



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

## THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

January 30, 2022 • 10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist - Rite II

*This service is printed here in its entirety.*

### The Processional Hymn

*Spread, O spread, thou mighty word*  
Hymnal 530

### *The Liturgy of the Word*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

*The People say together*

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

### The Gloria

Hymnal S 280

*Children ages 4-8 are invited to gather at the rear of the church to attend Children's Chapel, return during the Peace.*

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All may be seated.*

### **The First Lesson: Acts 26:9-21**

Paul said to King Agrippa, "Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is what I did in Jerusalem; with authority received from the chief priests, I not only locked up many of the saints in prison, but I also cast my vote against them when they were being condemned to death. By punishing them often in all the synagogues I tried to force them to blaspheme; and since I was so furiously enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities.

"With this in mind, I was traveling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, when at midday along the road, your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.' I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The Lord answered, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles-- to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

"After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me."

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        ***Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 67 [Sung by the Choir]**

- 1** May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2** Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3** Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4** Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.

- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

### **The Second Reading: Galatians 1:11-24**

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        ***Thanks be to God.***

### **The Sequence Hymn**

*God is love, and where true love is*  
Hymnal 577

## **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:16-22**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said to the twelve, "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover

## **The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People — Form III**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

*Intercessor* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***People* That we all may be one.**

*Intercessor* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***People* That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***People* That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***People* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Intercessor* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***People* That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Intercessor* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***People* That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Intercessor* Give to the departed eternal rest.

***People* Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Intercessor* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***People* May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Intercessor* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for those on our prayer list, especially David, Tom, Heather, Anne, Don, Frank, Megan, Jeni, Charles, Pete, Carol, Frances, Tommy.

*Intercessor* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially: Dan, Anne, Alex, Kate, Sofia, Trip, Becca, Lucas, Candler.

*Intercessor* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence.*

*The People may add their own petition.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*Celebrant:* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Confession and Absolution**

BCP 360

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Leader and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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.**

*All stand, as able.*

## **The Peace**

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

**People** And also with you.

## **Blessings and Thanksgivings**

## *The Holy Communion*

### **The Offertory Anthem**

*Lead me Lord*  
S.S. Wesley

### **The Presentation Hymn**

*O love, how deep, how broad how high*  
Hymnal 448

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer A*  
BCP 361

*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.***

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 the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

### **The Sanctus**

Hymnal S 129

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant 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.

## The Great Amen

Hymnal S 146



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

*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.**

## *The Breaking of the Bread*

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **The Fraction Anthem**

Hymnal S 154

### **The Communion**

#### **The Communion Anthem**

*Love your neighbor*  
Michael Helman

#### **The Communion Hymn**

*My God, the table now is spread*  
Hymnal 321

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*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.***

### **The Blessing**

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **The Closing Hymn**

*God is Love, let heaven adore him*  
Hymnal 379

### **The Dismissal**

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## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

<b>VPOW [Vestry Person of the Week] - Geoff Mattera</b>				
<b>Verger</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Readers</b>
Tony Frankey Jennifer	Lauren Gallagher Wendy LeVan Katie McBride	Virginia Williams, Mark LeVan, Danny Brown, Dean Eelman, Taylor Josey, John Tucker, Mike Colpoys	Caroline Hawes - 1st Lily Mattera - 2nd Mary Huskison - Banner Rowan Mattera - Torch 1 Houston Hawes - Torch 2	Mary Francis Honea

### *Remember in your Prayers*

We pray for those with timely concerns: Brink Howard, Rena McMichael, Michael Coxand, Steven Stellen, Marcia Mack, Vashti Ravenell, Gavin Stuart and family, Heather Pennell-Glover, Anne Murphy, Quinn Harrison, Jason Allen, Ethan Page, Luke Bourneuf, Ruthie Stewart, Don Jones, Ivy Roman, Scott Cummins, Mandy Screven, Pete Furniss.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Malcolm Velasca, Kiran Force, Alice Magnan, Annie Bulford, Margaret Crary, Trina Hall, Tyler Chapman, Anna Endres, Kimberly Leitch, Candy Waldron, Bo Warren, Brittany Jones, Ralph Hajosy, Jeff Lawhead, John Cummins, Megan Morgan, Jeni Massenburg, Tommy Pinkard.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Jennifer, Nicole, Philip, Frankey, Mark, Geoff, Renee, Heather, Virginia, and for the Staff: Hazel, Mason, Charmaine, Dawn, Elisabeth, Mary Margaret, Cole, Kimberly.

We pray for members of our armed services and their families: Phil Kearney, Kevin Bradley, Joe Clay, Tom Choate, Linda Boyce, Dariel Johnson, Sean McGraw, Steven Puckett, Bill Tudor, Jr., Scott Woodward, Luke White, Tommy White, Zach Simkins, Jacob Britt, Morgen Davis, Luke Eason, Michael Rafferty, David Norwood, Arron Essex, Adam Harrison, Sam Vermilyea, Charles Mathews, Cameron Everett, Lanier Sealy, Beau Massenburg.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Dan Fielder, Anne Kelleher, Alexander Teal, Kate Howell, Sofia Young, Trip Taylor, Rebecca Teal, Lucas Cridler, Candler Budd.

We pray for those who have died. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

## *Parish Notices*

### **VESTRY NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2022 -2024 TERM**

Three Vestry members will be elected at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 30 at 9:15 am to replace the retiring members. Qualified parishioners may nominate themselves or may be nominated by someone else.

#### **Who is qualified to stand for Vestry election? *Canon 31 Section 6(d).(1)***

Those qualified for election to the office of Vestry Member shall be as follows: Any confirmed communicant in good standing of the Parish who is not less than eighteen years of age, a regular attendant at the services of the Church in the year preceding election, and known by the Treasurer to have made and fulfilled a stated financial commitment for church support in the year preceding election.

### **ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP**

Several weeks ago, we launched our stewardship campaign based on the concept of Mindful Giving. Call went out to Parishioners of St. Paul's to give Mindful consideration to their continued support of the mission of St. Paul's. Thank you to those of you who have heard the call and made your pledge for 2022. If you have yet to make a commitment, please consider making a pledge now. While pledges are gladly accepted at any time, it would be most helpful if pledges are received by January 25th. The budget for the remainder of the year must be established prior to the annual meeting and pledges make up the vast majority of income each year. As of right now, we have received pledges totaling about 65% of what our budget was for 2021. In order to plan our 2022 budget and continue the mission and ministries of St. Paul's, we hope to receive pledges making up the remaining 35% before January 25th.

Please take a moment to consider making a pledge. The links below will take you to the stewardship brochure and online pledge card or you can contact the church office to make a pledge. Pledge cards with envelopes can also be found at church in the Narthex and can be placed in the offering plate during the worship service. Thank you for your consideration.

Please go to: [www.stpaulsnewnan.org/give](http://www.stpaulsnewnan.org/give)

**Cherub Choir** - For children ages 3 to 1st grade, meets in the Choir Room on Wednesdays, at 4:30 PM

**St. Cecilia Choir** - For children in 2nd grade and up rehearse on Wednesdays at 5:00 PM in the Choir Room. Rising 2nd graders are invited to join us for the remainder of the year.

**February 4-6, 2022** - Vestry Retreat at Kanuga Conference Center, NC.

**February 18-20, 2022** - Women's Retreat - at Forrest Hills Resort. - "From Uncertainty to Peace & Purpose" a Time of Spiritual Renewal with Judy Prokopiak.

**Newsletter** - Printed copies of each week's Newsletter may be found in the Narthex for those who are not receiving the online version.

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**Vestry**

**Jennifer Thomasson**, Senior Warden; **Mark LeVan**, Junior Warden; **Nicole Edwards**, Outreach Liaison; **Philip Hand**, Stewardship Liaison; **Frankey Henderson**, Parish Life Liaison; **Geoff Mattera**, Communications Liaison; **Renee Powell**, Health and Healing Liaison; **Heather Turner**, Welcoming Liaison; **Virginia Williams**, Compliance and Documentation Liaison.