

The Epistle **1 Timothy 6:6-19**

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Gospel **Luke 16:19-31**

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Cover Art

Anonymous, *Lazarus and the Rich Man*
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Pray for the Church and the Body of Christ

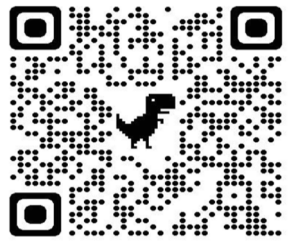
The Daughters of the King are dedicated to supporting the prayer needs of St. Paul's. They are available in the west corner of sanctuary every Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for private prayer. You can also submit intentions in the prayer box in the narthex. To add names to the prayer list,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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 28, Sun.** 2:00 p.m.-Join us at Greenville Gardens as we sing and minister to the residents.
- Oct. 1, 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
- Oct. 2, Thurs.** 8:00 p.m.-Compline Service (access via St. Paul's Facebook Page)
- Oct. 8, 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
- Oct. 9, Thurs.** 8:00 p.m.-Compline Service (access via St. Paul's Facebook Page)
- Oct. 11, Sat.** 10:00 a.m.-Sons of the American Revolution Meeting

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September 21st:
Sunday Offering: \$2,555.00
Attendance: 35



Today's Stewardship Pearl

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 21
September 28, 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, September 28th

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

Next Sunday, October 5th

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

Altar Guild: Laura Funk, Georgianna Harrison, Laurel Pence, Nancy Wyant

Morsels for Meditation

The most powerful alarm clock is purpose. Build a life worth living and your passion will wake you up before any alarm.

-Unknown

Let your old age be childlike, and your childhood like old age; that is, so that neither may your wisdom be with pride, nor your humility without wisdom.

-Augustine

There is no portion of our time that is our time, and the rest God’s; there is no portion of money that is our money, and the rest God’s money. It is all His; He made it all, gives it all, and He has simply trusted it to us for His service. A servant has two purses, the master’s and his own, but we have only one.

-Adolphe Monod

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Word of God

Processional Hymn H #423
Immortal, invisible, God only wise (St. Denio)
Opening Sentence BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis H #S280
The Collect BCP 234
The Lessons
The First Reading Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
The Psalm Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
The Epistle 1 Timothy 6:6-19
Gospel Hymn H #594
God of grace and God of glory (Cwm Rhondda)
Gospel Luke 16:19-31
Sermon “Richard’s Indicators” 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 #641
Lord Jesus, think on me (Southwell)
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) BCP 361
Sanctus H #S129
The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364
Agnus Dei H #S157
Communion Hymns A3 #95
In the Garden Holy Ground A3 #117
The Presentation BCP 364
Post Communion Prayer BCP 365
The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 366
Recessional Hymn H #473
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim (Crucifer)

All baptized Christians are welcome
to receive the Holy Eucharist.

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

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

The Psalm Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
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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."

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

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.