



St. Paul's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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FOUNDED IN 1827

October 13, 2024

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 am & 11:00 am

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

8:45 am: *Be Thou My Vision*- Slane

11:00 am: Prelude on the tune *Hyfrydol* -- Mark Sedio

Processional Hymn: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

H-408

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of Love, the God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul he fills, and every faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory.*

*What God's almighty power hath made, his gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of his might, lo! All is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory.*

*Let all who name Christ's holy Name give God all praise and glory;
Let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne, the Lord is God, and he alone:
To God all praise and glory.*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **BCP, p. 355**
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you... Through Christ our Lord
People **Amen.**

Gloria:

S-277

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson:

Amos 5:6-7,10-15

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:12-17 (8:45: spoken responsively, 11:00: sung by Adult Choir) **BCP, p. 718**

12 So teach us to number our days *

that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *

be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *

so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *

and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works *

and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *

prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

The Second Reading:

Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

*(During the singing of the Gospel hymn, a wooden cross will be carried down the center aisle and the children are invited to follow and to go to Children's chapel.
Children will rejoin their family at the Peace.)*

Gospel Hymn: *O Day of God, Draw Nigh*

H-601, vs. 1, 2, and 5

*O day of God, draw nigh in beauty and in power,
Come with thy timeless judgment now to match our present hour.*

*Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid,
The quiet of a steadfast faith, calm of a call obeyed.*

*O day of God, draw nigh as at creation's birth,
Let there be light again and set thy judgments in the earth.*

The Holy Gospel:

Mark 10:17-31

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend W.R. "Rusty" McCown

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

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.

The Prayers of the People – Form VI

BCP, p. 392

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

People: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God

People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: For all bishops and other ministers.

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Hear us Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life... We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died; that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Confession

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem:

8:45 am: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*- Dorsey

11:00 am: *Consecration*- Frederick Chatfield

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.*

Presentation Hymn: *Come, We That Love the Lord*

H-392, vs 1 and 4

*Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne.
Hosanna, hosanna! Rejoice, give thanks and sing.
Then let our song abound and let our tears be dry;
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high.
Hosanna, hosanna! Rejoice, give thanks and sing.*

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

Celebrant The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.

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

Sanctus *(Sung)*

S-129

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem:

S-152

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Music During Communion

8:45 am: *Take My Life and Let it Be*- Dykes

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God- Lafferty

I am the bread of Life- Toolan

11:00 am: *Fairest Lord Jesus*- St. Elizabeth, arr. Noble

We invite all who seek God, and are drawn to Christ by the Spirit, to join us at this Table.

If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will serve you in your pew.

To receive a gluten-free host, extend hands, crossed, palms down at the communion rail.

The Prayer after Communion

BCP, p. 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

H-460, vs 1-3

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone;
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.*

*Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how:
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?*

*Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

8:45 am: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*- Spiritual
11:00 am: *Allegro Moderato*-- Felix Mendelssohn

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, *Bishop*

The Reverend W. R. "Rusty" McCown, *Rector*

The Reverend Monna Mayhall, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Ann Van Dervoort, *Assisting Priest, Retired*

Donna Stokes-Rogers, *Music Minister* • Rick Jackson, *Organist*

Libby Sullivan, *Children's Minister* • Brett Smith, *Youth Minister*

Kristy Moore, *Finance Manager* • Shannon Buttrey, *Parish Administrator*

Paula Sherman, *Communications Manager*

BIRTHDAYS:

Monday: Arlene Berexa, Neil Atkinson **Tuesday:** Bobby Pitts, David Shepherd, Abu Rahman **Wednesday:** Trevor Hyssong, Nell Henderson **Friday:** Dave Berexa **Saturday:** Debbie Brake, Barb Walker, Robin Hensley, Fritz Moorman

ANNIVERSARIES:

Wednesday: Scott and Catherine Gain **Saturday:** Richard and Tracy Waggoner

PARTICIPANTS:

	8:45 am	11:00 am
Usher:	Daniel Alvarado	Judy Stockton
Usher:	Jim Lambert	Pam Leet
Chalice Bearer:	Gerald Hancock	Chris Oberholtzer
Chalice Bearer:	Kathy Ulezelski	John Bennet Waters
Crucifer:	Gerald Hancock	Susan Miller
1 st Reader:	Bob Larson	Pamela Bradley Smith
2 nd Reader:	Dewees Berry	Virginia Callicott
Prayers:	Chris Oberholtzer	Frank Baugh
Torch Bearer:	Kathleen Webster	Deacon Medlin
Torch Bearer:	Elizabeth Webster	Piper Medlin
Altar Guild:	Kathy Ulezelski	Phyllis Thompson
Altar Guild:	*	Karen Montefiori
Vestry Person of the Day:	Larry Whitlock	
Musicians:	Derek Pell, violin Kent Burnside, guitar Elizabeth Smith, organ	Elizabeth Smith, organ

St. Paul's Prayer List

Susannah Pierce, Dave Berexa, Henrietta Hobdy, Alex Wilkerson, James Dickerson, Jack Honeycutt, Terry O'Donnell, Glenn Trahan, Sarah Lauricella, Robyn Painter, Jim Lauricella, Dean Bose, Eliot Williams, Joy Craig, Lois Nagy, Bob Van Dervoort, Jim Gray, Judy Phelps, Virginia Callicott, Sharon Collins, George Bishop, Daniel Alvarado, John Nickerson, Phyllis Gray, Sharon Crumpton, Mary Suttle, John Looney, Andy McKinley, Laurie Parker, Bob Carpenter, Lucetta Mannion, Allen Henry, Beverly Headley, Michael, Martha, Fred, Meg and Fulton, Joe, Reed, Molly, Ethan, Gray, Kathy, Tamara, Meg, Veronia, Richard, Alister, Adam, Janie and Tom, Bob, Jim, Carol, Susan, Chuck, Katie, Colton, Lynette, Bennett, John, Guy, Duncan, JoAnn, Ann, Sam, Duncan, Brittain and Strider, Tony, Beverly, Sam, Suzanne, Glenda, Robin, Carola, Debbie, Pat, Cheryl, Kay, Mackenzie, John and Donna, Sara, Lisa, Benji, Sam, Brad, Victoria, Michael, Stanton, Candace, Bill & Judy, Kortnie, Michael, Cary, Jack, Michael, Wendi and Steve, Isabel, David, Dee, Sara, Smith, and Julie

Military

Currently deployed: Danny, Nick, Jake, and Gray

Currently serving in the Armed Forces: Tyler, Ryan, Leelee, Michael, Drew, Lee, Emily, Larry, Pete, Zach, Daniel, Roy, and Amanda



TODAY – October 13, 2024

Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm

- 8:45 am **Children's Chapel**
 - 9:45 -10:00 am **Biscuit Minute** in Founders Hall and Barnabas
 - 10:00 am **Christian Formation – All Ages**
 - 11:00 am **Children's Chapel**
 - 12:00 pm **Coffee Minute** in Founders Hall
 - 5:00 – 7:00 pm **Episcopal Youth Group**
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Weekly Newsletter - Click QR code below to access a more comprehensive list of events, info, and a full list of food pantry needs:



Special Events

Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank those who have pledged and fulfilled a financial commitment to St Paul's in 2024, in addition to gifts of time to our many inreach and outreach ministries. Your giving has not gone unnoticed, and we are embarking on our next "Generosity Campaign" for 2025. The Episcopal Network for Stewardship has chosen Ephesians 5:2 for inspiration: **Walk In Love**, which is fitting for St Paul's members and members adjacent: "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

-Julie Reinhardt, Stewardship Co-Chair and Parishioner

Fall Christian Formation Classes: *The Prophetic Imagination*

Sundays at 10:00 am – Oct 13 and 20

3-Week Study based on "The Prophetic Imagination" by Walter Brueggemann, led by Jean Larson

The prophets of old called to speak on God's behalf were varied in many ways, including backgrounds, prophecies, style, and popularity. However, what is it we can learn from them that applies to our lives today? Come learn about a different prophet each week.

Young Adults Group

Friday, October 18 at 7:00 pm: It's spooky season and we're going on a haunted Franklin tour! Buy your ticket through the Franklin on Foot website, selecting the first 7:00-8:30 time slot for Friday, October 18. See you there, if you dare!

Youth

October 20: Rake and Run! We're taking EYG into Franklin for a service night to rake some leaves! We'll visit 2-3 homes, raking leaves to the curb as fast as possible and running to the next house! We need youth rakers, adult drivers, and a bonfire or cookout host! Sign up here or use the QR code!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4AAAAE2EABF4C25-51774572-rake#/>

Upcoming Youth Formation

October 6: No formation, happy fall break!

October 13: Romans 10:17 - Where do I find faith? (led by Ann Denson)

October 20: Making Prayer Personal - for Me! (led by Ann Denson)

October 27: Mind the Gap: Intergenerational Formation in Founders Hall

October Gathering for Good – Save the Date

Halloween Carnival and Chili Cook-off

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 5:30-7:00 pm at the Rectory

Book Club

October 22nd in Barnabas from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

The next meeting for The Bad Girls Book Club is Tuesday, October 22nd. We will discuss *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. Please bring a light appetizer and/or a drink to share.

Bicentennial Backroads October Trip

Friday, October 25th

Are you interested in travelling the backroads of Tennessee? Do you enjoy learning about history? The Bicentennial Society is sponsoring day trips to interesting places with only one theme in mind-backroads, history, and local restaurants! Our next outing is Summertown and Ethridge. We will meet at the church at approximately 8:30, and travel to the Farm in Summertown to learn more about their work in an ecovillage and sustainable living. Afterwards, we will have lunch in Summertown at Shaffer's Barbecue before we travel to Ethridge to visit an Amish community. If you are interested in going and/or driving, email libby@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Weekly Happenings

Women in Theological Studies (WITS)

For the month of October, WITS will be learning about Jewish holidays/traditions celebrated throughout the year. Each week we will explore an ancient tradition, along with its meaning and customs. Maybe, we will discover something in these spiritual practices that will enrich our lives. Questions? Contact Monna at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com. Meets in The Lounge in Barnabas on Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 am.

Oct 17 – **Passover** (Bring an item/items to pass along – household item, food item, etc.–this is not a white elephant exchange!)

Oct 24 – **NO WITS** – Spring Street Outreach Ministry

Oct 31 – **Purim** (Costumes welcome)

Coffee Club – Men's Bible Study

Wednesday mornings at 6:45 am in the Barnabas

The men's Coffee Club meets on Wednesday mornings at 6:45 am in the Barnabas "board room" to discuss the upcoming Sunday's epistle. All men of the parish are invited. We look forward to seeing you.

Donate to Hurricane Helene Relief

The prayers of the Diocese of Tennessee are with all those affected by Hurricane Helene. We have experience receiving aid from Episcopal Relief and Development following disasters in our area, and one way that you can help direct aid to the affected areas and people, is to donate to Episcopal Relief and Development. ERD will find effective means of distributing funds through local Dioceses, congregations and relief organizations.

<https://bit.ly/erd-hurricane-relief>

Call For Vestry Nominations

As we move into the last months of the year, it is time to nominate individuals for membership on the Vestry. This year we will be electing 4 new members to the Vestry. Four members of the current Vestry will be rotating off at the end of the year and we will elect their replacements for three-year terms at the annual meeting. If you would like to nominate a fellow parishioner or yourself for any of these positions on the Vestry, please reach out to: Rusty (rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com) or Pam Horne (pentopage@mac.com) by Sunday, November 3rd.

St. Paul's nursery is hiring!

We are in search of a nurturing, enthusiastic adult (21 years or older) to take charge of our Sunday morning nursery care in Barnabas beginning September 8th. Responsibilities include arriving at 8:30 to set up the nursery in our temporary location, caring for children from the 8:45 service through the end of the 11 am service, and putting all the nursery equipment and supplies away before leaving at roughly 12:30. Compensation is \$80 per week, and the person would be required to complete a background check and Safe Church training. If you have questions, would like to apply, or know of someone who would be a great fit, please contact libby@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Women of St. Paul's Cookbook – there is still time to send your recipes!

WSP Cookbook needs your great recipes still!!! We are extending our search for great recipes until October 31!! Please send us your recipes to stpaulscooks@gmail.com.

Adults in Ministry (AIM) at Mountain TOP

Registration is open for AIM weekends at Mountain TOP. Adults 18 and over are invited to participate in a weekend filled with work, rest, service, and worship. Multiple adults from St. Paul's will be attending this year to work on major home repair service projects or volunteer at the Fall Festival. For more information on attending or to donate items that will be given away at the Fall Festival (coats, shoes, socks, winter accessories, and hygiene items) – please drop off in a bin in Barnabas by Wed, 10/23. Email Cassy Gilchrist at cassygilchrist@gmail.com.

heART & Soul Retreat

Circles of Love ~ February 7-9, 2025

The Lodge Montgomery Bell, 1000 Hotel Avenue, Burns

All Women of St. Paul's are invited to the annual heArt & Soul Retreat, a sacred time to nourish your creative spirit, your soul, and your body as a child of God. The weekend will be a time for fun and fellowship, with optional enrichment classes in arts/creativity, spiritual growth, physical activity, and more, shared meals, worship, and lots of free time to relax and re-create. Scan the QR code for more information and to register! bit.ly/heart-and-soul-2025

Letter from Men of St. Paul's

Dear People of St. Paul's:

On behalf of the Men of St. Paul's (MOSP), I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your assistance in making the 64th Annual BBQ a rousing success. As always, we could not have pulled this off without the Women of St. Paul's (WOSP) and their culinary skills, mostly in the sugary arts. But it was much more than this...More to the point, this year's BBQ was a vivid example of this congregation pulling together to make this event a success. Clearly, weather was a concern, but the event also had to overcome numerous logistical challenges beyond our new location behind Barnabas. Hard work, plentiful help, and improvisational skills were on display at all times...in short, the BBQ should no longer be viewed as solely a MOSP event, but a **St. Paul's event**. The happy outcome is that the financial results will allow for the continuation of the various in-reach and outreach programs supported in past years. Even though next year will be our 65th event (and thus become eligible for Social Security), it is my sincere hope that we forego retirement and continue to work into our golden years. While the foods served this year were great, the people, as always, were better.

Sincerely,

Joe Horne