

St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

The Rev. Sarah Phelps, Celebrant
The Rev. Nathaniel Lee H.K. McKinney, Homilist

HOLY BAPTISM
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
JULY 6, 2025

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organ

Processional

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Hymn 535

Liturgy of the Word

The Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

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

The Celebrant then continues

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 following is sung.

Gloria

Glory to God

Hymnal S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace — to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - mighty — God and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
 People *And also with you.*
 Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Children's Processional

All Things Bright and Beautiful (v. 1)
Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

Hymn 405

First Reading

2 Kings 5:1-14

A Reading from Second Kings.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
 People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm

Psalm 30

- 1 I will exalt you, O LORD,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed. *
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Second Reading

Galatians 6:7-16

A reading from the Letter to the Galatians.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual

O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling (vv.1 & 4)

Hymn 539

The Gospel

Luke 10:1-11,16-20

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

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

Homily

The Rev. Nathaniel Lee H.K. McKinney

Holy Baptism

Baptismal Candidates and Sponsors gather around the Font.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates for Baptism

BCP 301

The Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Candidates (adults and older children) who are able to answer for themselves are presented by their sponsors who say

Sponsor *I present N. to receive the sacrament of Baptism.*

The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate *I do.*

The Candidates (infants and younger children) are presented by their parents and godparents who say

Parents and Godparents *I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents *I will, with God's help.*

The Celebrant then asks the candidates, and the parents and godparents

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents *I do.*

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents *I do.*

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents *I do.*

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People *We will.*

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant

- 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?
 People *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and 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.*
- Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
 People *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, 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.*
- Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
 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

The Celebrant then says to the people

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Celebrant then says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

BCP 307

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then pours water upon, the candidate, saying
N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

When this action has been completed for all the candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying
Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with a Chrism and saying to each one
N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

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

Peace

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Announcements

If you would like to donate online, follow the QR code found on the giving card in the back of the pews.

At the end of the announcements, you are also welcome to come forward to make a special donation to Heifer International, a non-profit organization whose mission is to end hunger and poverty, to mark an anniversary, blessing, or other event.

Recognition of Ministries

Celebrant Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

Celebrant addressing

Celebrant Erica Ridderman has been called to the ministry of Children, Youth, and Family Formation.

People *Praise be to God for calling you to this service!*

Celebrant Let us pray. Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O God, and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit that they may minister in their chosen task with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Celebrant In the Name of our Triune God, St. Paul's parish recognizes you, Erica, with God's blessing and with these symbols of your service... (symbolic gifts are given). Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All *Thanks be to God!*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

Carol Yeargin, Organ

Offertory Response

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The People remain standing.

The Celebrant proceeds.

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 God thanks and praise.*

The Celebrant proceeds.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymn S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant then continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

The Celebrant then continues

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

Lord's Prayer

BCP 367

People and Celebrant

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.


Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

Hymn S154



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to come forward for communion, including children. Please follow the ushers' guidance as you come to the rail. If you would like to receive the wine by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup), keep the bread in your hands and wait for the communion server to come to you. If you would like to receive from the common cup (drinking from the cup directly), please consume the bread first and then make your way to the steps at the end of the rail. A communion server will be there with the common cup. If it is not your custom to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest and the minister will offer a prayer. A priest is also available to provide prayers for healing in the back southwest corner of the church. Simply head to the back during communion distribution and wait for your turn. If you are at home or otherwise unable to take communion, you may say the following prayer.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Communion Music

My God, Thy Table Now is Spread
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Hymn 321
Hymn 498

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 366

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

Hymn 657

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Postlude

Carol Yeargin, Organ

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Martha Waters by Dana and Georgie Gracie.*

TODAY – JULY 6, 2025

New to St. Paul's? Welcome! Please let us know you are here by filling out a visitor card in the pew. Stop by our Welcome Station in the narthex (lobby) to chat with Greeters and find materials that might help if you are new to St. Paul's or The Episcopal Church. Join a tour of our campus on the third Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. to learn more and meet others. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to find out more about us!

Accessibility: St. Paul's strives to make our services and programs comfortable and accessible to all. Ushers and Greeters are available to help. Please let us know how we can work together to improve your experience here.

Kids' Club (Education Building): Our Kids' Club (nursery) is available during the 9 a.m. service today; infants/toddlers through 36 months (3 years old) are welcome to attend. Children are always welcome in the service.

Children's Chapel: Children 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to process to Children's Chapel during the 9 a.m. service and return to their families during announcements.

Coffee & Chaos (Parish Hall Lobby): The playground will be open after the 9 a.m. service today for the chaos, with coffee and snacks available in the parish hall lobby! This is not just for families: all are welcome to enjoy the fun. Coffee & Chaos takes place on the first and third Sunday of each summer month.

Children's and Youth Sunday School: Classes resume in September. Keep an eye out for summer offerings for both children and youth, including volunteering with VBC.

Music Ministry at St. Paul's: The St. Paul's Choir and Voices of St. Paul's are taking a break in July but will be back in August. In the meantime, our organist, Carol Yeargin, will continue to supply her wonderful accompaniment for hymns and service music as well as engaging offertories for the month. Please contact Minister of Music Rusty McKinney at rusty.mckinney@stpaulscary.org if you are interested in joining the choir or other Music Ministries ensembles.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Erica Ridderman! This morning marks the beginning of Erica Ridderman's work with us as Lay Associate for Children, Youth, and Family Formation. Please take a moment to welcome Erica in her ministry with us.

ONE Wake Affordable Housing Accountability Action: Help us fill the room for the ONE Wake Accountability Action on July 12 at noon at Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Raleigh (near Tryon and Gorman St). Stand with others as we hold local and state elected officials accountable for the commitments they made to expand affordable housing across Wake County. Learn more online or by contacting Mary Kintz and Christina Myers at onewake@stpaulscary.org.

Dorcas Christmas in July Food Drive: Dorcas Ministries in Cary is again sponsoring a drive to stock their food pantry with much-needed items during the summer months. Throughout July, we will have a big box to fill with items specified each week. This week we're bringing pasta, canned fruit, canned chicken, jelly, boxed mashed potatoes and stuffing. Next up: cooking oil, sugar, flour, pancake mix and syrup. Find more info in the narthex and help us keep the pantry shelves stocked! Questions? Contact the church office at 919-467-1477.

Annual Pauli Murray Commemoration Service: The 16th annual commemoration of the life and work of the Rev. Pauli Murray will be held at Murray's childhood church, St. Titus' in Durham, on July 17 at 6:30 p.m. This annual service includes an original liturgy and a choir drawn from across the city. The preacher for the service will be the Rev. Melanie Mullen from the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. Can't make it in person? Watch the livestream on St. Titus' Facebook page.

Racial Justice Book Group: The Racial Justice Planning Group is offering three book studies this summer and early fall as we dig deeper into our history and into our responsibility as Christians to actively work for a more just world. Each session will be in-person at the church. Anyone is welcome to join us for one, some or all sessions. First up: "How to End Christian Nationalism" by Amanda Tyler, meeting Sunday, July 20 from 12-1:30 p.m. Learn more about the schedule and sign up online. Email Aleta McClenney at aleta@att.net with questions.

Ladies' Night Lemonade: Ladies, please plan to join us in the Youth Wing for a casual evening of socializing on Tues. July 22 from 7-9 p.m. in the Youth Wing. We'll supply the lemonade, you supply any delicious add-ins or snack foods you'd like to share. This is an adult gathering, simply for fun. Learn more and RSVP online (bit.ly/4nfjZJJ) or in the narthex.

Please Be Aware of the Greenway Crossing: Although it has not officially opened, the new Higgins Greenway crossing at the entrance of our parking lot is already seeing visitors. Warning signs are not yet in place, so please be on the lookout for those who are not aware that they are crossing a street there. We are working with the Town of Cary on improving safety for all; in the meantime, please be very cautious as you approach that area coming and going.

Researching our Roots: In the fall of 2024, the Rev. Rhonda Lee shared a report commissioned by the diocese detailing the racial history of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina through the 1960s. Each congregation has been asked to research and learn its own history of the Black, Brown and Indigenous people in the life of their church and community, with regard to land acquisition, early church history and racial history. Join the team working on researching, organizing and presenting information about St. Paul's. Please contact historykeepers@stpaulscary.org to learn more.

Welcome the Newly Baptized: A very special welcome to those baptized at the 9 a.m. service today: Heather Swann, Kai Swann (son of Heather and Zack Swann), and Cameron Simpson (grandson of Carole Novick).

Prayer List: Dave, Bob, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Laura, Margaret, Mary, Virginia, Doug, Guy, Katie, Cathy, Alan, Jessica, John, Mary, Susan, Clarence, Susan, Noah, Sally, John, John, Randy, Regina, Parrish, Jackie, Matias, Yosy, Ashley, Barb, Peggy, Hope, Marty, Janet, Austin, Liddy, Mary, Sue, Brenna, Lynn, Melanie, Ryan, Alyson, Patrick, Sarah, Ryan, Nancy, Ben, Chris, Patrick, Ralph, Louane, Melissa, Bill, Martha, Hannah Paul, Beth, Heather, Henry, Carter, and Althea.

If you have a name you would like to include on the prayer list, or a ministry event that you would like to announce in this printed bulletin, please send information to announcements@stpaulscary.org. Names included in the prayer list will remain for a month, and we are happy to extend at your request. Please note that there is a 2-week lead time on printed announcements.



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