

The Sunday Epistle

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
May 15, 2022



To Know Christ · To Worship Christ · To Serve Christ · To Make Him Known

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

We're so glad you're worshipping with us today whether in person or via live-streaming! If you're joining us for the first time, please enter your information in the Visitor's Book in the church entrance or send an email to info@stpaulslynhburg.org and we will reach out to you. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider St. Paul's. Please visit our website at www.stpaulslynhburg.org.

A PIECE OF HISTORY

Today St. Paul's welcomes our Bishop to celebrate the continuing Easter season with us. Along with the beautiful service and outstanding music program, the Sacrament of Baptism, and the Confirmation of our youth will take place. St. Paul's is bedecked with flowers, candles, and all of the beautiful physical elements of a church with 200 years of history.

Today is the perfect opportunity to share a bit of that history in regards to baptisms. St. Paul's is in possession of several historical, baptismal pieces. The font itself was presented to the first St. Paul's, by John D. Murrell, in 1826, as a memorial gift for church members J. M. and C. A. Langhorne. It remained in the second St. Paul's when it was built in 1851, and was moved to its present location in 1895. The cover of the font, originally silver plated, was a gift to the new church in celebration of the first service on Christmas Eve, 1895.

The sterling silver bowl that holds the blessed water in the font was a gift from W. A. Strother, in 1856, engraved with a touching memorial to Parthenia Burwell, his childhood nanny.

The oldest and most historical item that St. Paul's owns is the sterling silver jug from which water is poured into the font, and then blessed for the baptism. While the term jug is not normally associated with churches, the vessel gets its name due to its squat, rounded shape. It is engraved with the date 1706, and was made for Queen Anne College, Christchurch, Oxford, England.

St. Paul's is blessed to have this piece of history with which to assist the newly baptized into their journey of faith.

Sue Ellen Inman

GROUP PHOTO OF THE PARISH



At the end of the 10 AM service everyone will follow the choir to the front steps of the church for an All-Parish picture, which will be included in the Bicentennial History book (in preparation). Everyone is strongly encouraged to be part of this historic event.



RECEPTION

After the All-Parish picture is taken, all are invited to join Bishop Bourlakas, the Confirmands and the Baptism family in the Undercroft for a festive reception in true St. Paul's style!



Our nursery is available at 9:45 AM.

MAY 15—22

Sunday, May 15

The 5th Sunday of Easter
"Bishop's visitation, one parish-wide service"

10:00 AM—Baptism, Confirmation & HE, Rite II
In Person & Live Stream

Wednesday, May 18
5:30 PM— Evening Prayer & Communion

Sunday, May 22
The 6th Sunday of Easter
8:00 AM—HE, Rite I
10:00 AM—HE, Rite II
In Person & Live Stream

PARISH HEALTH

May is **Hepatitis** Awareness Month and May 19th is Hepatitis Testing Day. Hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver and is caused by several different viruses; the most common being Hep-A, Hep-B and Hep-C. Chronic Hep-B and Hep-C are leading causes of liver cancer in the U.S. Both Hep-A and Hep-B are preventable with safe and effective vaccines and Hep-C is curable with prescribed treatment. The majority of people with Hep-B are unaware of their infection and about 40% of people living with Hep-C do not know they are infected. Getting tested is the only way to know!

Beverly Wilson, RN
Parish Nurse



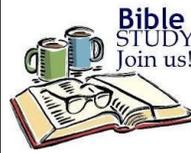
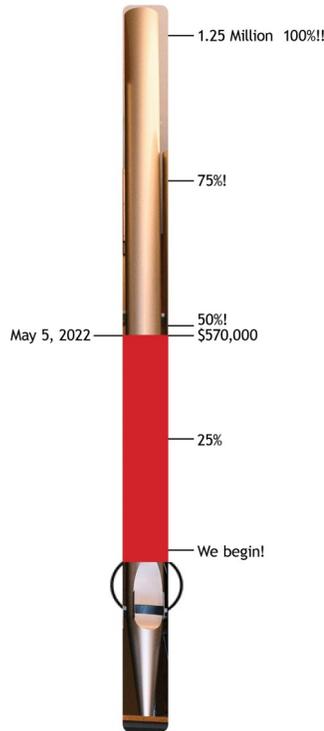
**THE BICENTENNIAL ORGAN—
SOME THINGS ARE JUST
WORTH IT.**

We have received 15% of
the pledge cards for a total
of \$588,900.00

Almost halfway to our
goal...good job St Paul's!

Keep this organ train fueled
by getting your pledge
cards in now!

Geri Cecil



**Lectionary Bible Study
Wednesdays, 10 AM
Gilchrist Room
The Rev. Laura Weant, Facilitator
All are welcome!**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please consider signing up to purchase Altar Flowers
for a Sunday Morning, perhaps in memory or honor
of a person, an anniversary, etc. And, to make it easi-
er, you can now reserve your date online by going to:
www.bit.ly/spflowers

Please note in whose memory or honor the flowers
are given. The cost is \$130.

Please make your check payable to St. Paul's with
"flowers" in the memo line and mail it to:

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
605 Clay Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504
Attn: Parish Administrator



If you have additional questions, or wish to share
the cost with another person, please call the church
office, 434.845.7301.

Thank you!

*Flowers are not placed on the Altar during Lent and
Advent.

YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, May 15: Confirmation Sunday: No Youth Group

Sunday, May 22: Middle School Youth

Sunday, May 29: High School Youth

If you have questions, contact Nina Salmon.
nsalmon@stpaulslynchburg.org



FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



The Stewardship Committee thanks everyone
who has contributed money and made their
pledge. It is the goal of the Stewardship
Committee to have maximum participation,
and we hope each of you strongly considers making a pledge
as every gift greatly contributes to the continued operations
of the Church. Remember, 2 Corinthians 8:12 states that "For
if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to
what one has, not according to what one does not have."

Ross Sanzone

"JESUS CHRIST: INVISIBLE GOD MADE VISIBLE"

Introducing the historical person, Jesus, in Scripture

Please join me for the 9 Sundays in June and July
from 9:15-9:45 AM, in person at
St Paul's or via Zoom, for an
interesting look into Jesus: Who
is He? What was He like? Why is
He important? Why do I care?



Set your calendar now to come 45 minutes early
those weeks...I promise you will be glad you did! :)

Susan Murray