



# The Chimes

WORSHIP ♦ MINISTRIES ♦ OUTREACH

OCTOBER 2015 — THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

## Third Quarter Pledge Statements

Third Quarter 2015 Pledge Statements will be sent out this month by email or USPS depending on what we have on record for you. Please check your pledge status and let Gail know if anything looks incorrect. Didn't receive your statement? Please contact Gail Winterbauer, 602-5662 or winter@stpaulschatt.org. **Thank you for your commitment and contributions to St. Paul's Church!**

## Annual Ministry Reports Due: October 26

**The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10.** In support of that gathering, we will prepare an Annual Report of the ministries of the parish. Committee and guild chairs are asked to provide reports of your respective ministries (250 words or less). **Deadline: Monday, October 26.** Send to: jenny@stpaulschatt.org.

## MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30 p.m.

ROSELLA EWING &  
KYUNG-EUN NA  
*Mezzo-soprano and piano*

Featuring works by Debussy and Haydn. Cabaret songs by Schoenberg, Britten, Weill, Duke, and Sondheim. Reception follows.

**Sunday, November 1 — 4:00 p.m.**

CHORAL EVENSONG  
FOR ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY  
A Service of Remembrance with  
the Senior Choir. Reception follows.

a tithe 5%, 8%, 10% even 20% directly to the work of Christ done through the Church, I then will also make spiritual decisions about what I do with the remaining 95%, 92%, 90% or even 80%. So in fact, it all becomes a tithe — 100% of what I do becomes an offering to God.

As for whether my gifts to my university “count” in my “tithe” — they don't for me, and I do in fact donate to my educational institutions and other organizations. But my first offering comes to Christ through the church, for it is from God that my real blessings are given and unto Him is where my thanks returns. I encourage that you have a holy conversation between you and Christ as to the matter of how you are spending your time and money as a reflection of your thankfulness to Christ. And I invite you to share that conversation with one another. I certainly would welcome conversations about this journey.

Peace,

**Brad +**

## From the Interim Rector

### A Reflection of Our Relationship with God

One of the things I can remember my father saying to me and I have repeated to my own children is, *you can tell a lot about a person by the people he/she hangs out with.* Now for my father, and I'm sure for myself, a part of what this meant was to say, if I was hanging out with a “bad” crowd then I've probably made some decisions about wanting to be like that crowd. I knew what my father meant — he wanted me to hang out with good folks, who made wise decision and who acted out of respect for others. I can't say that this was always the choice I made, but I remember trying to do so.

Our friends, our colleagues at work, the organizations we belong to are all a reflection of something within us, the same is true of any awards or accolades we've received and accomplishments we've had in life. If you are a parent, you can't but help fall into the trap that your children are a reflection of who you are as well. What other things are a reflection of who you are?

As I have reached the age at which my father probably was when he encouraged me to hang out with those who were a reflection of who I wanted to be, I am less worried about what my reputation may be than I am interested in letting my actions be a true reflection of the sort of person I believe I am called to be.

How do you reflect your relationship with Christ to the world? What signs in your life reflect the reality of your relationship with Christ? Is it how you treat others? Is it in the way in which you do your job, no matter what that job may be? Have you ever considered that your calendar and your checkbook are reflections of your relationship with Christ? Take a look at how you spend your time. Examine over just one month what you do with your money. Are the decisions you make reflecting what you know to be true about Christ in your life? I am convinced that they are. I am convinced that if we take time to examine how we use the resources of our time and our money in the context of their being a reflection of our life with Christ, we will indeed choose to spend them in ways that are aligned with that reflection. The very act of setting time aside to consider how I spend my time and what I do with my money as a reflection of my thankfulness to God is itself an act of prayer. I truly believe that the proportion of my wealth that I give specifically for the work of God is reflective of my relationship with Christ.

This leads me to wrestle with a Biblical understanding of what God expects of me. We do not have to look too deep in scripture to find words about money, wealth, and how we care for the other many gifts given to us by God. Jesus himself spoke often about the spiritual realities related to our wealth and our belongings. And of course there is the issue of the “tithe” as written about in the Hebrew Scriptures. All of these readings should help inform our prayer life in regards to the spiritual discipline of stewardship. I am not a Biblical literalist, so I indeed tread lightly when it comes to discussing the tithe. Before taxes or after taxes, all to the church — what about donations to other organizations, do my donations to my university count? These are all questions that immediately come to the surface in conversations about the tithe. And did you notice that last one? “Do these ‘count’, as if this is some sort of pass or fail exercise in religion. I often find that these questions are more about looking for ways to dismiss any notion (literal or otherwise) about the tithe.

Here is what my Biblical understanding and witness from other faithful Christians has led me believe: That the tithe is my financial reflection of what I know to be true about Christ in my life. The tithe is that percentage of my income that is significant enough that it captures my attention and that it causes me to take into serious consideration what I do with the other percentage that remains. For me, considering a Biblical tithe means I need to look at percentages. Is my giving in balance with my thankfulness for what Christ as given me? Of course the answer is no — even giving 100% of what I have would not equal the gift Christ has given us. But, by considering

## WORSHIP TIMES AT ST. PAUL'S

### Sundays

- 8:00 a.m. Said Eucharist.
- 8:30 a.m. Buffet Breakfast.
- 9:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour.
- 10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist with St. Paul's Choir.

Our Sunday service is broadcast live on our website each week: [www.stpaulschatt.org](http://www.stpaulschatt.org)

### Weekdays: Monday - Friday

12:05 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. The Holy Eucharist.

### Are health issues keeping you from church on Sundays?

Join our weekday Eucharists in the chapel at 12:05 Monday through Friday. The brief service is a good option when you do not have the stamina for an hour's worth of church. Or let us know if you need Communion at home.

## Reminder: 'Fall Back'

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday morning, November 1 (All Saints' Sunday). Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, October 31.



## All Saints' Sunday: November 1

*The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated at the 10:30 Eucharist.*

During our worship together on All Saints' Sunday, banners decorated by the children of the Parish bearing the names of members of the St. Paul's community who have entered the larger life since All Saints' Day 2014 will be carried in the procession and displayed in the Nave. Their names will be read aloud as we offer special prayers for all the faithful departed. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated at the 10:30 Eucharist.

Be sure to join us for a Service of Remembrance for All Saints' Sunday at 4:00 p.m. with St. Paul's Senior Choir. The service will feature works by John Tavener, Gabriel Fauré, Stephen Paulus, and Edwin Fissinger. A reception will follow.

## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be offered on All Saints' Sunday, November 1. If you are interested in Baptism, please speak with the Rev. Quinn Parman or contact [parman@stpaulschatt.org](mailto:parman@stpaulschatt.org).

## Pastoral Care at St. Paul's

If you or someone close to you is heading for the hospital, please let us know. Hospitals do not notify us and we have no way of knowing, or of finding you. Simply call the Church Office and ask for a member of St. Paul's Clergy or contact Pastoral Care Minister Janet Hale: [jhale@stpaulschatt.org](mailto:jhale@stpaulschatt.org).

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: FALL 2015

### Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in Huckabay Hall Speaker Series: *I Will, With God's Help*

This year, our Sunday morning Speaker Series will be focusing on the questions of our baptismal covenant and explore what it means to be a Christian in this time and place, beginning with issues of race and racial justice.

### Baptismal Covenant Part I: *Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?*

Sunday, October 11



**Dr. Catherine Meeks, Retired Clara Carter Acree Distinguished Professor of Socio-Cultural Studies (Wesleyan College), Author, Community and Wellness Activist. Dismantling Racism in 'Post Racial' Times.** Of course we know that we are not in a post racial time but we have talked as if this is true. We will reflect upon what this era challenges us to do in response to the reality of race relations in the present moment.

Sunday, October 18



**Dr. Andrew Thompson, Post-Doctoral Fellow in Environmental Ethics at the School of Theology at Sewanee, will discuss the issue of environmental racism and highlight local environmental justice efforts in Chattanooga.**

### Building up the Church: Leadership and Giving at St. Paul's

Sunday, October 25

The Rev. Brad Whitaker speaks about Stewardship.

Sunday, November 1

Meet the Candidates for St. Paul's Vestry.

### Baptismal Covenant Part II: *Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?*

Sunday, November 8

The Rev. Dr. Benjamin King speaks about the history of Christian worship.

Sunday, November 15

Dr. Keith Reas, St. Paul's Director of Music, speaks about our Hymnal.

Sunday, November 22

The Rev. Leigh Preston speaks about the Book of Common Prayer.

## Other Christian Education Opportunities

### Faith and Families

St. Paul's Faith & Families class meets in the Ava Wright room at 9:15 a.m. We will be studying the book *Parenting the Wholehearted Child* by Jeannie Cunnion. This class is for parents of children of all ages. Please join us — we will have copies of the book available. Led by Ross and Mary George.

### Adult Study and Reflections

A gathering of adults for conversation and study of various topics and texts from the Bible, books, and more. All adults are welcome to come and join the conversation loosely based on the EfM reflection model. We are currently reading Frederick Buechner's *Secrets in the Dark*, a collection of his sermons. Each Sunday we read one of the sermons then have a discussion about it. Led by Robin Miller and Suzanne Barel. Miller Room.

### Vestry Highlights

Your Vestry, at its September 21 regular meeting...

The meeting was convened by Interim Rector Rev. Brad Whitaker. The Rev. Whitaker opened with prayer and read from The Gospel of Matthew, and shared news from the pastoral care team.

Suzanne Barels from the Capital Projects committee presented a proposal for additional work to begin on October 5 assuming nothing in the proposal changes. The proposal from Bill Wilkerson includes restoration of outside masonry, painting woodwork of the bell tower and outside of the Hart and Loring Clark Buildings. The proposal also includes procoat to seal brickwork. Suzanne requested Vestry approval to proceed with the projects with costs not to exceed \$160,000. A motion was made to approve. Bobby Crates moved to approve seconded by Hank Hopping and Brad Pope.

Rev. Whitaker asked that the church apply for funding for the Application for Funding from the Innovative Community Ministry Fund of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee. Randy Odle moved to apply and Alison Shaw seconded.

Rev. Whitaker reported Kick-Off Sunday services and the Christian Education Speaker Series is off to a good start. The repair work on the elevator has begun.

Mary Lockhart asked about a replacement for Youth Minister Adam Webb. Brad shared that a full time position will be filled. Quinn Parman will assist with the new transition.

Randy Odle asked how the training for the shepherds is proceeding. Brad reported that the pastoral care team is a committed group with a second meeting scheduled soon.

Hank Hopping will report in the executive session or the Search Committee.

Treasurer, Bobby Crates reported that the church was in the black for August. Expenses were less than this time last year and spending from Endowment has increased. The budget is tracking well. Beverly Rhoden has 75 out of 85 parking spaces rented. We did not have to use our line of credit for the month of August. Bobby shared that we are anticipating a deficit larger than our budget, but we are in better shape than this time last year due to reduction in expenses. Ed Barels announced that tree trimming and re-stripping of parking spaces will begin in October in the back parking lot. He suggested that this job be paid for with proceeds from the parking lot. Brad has been approached by a parishioner for a contribution in memory of his parents.

Lynn Hodge spoke to the conversations regarding various approaches to addressing the projected deficit. Hank Hopping asked if it would make sense to present the additional funding need to the Stewardship Committee. Brad suggested a year-end pledge campaign. Additional funding discussions will go to the Wardens, Finance Committee and the Campaign Chairs.

### Annual Meeting of the Congregation: Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation opens with prayer, singing, and supper on Tuesday, November 10. Childcare available by reservation. Annual Reports and election of five new Vestry members are among the items on the agenda for the Annual Meeting. We will review the 2015 Annual Mission and Ministry Budget (Operating Budget) to date and preview the 2016 Budget (which will be built as Annual Giving Pledges come in).

#### What is the Vestry?

The Vestry, chaired by the Rector, has fifteen lay leaders elected by the congregation. Vestry members are spiritual leaders and also constitute the corporate board.

#### Nomination and Election of Your Vestry

Sunday, November 1 at 9:15 a.m.

A Preview Event: Meet the Vestry Nominees Forum in Key-Andrews Hall.

### Family Promise: November 1-8

Hello to all, and thanks to those of you who have already volunteered! There are still tasks that need to be filled for Family Promise to be a success in November. We still need **Greeters, Cooks, Entertainers, and Overnight Hosts**. Check the Big Board at St. Paul's for openings and to sign up!

We also ask that you sign up on *Volunteer Spot* so that our support group from Metropolitan Ministry and our St. Paul's Volunteers can tell what jobs are open. Go to <http://vols.pt/yHWLQ7> and review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like. Then sign up! It's easy — you will not need to register an account or keep a password on *VolunteerSpot*.

Thanks for your interest in giving of your time and talents for this Family Promise ministry!

Shannon Mowrer, Volunteer Coordinator: 423-827-4432 or [shanbmowr@comcast.net](mailto:shanbmowr@comcast.net).

### Nomination and Election of Vestry Members

**Submit Nominee Suggestions by October 23**  
**Meet the Vestry Nominees on November 1**

A Nominating Committee of Billy Tiller (Chair), Marie Williams, Herb Knowles, Br Larry Reich, Mardi Longley, and Brad Pope is receiving suggestions and will arrive at no fewer than ten nominees for five openings on the Vestry. Elections are at the November 10 Annual Meeting. Those elected to serve for three years on the Vestry beginning February 1 will also be among those serving as St. Paul's delegates to the February Diocesan Convention. Please do not seek prior approval from your suggested nominee(s). The Committee has this as part of its process.

**You may email your suggestions to Billy Tiller at [billyt@msn.com](mailto:billyt@msn.com). If you have gifts and talents to offer please submit your own name for consideration.**

Completing Vestry terms and not eligible for re-election are members of a strong and gifted class: Katherine Betts, Junior Warden Rick Lee, Clay Patton, and Brad Pope. Continuing until early 2017 are Russ Craig, Bo Hixson, Randy Odle, Alison Shaw and Sr. Warden Hank Hopping. Ed Barels, Julia Cronin, Mary Lockhart, and Tom White continue serving as Vestry members until 2018. The Rector is Chair of the Vestry, and Hugh Sharber ministers as Chancellor. Vestry meets at least monthly.

All confirmed communicants in good standing of St. Paul's Church who are sixteen (16) years of age or older shall be entitled to vote at the annual Parish meetings and special Parish meetings. All communicants of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered communicants in good standing. (*Canons of St. Paul's Church*)



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# ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 1



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Send your email address to [beverly@stpaulschatt.org](mailto:beverly@stpaulschatt.org) to receive *eChimes*, our weekly email newsletter! Deadline for the November issue of *The Chimes*: October 15. Send news to [jenny@stpaulschatt.org](mailto:jenny@stpaulschatt.org).

## Special Events

AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH AND AROUND THE DIOCESE

### Sunday, October 18: 50-Year Members Celebration

The Parish Life Committee invites you to join in honoring all those who have been members of St. Paul's for fifty years or more. Special prayers of thanksgiving in our worship at the morning Eucharists and a reception in their honor in Key-Andrews Hall following the 10:30 Eucharist.

### An Evening with the Rev. Martin Smith

Thursday, October 29: Dinner at 5:30 p.m. — Lecture at 6:30 p.m.

Plan on taking the opportunity to join one of the most highly regarded spiritual teachers in the Episcopal Church, the Rev. Martin Smith, for dinner and a guest lecture at St. Paul's on October 29. Rev. Smith will lead a discussion about finding God's hidden presence in the less familiar places of our experience. He is well known throughout the Episcopal Church and beyond as a writer, retreat leader, and teacher exploring contemporary spirituality. His widely-read books include *Reconciliation, A Season for the Spirit, The Word is Very Near You*, and *Compass and Stars*. \$10 for dinner and lecture; \$5 for lecture only. Childcare available upon request. RSVP to St. Paul's Church Office: 423-266-8195 or [beverly@stpaulschatt.org](mailto:beverly@stpaulschatt.org).

### SPECIAL EVENT

Tuesday, December 8 — 7:30 p.m.

ANONYMOUS 4: THE LAST NOËL

Tickets on Sale Online

and in Key-Andrews Hall on Sundays

After nearly 30 years of international touring and over 20 recordings on the Harmonia Mundi label (with over two million albums sold), Anonymous 4 will make the 2015-16 season their last. Renowned for their unearthly vocal blend and virtuosic ensemble singing, the four women of Anonymous 4 combine historical scholarship with contemporary performance intuition to create their magical sound. Tickets: \$50 reserved seating; \$25 general admission (\$30 at the door); \$10 students (\$15 at the door). Tickets available online at <http://ow.ly/S6qgY>.

### Annual Meeting of the Congregation: Tuesday, November 10 — Make Your Reservation!

Number of: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Meals \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten-Free Meals \_\_\_\_\_

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner: \$8. Please complete this form and return it to the Church Office along with your check marked *Annual Meeting* on the memo line. It may also be placed in the offering plate. Payment in advance makes seating easier.