



SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

SUNDAY NOTES

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

Wherever you are in the world or on your life's journey, we are glad you chose to worship with us today. If you are new to St. Paul's, please fill out our welcome card in the pew rack in front of you or online: stpauls-church.org/Visit. A member of the clergy will reach out to get to know you and welcome you into our community. For more information, contact the Rev. Jessie Dodson, at (216) 932-5815, or jdodson@stpauls-church.org.

CHILDCARE

9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Infant to 3 years old
Please ask an usher for room locations.

Check out our soft-space! Families with young children are invited to join other families in the front rows on the lectern side, where you'll find an area of soft rugs, low seating, and quiet activities with easy access to the exit and restroom.

FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

10 to 11 a.m. Church School

Preschool, Pre-K, & Kindergarten: Godly Play (North Classroom)

Grades 1-3: Godly Play (Evans Room)

Grades 4-6: Workshop Adventures (O'Hear Room)

Grades 7-8: Rite 13 Room (3rd Floor Youth Rooms)

Grades 9-12: J2A (3rd Floor Youth Rooms)

10 to 11 a.m. Adult Forum (Tucker Hall)

4 to 7 p.m. Youth Group

TODAY

In the Adult Forum
10 a.m., Tucker Hall

Join us this Sunday for the first forum-length exploration of: Seeking. Serving. Loving. *Together*. The Rev. John Kennedy will invite us to consider what the narratives, themes, and figures of scripture might reveal about seeking. From Adam and Eve, to Jesus and Mary, to the Apostle Paul and Mary Magdalene, do we find a story of the human search for God, or of God's search for us?

Confirmation is back
11 a.m., Sanders Room

We are excited to announce the return of in-person Confirmation Class along with a new curriculum designed to invite reflection, conversation, and discovery around what it means to believe in — or set your heart upon — Jesus and the way of love he calls his disciples to.

Youth confirmands (both 1st and 2nd year) and parents/guardians are invited to join us for an orientation meeting on Sunday, September 19 at 11am in the Sanders Room which will introduce the new curriculum and map out the journey of our class. Important information will be shared at this meeting, particularly for parents and guardians, so please plan to attend or let us know if you are unable to. Contact Lauren Dockery: ldockery@stpauls-church.org

Did you know that... during the 15 months of virtual worship and programming, St. Paul's clergy actively welcomed 34 new households, a total of 55 adults and children, engaging them in parish life despite our inability to worship or gather in person? These newest households are now excited to worship in-person with us on Sunday mornings, are joining committees, volunteering for various roles, and are offering their pledges and gifts. Welcome!

TAKE NOTE

Sages Fall Event

Wednesday, September 22, 11 a.m.

Join us for a visit to Hale Farm and Village. This living-history museum offers a glimpse of life in the 1860s via crafts, gardens, and farm animals. Pack your own lunch for a picnic as the restaurant is not currently open. Admission is \$12 and we plan to be at the farm two and a half hours. There are extensive gravel and some paved pathways for exploring. Wheelchair access is limited, and masks are required while in the buildings. Contact Jenni Thomas to register: 216-932-5815 or jthomas@stpauls-church.org. Questions: Lael Carter (laelbill66@gmail.com) or Sara Cutting (sgcutting916@gmail.com).

Wednesday Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, September 22, 6 p.m.

Sally Wilson, a licensed lay preacher and St. Paul's parishioner, will preach at Wednesday's 6 p.m. service of Holy Eucharist on the feast of Philander Chase, former bishop of Ohio and founder of Kenyon College. Sally invites attendees to pack a light dinner and join her in the courtyard immediately after the service for a time of conversation and fellowship.

Movie Night

Friday, September 24, 7:30 p.m.

Join us out under the stars for our final movie night. We'll watch Pixar's new hit, *Luca*, a story of friendship, determination, and adventure. We'll meet on the East Lawn, so be sure to bring your comfy chairs and friends. Suggested donation is \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Guests get in free!

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, September 22

Holy Eucharist, 6 p.m., St. Martin's Chapel

Thursday, September 23

Men's Spirituality, 7:30 a.m., Virtual

Friday, September 24

Contemplative Prayer, 10 p.m., Virtual

TAKE NOTE

Theology Matters: Big Questions

Beginning Wednesday, October 6, 7 p.m.

Why are we here? Is there life after death? Does science point to or away from God? Can we make sense of suffering? If these questions cross your mind from time to time (or perhaps regularly!), then join the Rev. John Kennedy for a reading and discussion series on some of the most enduring and weighty of theological and philosophical questions. We'll meet for four consecutive sessions beginning Wednesday, October 6 at 7 p.m. in the Sanders room. To register or learn more, contact Rev. John (jkennedy@stpauls-church.org). Registration is encouraged but not required.

Sacred Ground

Beginning Thursday, October 14, 9 a.m.

Following four transformative Sacred Ground Circles last year, St. Paul's is offering another this fall led by the Rev. John Kennedy and parishioner Eustacia Netzel-Hatcher. Sacred Ground is a film-based dialogue series on race and faith developed by the Episcopal Church. It is an invitation to "peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenging divides of the present day — all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love." Beginning October 14, we will gather every two weeks on Thursdays at 9 a.m. in the Sanders Room (with a break for the holidays) for a total of ten sessions. To register or learn more, contact Rev. John: jkennedy@stpauls-church.org

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

*For the week of September 19, 2021,
we bid your prayers for the following:*

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for the life of this parish, including the candidates for Confirmation and Reception, their sponsors and teachers; and for our partnership in service with Boy Scout Troop #22. *May they be guided for faithful service.*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for the Central East Mission Area: St. Timothy's Church, Massillon; Trinity Church, New Philadelphia; Church of Our Saviour, Salem; and New Life Episcopal Church, Uniontown.

May they grow in their knowledge of the Lord.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for The Church of the Province of Uganda. *May we be united in Christ's mission.*

In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Please pray for our sister and brother Christians in Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay. *May we all be one.*

For those with birthdays this week, including Julie Micheletti, Abe Dodson, Sandy McPherson, Charlie Cooley, Julie Kechisen, Jeffrey Quill, Daniel Moss, Carolyn Hockey, Jennifer Goodson, Judy Stuelpe, Sage Harvey, Gwen Donley, David O'Halloran, and Nicole Bahl.

May they grow in wisdom and grace.

For those with anniversaries this week, including Ann & Brian Skerry and Manning & John Kundtz. *May they grow in unity and love.*

For parishioners and friends serving with the Armed Forces: Charles Bates, Ian Beckles, Sabah Bhat, Adam Bush, Nelson Cancel, Evan Collier, Zack Dalbom, Michael DeBoer, Joseph Dokken, D'Angelo Hanley, Kate Heflin, Christopher Hockey, Kurt Huxel, Isabelle King, Robert King, Lauren Levy, Charles LoPresti, Brendan Mackin, Jess Smith Olena, Jonah Petrinovic, Neil Princic, Eric Schmidt, KJ Schopp, Ross Skilling, Ryan Skilling, Eric Super, Sam Ubersax, Dylan Underwood, Scott Waizmann, Daniel Webster, Evan Wieczorek, James Zuebisch; and for their families here at home.

May they serve in safety and with honor.

For those who are ill or are experiencing difficult circumstances: Joyce, Ella, Art, Natasha, Robin, Guilia, Sarah, John, Bob, Brian, Bob, Stacey, Jenifer, Poleda, Amy, Hank, David, Aaron, Matthew, Rachel, Meg, Bonnie, Margaret, Sue, Jim, John, Stanley, and Terrilee.

May they be relieved from their distress.

For those who have died, including Kim M. O'Neill.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

You are encouraged to use this prayer insert in your personal prayers.

If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary this week and do not see your name listed, it may be that we do not have your information in our database.

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Jenni Thomas at jthomas@stpauls-church.org.*

TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST 11:15 a.m.

The Celebrant
welcomes the
People

PRELUDE Adagio (from Symphonie III)

Louis Vierne

THE WORD OF GOD

Stand

HYMN NO. 379 'God is Love, let heaven adore him'

Abbot's Leigh

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant
People

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

And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever and 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.

People

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE NO. S 280 'Glory to God' *Gloria in excelsis*

Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Sit

THE LESSONS

*The Lessons
may be found
on the back of
Sunday Notes*

FIRST LESSON

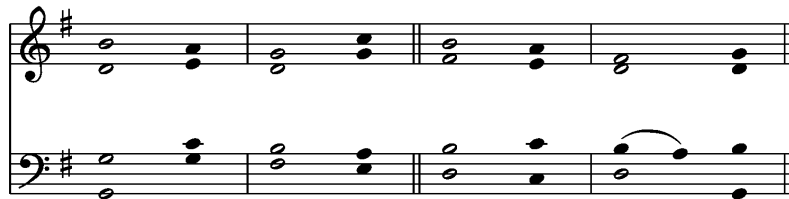
Jeremiah 11:18-20

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 54

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



All

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- †7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

SECOND LESSON

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

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

Stand

HYMN NO. 635 'If thou but trust in God to guide thee'

Wer nur den lieben Gott

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospeller The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sit

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jeanne Leinbach

Stand

THE NICENE CREED

All **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**

*Remain
standing or
kneel*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Let us pray to God our helper, the source of all wisdom, mercy and peace, saying: Holy God, hear our prayer.

For the Church: especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Mark, Arthur, and William, our bishops, that we may imitate the example of Jesus, not seeking to be first but becoming servants of all.

Holy God,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For this nation and all in authority, that they might resist selfish ambition and seek the wisdom that comes from above.

Holy God,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For this parish family, that we may recognize our common humanity, and accompany one another along the journey of life.

Holy God,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For all who serve the children of our community in Christ's name, that they may teach us how to welcome Christ in simplicity of heart.

Holy God,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For those affected by storms, floods, and fires, for refugees and those fleeing violence, that they may find safety, new communities of welcome, and the resources needed for life.

Holy God,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For all those who are sick, especially those commended to our prayers, that they may find healing and strength in the Good News of the dying and rising of Jesus.

Holy God,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For those who have died, that they may be welcomed to share in the joy of God's presence forever.

Holy God,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant God of mercy, hear the prayers we offer this day, strengthen us with your wisdom from above, and bring forth in our lives a harvest of humility, and peace, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Stand or kneel *Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **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 our Savior 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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

Stand THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*Sit as the
Rector makes
announcements*

The People are invited to share a socially distanced sign of the peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Bread of Heaven” by David Ashley White
The text may be found as Hymn No. 323 in ‘The Hymnal 1982’.

*All stand as
the offerings
are brought
forward*

THE DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

*Remain
standing for
The Great
Thanksgiving*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, Expansive Language

Celebrant God 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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus, S 130, Franz Peter Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Remain
standing or
kneel

The Celebrant praises God for the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ our Lord and prays the Words of Institution over the bread and wine.

Celebrant

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant offers the Eucharistic elements to God and invokes the Holy Spirit to bless and sanctify the elements and the participants.

Celebrant

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People

AMEN.

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem, S 164, Franz Peter Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by those viewing the service online.

All In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.*

Sit

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table. The ushers will direct the People to the Communion administration stations. The sacrament will be served "in one kind" - the Bread only. The doctrine of concomitance, an ancient teaching of the church, holds that the full grace of the sacrament is received in either kind. Gluten-free wafers are available at the station nearest the pulpit (forward right). If you do not wish to receive Communion but would like to receive a blessing, you can indicate this to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

ANTHEM *O sacrum convivium* Luigi Molfino

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All standing

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of 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 Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

HYMN No. 491 'Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness' *Finnian*

DISMISSAL

Gospeller Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE **Cornet Fantasia** *Abraham van den Kerckhoven (Flemish, 1619-1702)*

Celebrant
Preacher
Gospeller

The Rev. Jessie Gutgsell Dodson
The Rev. Jeanne Leinbach
The Rev. Brandon Ashcraft

Lectors
Intercessor

Denise & Chris Wells
Julie Micheletti

Choirmaster
Organist
Carillonneur

Steve Plank
Karel Paukert
David Osburn

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