

*Celebrating Christ's Presence  
In a Changing World*

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church*



*The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 12, 2021  
10:30 am*

**Opening Hymn**      **Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #35**  
*Morning Has Broken*

**Welcome by the Rev. Sarah Hurlbert**

*The people stand as they are able,*

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God: + Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*          **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Song of Praise**

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*  
*(Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #40 v.1)*

**For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,**

*Refrain:*

**Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## The Lessons

### First Reading

Proverbs 1:20-33

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs:

Wisdom cries out in the street;  
in the squares she raises her voice.  
At the busiest corner she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:  
“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?  
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?  
Give heed to my reproof;  
I will pour out my thoughts to you;  
I will make my words known to you.  
Because I have called and you refused,  
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,  
and because you have ignored all my counsel  
and would have none of my reproof,  
I also will laugh at your calamity;  
I will mock when panic strikes you,  
when panic strikes you like a storm,  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.  
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.  
Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,  
would have none of my counsel,  
and despised all my reproof,  
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way  
and be sated with their own devices.

For waywardness kills the simple,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;  
but those who listen to me will be secure  
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people  
*People* **Thanks be to God**

*Remain seated.*

## **Psalm 19**

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*

the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

## **Second Reading**

**James 3:1-12**

A Reading from the letter of James :

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of

great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people  
*People* **Thanks be to God**

*All stand as they are able.*

**Sequence Hymn**      **Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #354**  
*Just As I Am*

**Gospel**

**Mark 8:27-38**

*People*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke

him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon            The Rev. Sarah Hurlbert**

*(All stand)*

**Nicene Creed**

**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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*Intercessor* As we pray for ourselves and the world, please respond to the phrase “God of love” with “grant our prayer.”

*Intercessor* We pray for the church, for all Christians everywhere, for Bonnie our bishop, for Sarah, Melissa and Jadon our clergy, and for our vestry and leaders.  
*(all pause for silent prayer)*

*Intercessor* Gracious God may your Spirit give strength to all your people as they work and witness in your world. Unite us in your truth and love and help us to show your love to others. God of love,  
*People* **grant our prayer**

*Intercessor* We pray for all people, for places where there is war or famine, especially Haiti, Afghanistan and all affected by Hurricane Ida.  
*(all pause for silent prayer)*



*Intercessor* God our creator, help everyone to share all the good gifts that you have given to us. May those who lead the nations of the world be given wisdom. Especially we pray for our President, our Governor and our Mayor. God of love,  
*People* **grant our prayer**

*Intercessor* We pray for our community and for all who live and work in this area.  
*(all pause for silent prayer)*

*Intercessor* God our friend, we pray for our families and friends. May we be able to help each other just as you love and help us. Especially we pray for all first responders and all teachers. God of love,  
*People* **grant our prayer**

*Intercessor* We pray for those in need, for sick people, for those in hospital, and for those with any other problems.  
*(all pause for silent prayer)*

*Intercessor* Compassionate God, give your strength and healing to all those who are sad, lonely, or sick. And bless all those who try and help them. (Especially we pray for...)

*Intercessor* God of love,  
*People* **grant our prayer**

### ***Prayers for students, teachers, backpacks...***

*Celebrant* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.  
*(silence is kept)*

*All*            **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Celebrant,*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Presider*    The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

### **Announcements - Noisy Offering**

## **The Holy Communion**

*The Presider says,*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*-Ephesians 5:2*

*(please kneel or stand as you are able)*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant*    God 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 our thanks and praise.**

Promising God, at Christmas you gave us your presence, at Easter you dismantled sin and death, and at Pentecost you empowered us to bear your image and spread your grace.

In mission, you equip us to go to the four corners of the earth, to rediscover what your Spirit is doing, and meet you in the face of the stranger.  
In ministries, you share with us the abundance of your love in sacrament, in story, and in prayer, in reconciliation and in bringing your world home to you.  
And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, declaring your unending praise.

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues,*

Fulfilling God, in Jesus' dying and rising you show us the extent of your mission, and the cost of our ministries.      +

Send your Holy Spirit, that your people may be filled with love, joy, and peace, and that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Revealing God, as you take bread and wine and make them the bearers of your Son's risen life, take our flesh and blood and make us channels of your peace.

Transform your church that it may resemble the generosity, joy, and abundance of your Trinity. Raise up those whose gifts have been suppressed, neglected, ignored, or rejected. Renew your people through humble service and prophetic witness, that your name may be known in the face of injustice, poverty, and tyranny.

Shower your people with your love, until the day comes when every eye beholds you, full of grace and truth, ever one God, world without end. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread:**

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People* **We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

*The Presider says,*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says,*

Let us pray.

We pray with those worshipping with us online and here with us:

*Celebrant and People,*

**Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*The Celebrant blesses the people, saying,*

Life is short, and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind...and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen**

**Closing Hymn:**      **Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #422 (v. 1,2,4,5)**  
*Amazing Grace!*

Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ALTAR FLOWERS for today are given TO THE GLORY OF GOD by the Parishioners of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.



*Worship Ministers:*

*The Rev. Sarah Hurlbert; The Rev. Melissa Congleton  
Eric Magnusson, 1<sup>st</sup> Reader; Joyce Grace, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader;  
Sally Mckinnon, Intercessor*

*Dennis Marsh, Tom Holsinger-Friesen & Samuel Holsinger-Friesen, Ushers*



- Christian education for K-12 (and our nursery) at St. Paul's will be in person from 9:15-10:15AM on Sundays starting **September 19<sup>th</sup>**.
- There will be a Worship Committee meeting next Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> during coffee hour.
- Join St. Paul's as we support the Love INC mini golf outing at the new Jurassic Golf, next Sunday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> from 2- 4pm.
- Our tech committee still needs more volunteers to help run our livestream services! Please reach out to Nathan Randall for details on how you can help.

# Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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## Just As I Am

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Db Ab Ab7 Db

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea  
 2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not  
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout  
 4 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive,

Ab Ab7 Gb Db

but that thy blood was shed for me,  
 to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
 with man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,  
 wilt wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve;

Db F Gb

and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
 to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
 fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
 be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,

Db Ab Db

O Lamb of God, I come! I come!  
 O Lamb of God, I come! I come!  
 O Lamb of God, I come! I come!  
 O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

**Closing Hymn**  
**Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #422 (v. 1,2,4,5)**  
*Amazing Grace!*

1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear

4 Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

amazing  
GRACE

## Teacher Blessing

God of all wisdom and knowledge, give your blessing and guidance to all who teach in your Church, that by word and example they may lead those whom they teach to the knowledge and love of you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Source: Book of Occasional Services*

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## Backpack Blessing

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day. We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again. Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers. Today we give you thanks for these your children, and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding and respect. May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school and in Sunday School. May they be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. **Amen.**

*Author: Wendy Claire Barrie*

# St. Paul's Weekly Calendar

## 9/12/2021 - 9/19/2021

| Day       | Activity  | Time                                      | Location   |
|-----------|---|---|--|
| SUNDAY    | Holy Eucharist<br>Church Service & Picnic   | 8:00 am<br>10:30 am                       | Sanctuary<br>Clark Lake Beach<br>& Boat Club   |
| MONDAY    |   |   |  |
| TUESDAY   | Clergy Meeting<br>Toastmasters  | 4:30 pm<br>6:00 pm                        | Sm. Dining Room  |
| WEDNESDAY | Bible Study<br>Holy Eucharist<br>FB Live Compline Service   | 10:30 am<br>12:15 pm<br>8:00 pm           | Sm. Dining Room<br>Chapel<br><a href="#">Facebook</a>                                |
| THURSDAY  |   |   |  |
| FRIDAY    |   |   |  |
| SATURDAY  |   |   |  |
| SUNDAY    | Holy Eucharist<br>Church School<br>Adult Forum<br>Holy Eucharist<br>Coffee Hour/Worship Committee | 8:00 am<br>9:15 am<br>9:15 am<br>10:30 am | Sanctuary<br>Upstairs Classrooms<br>Sm. Dining Room<br>Sanctuary<br>Holy Spirit Hall |

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