

Virtual Epistle

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

WELCOME TO
ST. PAUL'S FIRST
VIRTUAL EPISTLE!

*This edition may look a
little different than
"normal" but we are
thankful for technology
that allows us to stay
connected...virtually!*



ALLELUIA!
CHRIST IS RISEN!

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BRYAN

Dear people of God,

Though the world around us seems to be lingering in Lent, we know that Christ is risen and dwells among us. We are people of the resurrection! And there are small signs of resurrection.

Thanks be to God, and with permission of the Bishop, we can begin video worship from the church again. A small sign of our hope in the resurrection amid a pandemic. We still are under Bishop's order not to gather for worship or meetings, no matter what the Governor says. I pray we all continue to practice hand washing, safe distances, and other best practices to care for our own health and the health of the most vulnerable.

Our parish office will reopen May 1 with a skeleton staff. However, I urge you to stay away, stay home, and handle any church business you have by phone or email.

We have launched a new feature on our website to allow giving online. Until we are able to gather in person, postal mail and online giving are the best ways to support our continuing ministry and mission.

And it does continue! Our people are praying the Daily Office of Compline on Facebook Live! every Monday - Thursday at 7pm. We are gathering virtually for Men's and Women's breakfast. Our Bible Study resumes online. The Vestry, Stewardship, Finance, and other teams are meeting and moving forward into God's purpose. Our Pastoral Care team is contacting people in an organized manner. You all are checking in on one another in an organic way. Our Outreach ministries and partners continue to serve those in need.

This may be an Easter like no other, but it is Easter nonetheless. Explore how God is revealing the resurrection to you. Discern how God is calling you to participate. Wherever you are, and at all times, give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior. Christ is Risen!

Peace,

Bryan+

ST. PAUL'S IN PICTURES!



Acolytes line up for Eucharist,
Easter 2019



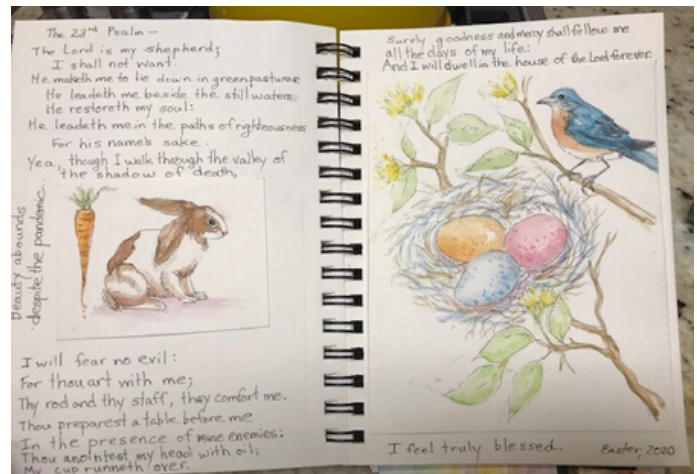
Wesley & Amelda Chapman
share what they miss most
about St. Paul's: "We love the
beauty of our sanctuary. We
miss Communion, Nadine on
the organ, the beautiful voices
in our choir, the gorgeous altar
flowers and exchanging the
Peace with our church family."



Parishioners Taylor & Susan Pyles share
their favorite St. Paul's memory, their
wedding day on October 10th, 2015

WE MISS YOUR FACES!

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO SUBMITTED
PICTURES & MEMORIES FROM ST. PAUL'S!
SEND YOUR PHOTOS & MEMORIES TO
OFFICE@STPAULSMAON.ORG



Hillary Ellwood shares her beautiful
journal entry from Easter Day 2020

ST. PAUL'S IN PICTURES!



Dr. Christian & Chi Ezekwueche reflect on what makes St. Paul's special to them saying, "St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Macon is a very welcoming community of believers. That's why it has been our church home since 1983."



"A blast from Easter past" at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Macon (above & below)



Sandy Cadle (left) and Stewart Lucas (right) share photos of their beautiful Palm Sunday wreaths



Gail & Ranny Moulton say, "Happy Easter season to all. Stay safe and healthy!"

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church was live.

April 20 at 6:43 PM · 🌐

St Paul's Episcopal Church, Macon - Compline 2020-4-20



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FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!



Follow us on Facebook and stay connected! Enjoy memes, special messages from the Bishops, Father Bryan and parishioners. We will also be broadcasting Compline **live** every weeknight at 7 pm from Facebook. To find our page, type in "St. Paul's Episcopal Church" on Facebook and hit "like" and "follow". See you online soon!
(<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsmacon.org>)

VIRTUAL CHURCH AT ST. PAUL'S!

Welcome to St. Paul's...Online!

Virtual Church

Check us out on Facebook!

Additional Worship Resources



Easter 2 Morning Prayer, April 19, 2020
St Paul's Episcopal Church Macon



Easter Sunday 2020
Easter Message @ Home



Bishop Wright's Easter Sermon
An Easter Sunday sermon from Bishop Robert C. Wright

Make sure to check out St. Paul's Virtual Church for all of our service videos and special messages!

To access Virtual Church, go to **stpaulsmacon.org** and click on the "Virtual Church" tab.



WORSHIP

EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE (COLLECTS & SUNDAY READINGS)

Date	Collect	1st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel
04/26/2020 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.	Acts 2:14a,36-41	Psalms 116:1-3, 10-17	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
05/03/2020 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.	Acts 2:42-47	Psalms 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
05/10/2020 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.	Acts 7:55-60	Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
05/17/2020 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.	Acts 17:22-31	Psalms 66:7-18	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
05/24/2020 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.	Acts 1:6-14	Psalms 68:1-10, 33-36	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11

Thank you to our Worship Team leaders who are maintaining a schedule so that we may return to in-person worship, when it is safe, as smoothly & quickly as possible.

ONLINE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

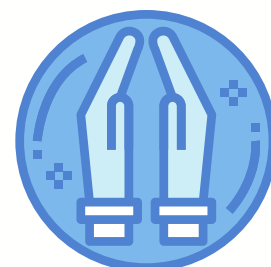
Weeknights at 7 pm:
Compline on Facebook Live

Thursdays at 12 pm:
St. Paul's Healing Service,
Video & Supporting Document
available on our website at
Virtual Church

Sundays at 10 am:
Morning Prayer, Rite II on
Facebook, E-News & our website
(Sunday Gospel & sermon available
on our website)

LIVE MORNING PRAYER

If you are willing and able to lead Morning Prayer using Facebook Live on select weekdays please **contact Father Bryan**, training will be provided!
(bryan@stpaulsmacon.org)



EVENTS & UPDATES



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*We miss
you a
latte.*
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Join us for our weekly men
& women's coffee &
breakfast. **The men** of St.
Paul's will meet via Zoom on
Thursdays at 9 am & **the**
women will meet via Zoom
on Fridays at 9 am.

**Check Tuesday E-news
for the Zoom links.**

PARISH OFFICE OPENS ON MAY 1ST

Our parish office will reopen May 1st. Leah and Bryan+ will be in place, but **encourage any/all parish business to be handled by phone or email.** We will continue to practice hand washing, disinfecting, distancing, and other best practices for health. There should be a minimum number of people in the office. Our office volunteers will only be present as they are comfortable. Resuming office hours will offer a better level of availability and service, but safely, at a distance.

BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!

St. Paul's Bible Study will resume from home. We will meet **Thursdays at 10:30 am.** We kicked off this virtual study wonderfully on April 23rd.

A Zoom link will be created & distributed weekly via Email to those registered for the Bible Study.

To join the class please contact Father Bryan.

(bryan@stpaulsmacon.org)



OUTREACH

MANY OF OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS CONTINUE TO SERVE, ESPECIALLY IN THIS CHALLENGING TIME. IF YOU ARE WILLING, CONSIDER GIVING.



THANK
YOU

DAYBREAK, MACON

Every weekday in Macon, an average of 100 homeless men and women visit Depaul USA Daybreak to receive services that help them overcome the immediate crisis of homelessness. These services are especially important in the difficult times we find ourselves in today. If you can, please consider dropping off one or more of Daybreak's request to the center. (174 Walnut Street, Macon)

LOAVES & FISHES

Loaves & Fishes, Macon is **currently in need of donations.** Below is a compiled list of the the most needed items. If you are able, please consider dropping off donations directly to the center. Curb-side drop offs are available and encouraged. Please call the L&F Office at (478)-741-1007 to schedule a drop-off.

Items Needed:

- Food Items
- Bottled Water
- Sanitizing Hand Wash
- Sanitizing Wipes

(Remember: No clothing may be donated at this time)

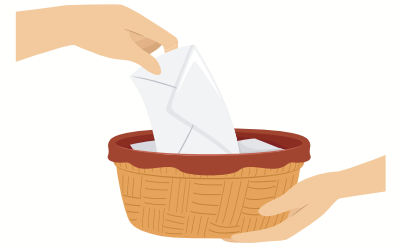


Items Needed:

- Toilet Paper, Coffee & Creamer, Spray Deodorant
- Disposable Razors, Sugar, Cereal, Body Wash,
- Cleaning Supplies (all-purpose cleaner & glass cleaner),
- Tall Kitchen Trash Bags

ONLINE GIVING

ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE!



We now offer an Online Giving link to conveniently offer your gifts to God's mission and ministry at St. Paul's. Simply go to our Church Website (stpaulsmacon.org), and click on the "Online Giving" tab, then fill out the form to give your offering via bank account or credit card.

- You may give once or set up your recurring offering
- Choose what type of gift: Pledge or General Donation.
- There is an option to help out with card processing charges by giving a little more. Please consider this option for your giving.

Offerings may always be placed in the offering plate or sent by mail.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BRYAN CONCERNING COVID-19 PLEDGES

Dear supporters of St. Paul's,

The rise of the COVID-19 virus and the situation in which we all find ourselves is challenging. We are all facing personal challenges ... health, relationships, vocation, finances, and even our sanity. One promising result of these difficult times seems to be that many are seeking God in the midst of crisis, re-examining our communal life, and re-affirming our faith.

For many, our habit of supporting God's mission and ministry at St. Paul's is a proximal one. Giving happens at church. Offerings are given and blessed each Sunday. Pledge commitments are placed in the offering plate. Though we are not meeting in person each Sunday, the commitments of our community continue. St. Paul's continues to support all our partners in ministry, especially in this time of great need. Our parish ministry teams continue to meet, plan, and act on what God is calling us to do, taking the next faithful step. We continue to operate and maintain our campus for the day we gather again. All of us must continue to discern how we return the blessings God has bestowed upon us as part of our spiritual discipline.

Please do not forget the Church. During our lack of presence, please consider presenting your offerings to God by mail (St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 753 College St., Macon, GA 31201), or by dropping them in the Parish House mail slot at the front door (on College Street). Every gift is valuable, and collectively keeps God's dream alive and thriving at the ministry outpost that is St. Paul's. Thank you for all you give and do! Thank you for continuing to bless others with your blessings!

Peace,
Bryan+

PARISH INFORMATION



April Birthdays:

April 1: Richard Ackermann
April 2: Anita Ross
April 3: Billie Abbott
April 4: Sarah McCommon
April 6: Jamey Edge
April 9: Megan Sapp
April 15: Anna Watkins
April 17: Frank Sapp
April 21: Wesley Chapman & Barabra Avant
April 26: James Palmer
April 27: Bill Murphy
April 29: Preston Aldridge
April 30: Debra Wisdom

May Birthdays

May 2: Ben Ross
May 4: Tyler Freeman & Charlie Bradshaw
May 8: Rebecca Winkel & Linda Richardson
May 10: Nancy Buttermark
May 11: Danny Greene
May 12: Ella Mumphrey
May 13: Rev. Bryan Hinson
May 16: Lisa Cole & Blair Vane
May 17: Alex Mitchell & Mark Stafford
May 20: Michelle Elvins
May 23: Catherine Miltner
May 24: Kathie Greene
May 28: Mary Burt
May 29: Bradley Ford
May 31: Pam Candler & William McCommon

Happy Anniversary!

CHEERS TO ALL THE YEARS!

April & May Anniversaries

April 9th: Robert & Sarah McCommon
April 23rd: Chris & Chi Ezekwueche
April 25th: Jim & Phyllis Dorn

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please email office@stpaulsmacon.org so we may update our records.

PRAYING OUR ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Andrea, Anna, Bob, Bob, Brad, Bubber, Carol, Eve, Frances, Gary+, George, Geraldine, the Greene family, Harriette, Helen, Ishmael, James, Jamie, Jim, Jim, Julie, Kaleb, Madeline, Matthew, Martha, Melissa, Mike, Nadine, Nathaniel, Nichal, Pam, the Parker family, Robert, Ray, Roslyn, Roy, the Sanders family, Victor, Walter, William, William

We pray for those on our long term parish prayer list: Amy, Becky, Betty, Bess, Bob, Chris, Connie, Cynthia, Danny, Dawn, Debbie, Francis, Hill, Howard, Jack, Jay, Jerry, Jessica, Jill, Jimmy, Jimmy, Jonas, Julie, Karen, Kay, Kelly, Laverne, Mackenna, Marian, Mercer, Mike, Nicholas, Patrick, Rebecca, Red, Rhonda, Richard, Ruth, Shirley, Thom, Toni, Tony

We pray for our ministries with Campus Ministry, Daybreak, Haitian Hope, Loaves and Fishes, Path to Shine, St. Paul's Apartments and Village, and Weekend Lunch.