



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Suffolk, Virginia

October 25, 2026

If this is your first time at St. Paul's Church, welcome. We are delighted to have you worship with us today. Please take a moment and fill out a Visitor's Card and hand it to an usher or put it in the offering plate. Our worship service is contained in the red Book of Common Prayer. Most of our hymns are found in the blue 1982 Hymnal, as is the service music which begins with an 'S' before the number (this music is located in the front of the hymnal). We also sing hymns from the green hymnal Wonder, Love, and Praise. These hymns have 'WLP' before their number in this bulletin. Enjoy the service and please join us in the Parish Hall afterward for a time of fellowship and refreshment.

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist at 9:30

The Liturgy of the Word

The Prelude:

The Opening Hymn: ***Come with us, O blessed Jesus*** (v.1 & 3) # **336**

The Opening Salutation for Pentecost & Prayer: p. 355

A Hymn of Praise: ***The Gloria*** p. 356

The Collect of the Day: (Proper 25) p. 235

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings from Holy Scripture

The First Lesson: **Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain - that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees - as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Bethpeor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Response: **Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17**

Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, ***

from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

**For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.**

You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

**In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

**Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

**Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.**

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in
the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The New Testament Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the

gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music at the Gospel Reading: *Immortal, invisible, God...* (v.1&4)**#423**

The Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 22:34-46**

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, *Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet*'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon:

The Rev. John A. Baldwin

The Nicene Creed:

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The Prayers of the People: Form VI

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Diocesan Prayer: In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayers, we pray for St Christopher's, Portsmouth and St. James,' Portsmouth; and for the victims of domestic violence.

Birthdays: Kristin Bourcier, Jan Ferguson, Kacky Gallotta, Parker Green, Jon Mouring, Susan Neri, Ginger Owen, Gail Pruden.

Anniversaries: Scott & Jan Ferguson.

Parish Prayer List: Magdalena Barnes, Betsy Brothers, Carl Farris, Jan Gates, Patricia Hundley, Beth Lipphardt, Peggy Moore, Ayla Molon, Fran Ossman, Sally Perry, Barbara Powell, Dawn Powell, Dave Richie, Janice Richie, Lyn Snyder, Kent Spain, and Stephanie Tomasco.

Today's Altar Flowers: In Memory of Willie & Mildred Quillin and Bable & Kitty James (Parents of Kitty & William Quillin).

The Confession & Absolution: p. 393

The Peace: p. 360

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: ***Because of who you are*** Victoria Questore, soloist

The Doxology: ***Praise God from whom all blessings flow*** (v. 3) **#380**

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer C: p. 369

The Sanctus: p. 371

The Lord's Prayer: p. 364

The Fraction:

The Communion of the People:

Every person who has been baptized into the Christian faith and life in the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church regardless of age or denominational affiliation.

You may stand or kneel at the Altar Rail. Gluten-free wafers are available. As per diocesan guidelines, communion wine is served from the common cup. If you opt for intinction, you may now do so on your own.

The first Lay Eucharistic Minister will administer the common cup. The second will hold the cup for intinction. Please know receiving the Bread alone is considered to be "full communion." If you are not able to negotiate the Chancel steps the priest will be happy to bring communion to you at your pew.

Most Sundays a member of the congregation will be available to pray with you privately after you receive communion. This person will be standing at the Prayer Desk next to the pulpit. We encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for healing and grace.

Communion Hymn: *How lovely is thy dwelling place* **#517**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion: p. 365

The Blessing:

The Closing Hymn: *Where cross the crowded ways of life* (v.1&5) **#609**

The Dismissal:

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Postlude:

Transition Announcements

Church Office Update. The Executive Committee and Vestry are excited to welcome Bethany Waltz as our new Parish Administrator. Bethany comes with years of experience and contagious enthusiasm. She will be a welcome addition to our St. Paul's family. Office hours will now be 9:30-12:30 M-F.

Vestry Update. The Vestry has been hard at work for months preparing for the transition period we are now very early into. We have had two lengthy meetings with the Diocese and have been studying both the Transition Manual and recommended reading materials. At the September 14th Vestry meeting we voted unanimously to pursue an Interim Rector for St. Paul's. An interim would serve as our parish priest during the transition/search period until a new Rector is installed. The search process is very much a "WE" endeavor and the Vestry is committed to both including and keeping the parish informed every step of the way. You can look forward to regular updates in both the bulletin and e-newsletter. I will be emailing a more detailed overview of the search process in the coming weeks. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me or any member of the vestry.

-T.D. Mottley, Senior Warden

Altar Guild	Acolytes	Readers	L.E.M.s	Vestry Ushers
Pauline Hundley	Camden Young	Macey Olenjack	Macey Olenjack	Phyllis Cornell
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The Treasurer: Gail Pruden

The Parish Office: 757-539-2478 Open M-F 9:30am-12:30

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