

The Epistle **Romans 10:8b-13**
"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Gospel **Luke 4:1-13**
After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him,
"It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"
Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him,
"It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"
Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"
Jesus answered him,
"It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"
When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Jesus Christ, *Head of the Church*
The Rt. Rev. Dr. George R. Sumner, *Bishop*
The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk, *Rector*
The Rev. Gordon Miltenberger, *Assisting Priest*
David Gish, *Music Director*
Rebecca Shasteen, *Pianist and Organist*
Debbie McClain, *Parish Administrator*



Pray for the Church and the Body of Christ
The Daughters of the King are dedicated to supporting the prayer needs of St. Paul's. They are available in the west corner of sanctuary every Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for private prayer. You can also submit intentions in the prayer box in the narthex. To add names to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise renewed.
Please pray for: *Beth Lachnitt, Rita Woods, Rudolph Jennings*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS
Check E-pistle for Lenten Bible Study Details
Mar. 9, Sun. Bishop Sumner's Visitation
Mar. 12, Wed. 10:00 a.m.-Children's Chapel
10:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer
NO Bible Study
Mar. 13, Thurs. Lenten Program #2 - "Twisting the Truth"
Andy Stanley helps us understand how the truth can get twisted and distorted, and how that impacts your life.
6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.-Dinner
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.-Program and Discussion
Mar. 14, Fri. 6:00 p.m.-Stations of the Cross
Mar. 15, Sat. 8:00 a.m.-St. Joseph's Guld
9:00 a.m.-Daughters of the King
Mar. 18, Tues. 7:00 p.m.-Vestry Meeting
Mar. 17, Mon. - April 14, Mon. 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams (similar to Zoom) "The Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ: A Study of Philippians" by Beth & Melissa Moore
This is intended for men and women. If you are interested in participating, please contact Debbie Shaffer at debshaffer_tx@yahoo.com and provide your email address to be registered. To enhance your study experience, there is a workbook, \$20 if purchased from Living Proof Ministries, (888) 700-1999. Learn more: Lenten Study Series: <https://conta.cc/4gMoWFE>

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March 2:
Sunday Offering: \$870.00
Attendance: 44
February Stripe Contributions: \$3,632.56

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The First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025

Service Times at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m to 10:15 a.mADULT CATECHESIS
10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. NURSERY OPEN
10:30 a.m.HOLY EUCHARIST

MONDAY—FRIDAY

7:30 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. CHILDREN’S CHAPEL
10:30 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

This Sunday, Mar. 9

Lector/LEM: Debbie Shaffer
Acolyte: Matt Wolff
Vestry Person of the Day: Elizabeth Porter, David Kirklin
Intercessory Prayer: Suzanne Taylor
Tech Team: Director-Dana Medford; Titles-Jennifer Faunce; Audio-Jeff Faunce; Cameras-Chris Wolff; Social Media-Georgianna Harrison

Next Sunday, Mar. 16

Lector/LEM: David Clegg
Acolyte: Jim Pence
Vestry Person of the Day: Frank McKee, Matt Wolff
Intercessory Prayer: Laurel Pence
Tech Team: Director-Dana Medford; Titles-Jennifer Faunce; Audio-Jeff Faunce; Cameras-Chris Wolff; Social Media-Georgianna Harrison

Altar Guild: Laura Funk, Georgianna Harrison, Nancy Wyant

Morsels for Meditation

If we are to pray aright, perhaps it is quite necessary that we pray contrary to our own heart. Not what we want to pray is important, but what God wants us to pray. The richness of the Word of God ought to determine our prayer, not the poverty of our heart.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Adversity is not simply a tool. It is God’s most effective tool for the advancement of our spiritual lives. The circumstances and events that we see as setbacks are oftentimes the very things that launch us into periods of intense spiritual growth. Once we begin to understand this, and accept it as a spiritual fact of life, adversity becomes easier to bear.

-Charles Stanley

Remember that it's not only the desire for wealth and position that debases and subjugates us, but also the desire for peace, leisure, travel, and learning. It doesn't matter what the external thing is, the value we place on it subjugates us to another... where our heart is set, there our impediment lies.

-Epictetus, Discourses, 4.4.1-2; 15

Holy Eucharist Rite I

The Word of God

Processional Hymn H #150
Forty Days and Forty Nights (Aus der Tiefe rufe ich)
Opening Sentence BCP 323
Collect for Purity BCP 323
The Decalogue BCP 317
Trisagion H #S280
The Collect BCP 166
The Lessons
The First Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11
The Psalm Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
The Epistle Romans 10:8b-13
Gospel Hymn H #121
Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized (Caithness)
The Gospel Luke 4:1-13
Sermon The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bishop Sumner
The Nicene Creed BCP 326
Prayers of the People BCP 328
The Confession BCP 331
The Peace BCP 332
Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn H #147
Now Let Us All With One Accord (Bourbon)
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer I) BCP 333
Sanctus BCP 334
The Lord’s Prayer BCP 336
Agnus Dei H #S157
Communion Hymns A3 #68
Humble Thyself A3 #138
Sanctuary
The Presentation BCP 338
Post Communion Prayer BCP 339
The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 339
Recessional Hymn H #449
O Love, How Deep, How Broad (Deo gracias)

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (black)
H = Hymnbook (red)
A3 = Alleluia III (yellow)

All baptized Christians are welcome
to receive the Holy Eucharist.

The Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The Psalm Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

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1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
2 He shall say to the LORD,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.