

The Epistle Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Gospel Luke 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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: *The Family of Jerry Tillery, Jerry Harrison*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 27, Sun.** 2:00 p.m.-Join us at Greenville Gardens as we sing and minister to the residents.
- July 29, Tues.** 6:30 p.m.-Ladies Nite Out at Panera Bread
- July 30, Wed.** 8:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer I
10:00 a.m.-Children's Chapel
10:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer II
6:00 p.m.-Bible Study
- Aug. 6, Wed.** 8:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer I
10:00 a.m.-Children's Chapel
10:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer II
6:00 p.m.-Bible Study
- Aug. 9, Sat.** 10:00 a.m. –Sons of the American Revolution Meeting
- Aug. 12, Tues.** 6:00 p.m.– School Board Meeting

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July 20:
Sunday Offering: \$535.00
Attendance: 32

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The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 12
July 27, 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

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER I
10:00 a.m. CHILDREN’S CHAPEL
10:30 a.m. MORNING PRAYER II
6:00 p.m. BIBLE STUDY

This Sunday, July 27th

Lector/LEM: Jim Pence
Acolyte: Matt Wolff
Vestry Person of the Day: Elizabeth Porter, David Kirklin
Intercessory Prayer: Elizabeth Porter
Tech Team: Director-Jeff Faunce; Titles-Chris Wolff;
Audio-Dana Medford; Cameras-Jacob
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Alternate-Jennifer Faunce

Next Sunday, August 3rd

Lector/LEM: Debbie Shaffer
Acolyte: David Kirklin
Vestry Person of the Day: Frank McKee, Matt Wolff
Intercessory Prayer: Nancy Wyant
Tech Team: Director-Dana Medford; Titles-Jeff Faunce;
Audio-Jennifer Faunce; Cameras-Chris
Wolff; Social Media-Georgianna Harrison
Altar Guild: Laura Funk, Georgianna Harrison,
Laurel Pence, Nancy Wyant

Morsels for Meditation

The courage to die for their beliefs is given only to those who have had the courage to live for them. The final victory over their terror of pain and physical death is the last of a thousand victories and defeats in the war which is fought daily and hourly in the human mind and soul: the war in the overcoming of self. Dissected and examined in detail this is a most ungla-morous battle and to the outsider seems absurd; but it is the constant denying of the natural human urge to stay in bed longer than necessary, to eat or drink more than is justifiable, to be intolerant of the stupid, and to accumu-late more than a fair share of this world’s goods, that makes possible the gradual freeing of the human spirit.

-Sheila Cassidy, *Audacity to Believe* (Collins World, 1978), 300.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Word of God

Processional Hymn H #410
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (Lauda Anima)
Opening Sentence BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis H #S280
The Collect BCP 231
The Lessons
The First Reading Hosea 1:2-10
The Psalm Psalm 85
The Epistle Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)
Gospel Hymn H #674
Forgive our sins as we forgive (Detroit)
Gospel Luke 11:1-13
Sermon “Our Daily Bread”

The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk

The Nicene Creed BCP 358
Prayers of the People (Form III) BCP 387
The Confession BCP 360
The Peace BCP 360
Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn H #613
Thy kingdom come, O God! (St. Cecelia)
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) BCP 361
Sanctus H #S129
The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364
Agnus Dei H #S157
Communion Hymns
In His Time A3 #86
Jesus, Name Above all Names A3 #89
The Presentation BCP 364
Post Communion Prayer BCP 365
The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 366
Recessional Hymn
O God of Bethel, by whose hand (Dundee) H #709

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading Hosea 1:2-10

When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will pun-ish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or for-give them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God."

Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the liv-ing God."

The Psalm Psalm 85

Benedixisti, Domine

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- 3 You have withdrawn all your fury *
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
- 4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; *
let your anger depart from us.
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? *
will you prolong your anger from age to age?
- 6 Will you not give us life again, *
that your people may rejoice in you?
- 7 Show us your mercy, O LORD, *
and grant us your salvation.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.