniversary at 6 locations and Canterbury Court is one of them. It was chosen because it was their first affordable living location. Today ERS has 32 locations with a total of about 2,000 residents. Canterbury Court is one of our outreach programs. We are one of four local Episcopal churches that supports activities at Canterbury Court located at 450 N. Elm St., West Carrollton, OH. Come join the celebration at Canterbury Court on Friday, August 21 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Remarks at 10:30). To RSVP use the signup genius link:

signupgenius.com/go/ERS_75thAnniversary. If you have trouble signing up, call Nancy Downey at 937-609-2234 and she will help you.

Attention to St. Paul's members. My name is Teena Baldrige and I am very excited to be your Stewardship Chair this year. The excitement comes from a commission from the Lord. If He didn't have His hand in this endeavor, there would be no excitement. All He asks of me is to do my best. Isn't it interesting to know that the Lord can take an ordinary person who is a willing vessel to do His bidding? It's the Lord who does the exceeding and abundant. (Eph 3:20) Take His word for it and you will see!

Look for more information coming soon!

In Christ alone,

Teena

Movie Night - Wednesday, August 26 - MEET THE FOCKERS (2005) starring Ben Stiller, Robert DeNiro and Blythe Danner finds us meeting Dustin Hoffman and Barbra Streisand as the "other" in-laws. Most of us have been there, sometimes joyful, sometimes not so much.

Join us for light dinner at 6:00 p.m., movie at 6:30 p.m. and popcorn throughout.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE/EVENT FOR ST. MARK'S AND ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, October 4 - Outdoor Worship Service & Pet Blessing - 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's on the greenspace. Please bring a lawn chair and your pets to be blessed!

Free books & CDs! Help yourself! The library is being reorganized and the library table has lots of books & CDs you are welcome to take. They will be on the table through Sunday morning, August 30th. Anything left will be donated.

Any questions call Jan Campbell 937-286-0689.

Shaping Our Identity through Transition

This is a reminder that we are counting on YOU to gather the information needed to help St. Paul's define our mission within our community. Please reach out to people within Oakwood and the greater Dayton area, and ask these questions:

What do you know about St. Paul's?

What is the first word that comes to mind?

What do you think is the greatest need of our community?

What advice would you give to the leaders of the church. . .How could we better be part of or support the community?

The questionnaire is crucial to our current process. The information collected will help us to shape our goals, as well as write our parish profile when the time comes to begin the search for a new rector. Please share what you learn with the church office.

Thank you! *Rev. Jean Vargo*

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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

9:30 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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ST. PAUL'S VESTRY

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

Treasurer - Bob Neben

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