

# October 20, 2024 The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost and Holy Baptism 8:45 am & 11:00 am

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### Prelude

8:45 am: On Eagle's Wings- Joncas 11:00 am: Cantilene- Malcolm Archer

Processional Hymn: God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him H- 379

God is Love, let heaven adore him; God is love, let earth rejoice. Let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foundation, God who spread the heavens above, God who breathes through all creation: God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love; and love enfolds us, all the world in one embrace: With unfailing grasp God holds us, every child of every race. And when human hearts are breaking under sorrows iron rod, Then we find that selfsame aching deep within the heart of God.

God is Love; and though with blindness sin afflicts all human life, God's eternal loving kindness guides us through our earthly strife. Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain; God is Love, so Love forever o'er the universe must reign.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. BCP, p. 299

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God and Father of all.

#### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### The First Lesson: Isaiah 53:4-12

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the

living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:9-16 (8:45: spoken responsively, 11:00: sung by Adult Choir) BCP, p. 720

9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, \* and the Most High your habitation,

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, \* to keep you in all your ways.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; \* you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

10 There shall no evil happen to you, \* neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, \* lest you dash your foot against a stone.

14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; \* I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, \* and show him my salvation.

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.

## The Second Reading:

## Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 Love of God, How Strong and True

H- 455

O love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new, Uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought!

O wide-embracing, wondrous Love, we read thee in the sky above; We read thee in the earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow.

We read thee best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame, Sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die. We read thy power to bless and save, e'en in the darkness of the grave; Still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of thy might.

The Holy Gospel:

Mark 10:35-45

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

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

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ. People

The Sermon

The Reverend W.R. "Rusty" McCown

#### **HOLY BAPTISM**

### The Presentation of the Candidate

BCP, p. 301

8:45 am: Mary Scarlett Schmitt

Cassius Lee Schmitt 11:00 am: Celia Claire Gibson

Thomas Henry Martin

## **Baptismal Covenant**

BCP, p. 304

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and People born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? Celebrant

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, People

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? Celebrant

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

### Prayers for the Candidates

BCP, p. 305

(People respond Lord, hear our prayer)

#### Baptismal Hymn to the Font:

H-296, vs 1 and 2

BCP, p. 307

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;

And our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death. Reborn we share with him an Easter life As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia! Amen.

The Baptism

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

of Christ crucified, proclaim his

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: Prayer of Hildegard- Barbara Wallace

Fire of the Spirit, life of the lives of creatures,

Spiral of sanctity, bond of all natures;

Glow of charity, lights of clarity,

Taste of sweetness to sinners, be with us and hear us.

Composer of all things, light of all the risen,

Key of salvation, release from the dark prison:

Hope in disquietness, breath of consciousness,

Joy in glory, our Savior, be with us and hear us.

**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

S-129 (Sung)

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**

Down to the River to Pray- Robert Lee 8:45 am: Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You- Gillard Break Thou the Bread of Life- Sherwin

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: Go Forth for God

H-347

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace; be of good courage, armed with Heavenly grace, In God's good Spirit daily to increase, till in his kingdom we behold his face.

Go forth for God; go to the world in love; strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak; Help the afflicted, richly from above his love supplies the grace and power we seek.

Go forth for God; go to the world in strength; hold fast the good, be urgent for the right; Render to no one evil; Christ at length shall overcome all darkness with his light.

Go forth for God; go to the world in joy; to serve God's people every day and hour, And serving Christ, our every gift employ, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

#### Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude

8:45 am: O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High- Deus tuorum militum from Antiphoner, 1753- arr. Burnside and Pell 11:00 am: Largo in D Major- Henry Purcell

## 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

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the Baptisms of Celia Claire Gibson, Cash and Scarlett Schmitt, and Thomas Henry Martin by their friends and families.

#### **BIRTHDAYS:**

Sunday: Clint Genoble, Seth Cost Monday: Bob Facer, Joan Bowles, Carrie McBrayer, Alan Robertson, Vivienne Bose Tuesday: Lois Nagy, Will Wesson, Sarah Scott Cook, Lane Summers Wednesday: Mark Mayhew, Elizabeth Pace, Eliot Williams, Courtney Lamb Thursday: Leah Morrisett, Penny Sebrell Friday: Chris McBrayer, Angie Yeager

#### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Tuesday: Ward and Vicki Stein Saturday: Laurie Parker and John Griffey

<b>PARTICIPANTS:</b>	8:45 am	11:00 am
Usher:	Bill Brandon	Debbie Sharpe
Usher:	Mary Kate Brandon	Tom Sharpe
Chalice Bearer:	Kathy Ulezelski	Chris Oberholtzer
Chalice Bearer:	Mike Gengler	Frank Baugh
Crucifer:	Katie Faulkner	Bonnie Sullivan
1st Reader:	Jay Fahey	Elizabeth Tyer
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader:	Ellen Kirk	Robert Collins
Prayers:	Cyndy Howes	Cindy Tumblin
Torch Bearer:	Sally Gray Branson	Juliette Blackwelder
Torch Bearer:	Emily Williams	Margot Blackwelder
Altar Guild:	Phyllis Thompson	Karen Montefiori
Altar Guild:	_	Laura McCown

Vestry Person of the Day: Mary Emilie Acklen

Musicians: Derek Pell, violin Elizabeth Smith, organ

Kent Burnside, guitar 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, John Nickerson, Phyllis Gray, Sharon Crumpton, Mary Suttle, John Looney, Andy McKinley, 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, Julie, and Sandy

#### **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 20, 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 Reception to thank Rick Jackson, organist in Founders Hall

• 5:00 – 7:00 pm **Episcopal Youth Group** 

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**

By now you should have received Fr Rusty's letter (and the pledge card), kicking off the 2024 Stewardship Campaign at St. Paul's. You will have also heard from one of our Outreach Partners, Oak Cottage, during the Announcements if you attended the 8:45 or 11 AM service on 10/13. Commitment Sunday is October 27, and pledge cards will be blessed at the Offertory. Please bring your card that day and if you pledge through Realm, you still bring the card and indicate that you have pledged online. Let's start this Walk in Love together as we head into another joyful Advent season.



-Julie Reinhardt, Stewardship Co-Chair and Parishioner

#### Fall Christian Formation Classes: The Prophetic Imagination

#### Sundays at 10:00 am - Oct 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.

#### Youth

October 20 \*\* Rake and Run! Postponed!!\*\*: Rake and Run is going to be postponed until November 17! We will have normal EYG from 5-7.

October 26 from 10 AM -12:30 PM: Car Park Fundraiser at Pumpkinfest! Come join us in the Barnabas parking lot to guide cars parking for the festival! Any money raised will be credited toward Mountain TOP fees. Sign up here: <a href="https://bit.ly/EYG-fall-events">https://bit.ly/EYG-fall-events</a>

#### **Upcoming Youth Formation**

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: Halloween Festival is October 30th

Join us for Gathering for Good on October 30th in the backyard of the Rectory...you've known this annual tradition as Trunk or Treat, Halloween Carnival, and NOW...the Halloween Festival!! We will have games, live music, the fan favorite Cake Walk, a bounce house, and back by popular demand-the chili cook-off! Come and join the fun! Costumes are highly encouraged! To enter the chili cook-off or to help with games or bake for the cake walk, visit <a href="https://bit.ly/halloween-festival-2024">https://bit.ly/halloween-festival-2024</a>

#### **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 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will discuss *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. Please bring a light appetizer and/or a drink to share.

## **Spring Street**

October fun with Spring Street neighbors and friends! Want to volunteer? Sign up here: <a href="https://bit.ly/Oct24SpringSt">https://bit.ly/Oct24SpringSt</a> If you would like to be added or removed from the volunteer list please email Jackie King (momking2nd@yahoo.com).

## 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 <code>libby@stpaulsfranklin.com</code>.

## Women of St .Paul's - November Social!

Our next social gathering will be **November 15 at 6:00** at the home of Jackie King, 307 Battery Court. Please join us! We will be electing officers that will serve for the next two years. Please bring a snack or beverage to share.

## 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 <a href="monna@stpaulsfranklin.com">monna@stpaulsfranklin.com</a>. Meets in The Lounge in Barnabas on Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 am.

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 gospel. All men of the parish are invited. We look forward to seeing you.

## **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 <a href="libby@stpaulsfranklin.com">libby@stpaulsfranklin.com</a>.

## 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 <a href="mailto:stpaulscooks@gmail.com">stpaulscooks@gmail.com</a>.

## Adults in Ministry (AIM) at Mountain TOP

This is the last week to donate to the MTOP Fall Festival! Needed items include scarves, hats, and gloves for adults and children. Shoes can be purchased and shipped directly to MTOP from their amazon wish list or shoe-a-month club (https://www.mountain-top.org/shoeamonth-club). Email Cassy Gilchrist, cassygilchrist@gmail.com, to arrange donation drop off!

#### 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! <a href="bit.ly/heart-and-soul-2025">bit.ly/heart-and-soul-2025</a>

#### A Letter from Rev'd Rusty - Rick Jackson

It is with sadness but much gratitude that I tell you that our beloved organist, Rick Jackson, has decided to retire from his music ministry here at St. Paul's. Due to his ongoing struggle with Pulmonary fibrosis, he simply cannot continue to perform at the level he expects. Rick has been such a gift to us over these many years. His devotion to his craft has made innumerous services so exceptional. Our weekly worship, funerals, weddings, and special services such as All Saints and Lessons and Carols have been enriched by his superb talents. We will gather together to celebrate Rick at a reception in his honor after the 11:00 service on Sunday, October 20 in Founders Hall. Please attend if you can. We are also taking up a "purse" to give to Rick as a way to show our appreciation. If you would like to contribute to Rick's Purse please send a check, in care of St. Paul's, writing "Rick" or "Rick's Purse" in the memo line. Cards are also very welcome. Our thanks and prayers go out to Rick for his service to our parish. May God bless him and comfort him. And may God continue to bless our church home, St. Paul's.

Peace, Rusty +