

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.  
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

#### Gospel

#### John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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*

#### COVER ART

James Tissot, *The Good Shepherd*

(Brooklyn, NY: Brooklyn Museum, 1886-94),  
opaque watercolor over graphite on gray wove paper.



Join us today during  
Coffee Hour  
to celebrate Mother's Day  
and May birthdays!

*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: *Jerry Tillery*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



May 12, Mon.

7:00 p.m.-“Women of the Bible Speak” (Zoom)

May 13, Tues.

6:00 p.m.-School Board Meeting

May 14, Wed.

10:00 a.m.-Children's Chapel

10:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

6:00 p.m.-Bible Study

8:00 a.m.-St. Joseph's Guild

9:00 a.m.-Daughters of the King

May 17, Sat.

7:00 p.m.-“Women of the Bible Speak” (Zoom)

May 19, Mon.

7:00 p.m.-7:40 p.m.-ECW General Meeting (Zoom)

May 20, Tues.

7:00 p.m.-Vestry Meeting

10:00 a.m.-Children's Chapel

10:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

6:00 p.m.-Bible Study

May 21, Wed.

12:00 p.m.-St. Paul's School Graduation-Cookie

Reception following (Cookie donations are needed!)

Greenville ISD Graduation

May 23, Fri.

Coffee Hour-Join us for a Cake and

Card Shower as we celebrate our High

School Graduates, Jayda Hamann and

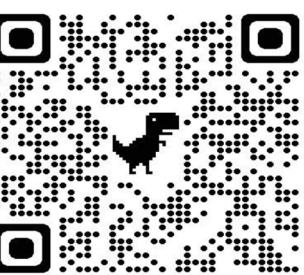
Emily Wolf



May 25, Sun.

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May 4:  
Sunday Offering: \$481.01  
Attendance: 34

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church



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*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
May 11, 2025

## Service Times at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

### SUNDAY

9:30 a.m to 10:15 a.m .....ADULT 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/RITE I/DAILY OFFICE  
10:00 a.m. ....CHILDREN'S CHAPEL  
10:30 a.m. ....MORNING PRAYER

#### This Sunday, May 11

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

#### Next Sunday, May 18

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

### Morsels for Meditation

“A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.”

— Cicero

“When you don’t witness, you just did.”

— Unknown

“Frame your thoughts like this—you are an old person, you won’t let yourself be enslaved by this any longer, no longer pulled like a puppet by every impulse, and you’ll stop complaining about your present fortune or dreading the future.”

— Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations*, 2.2

“Duty makes us do things well, but love makes us do them beautifully.”

— Phillips Brooks

## Holy Eucharist Rite II

### The Word of God

Processional Hymn **H #645**  
*The King of Love My Shepherd Is (St. Columba)*

Opening Sentence BCP 355  
*Gloria in excelsis* H #S280

The Collect BCP 225

The Lessons

The First Reading Acts 9:36-43

The Psalm Psalm 23

The Epistle Revelation 7:9-17

Gospel Hymn **H #343**  
*Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless (St. Agnes)*

The Gospel John 10:22-30

Sermon 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 # 708**  
*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (Sicilian Mariners)* (x2)

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) BCP 361

*Sanctus* H #S129

The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364

*Agnus Dei* H #S157

Communion Hymns

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* A3 #121  
*Give Me Jesus* A3 #42

The Presentation BCP 364

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 366

Recessional Hymn **H #663**  
*The Lord My God My Shepherd Is (Crimond)*

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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### The First Reading **Acts 9:36-43**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

### The Psalm **Psalm 23**

#### *Dominus regit me*

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall  
fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

### The Epistle **Revelation 7:9-17**

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever!  
Amen.”