



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 8, 2024 • 10:30 AM  
Homecoming Sunday**

*The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer and is printed here in its entirety.*

**The Opening Voluntary**

*Priere (Prayer)*  
Marc Delmas

**The Opening Hymn**

*Father, we praise thee, now the night is over*  
Hymnal 1

**The Welcome**

**The Children's Corner**

**The Liturgy of the Word**

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

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The First Reading ~ Proverbs 22: 1 - 2, 8 - 9, 22 - 23**

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:  
the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,  
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,  
or crush the afflicted at the gate;  
for the LORD pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **The Psalm ~ 125**

*Sung by the choir*

1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
so does the LORD stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good \*

and to those who are true of heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the

evildoers; \*

but peace be upon Israel.

### **The Second Reading ~ James 2: 1 - 10, 14 - 17**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

### **The Sequence Hymn**

*O for a thousand tongues to sing*  
Hymnal 493

### **The Holy Gospel ~ Mark 7: 24 - 37**

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

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little

daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Canon C. John Thompson-Quartey

*A period of silent prayer.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*All say together*

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**

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,  
especially the faculty, staff, and families of Apalachee High School;  
*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            We pray for the members of our Nominating Committee, Philip,  
Kasey, Brother, Katie, J.J., Bill, and Fred, and our Vestry members,  
Marianne, Tony, Marge, Anne, Mary Frances, Polly, Sarah, Elizabeth,  
and Roy that they may be guided by your Holy Spirit.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Canon  
John, Catherine, Ellie, Emery, Mary Ben, Lucy, Walter, Meredith, Kat,  
Polly, and Pete.

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

*The People may add their own petitions.*

**The Prayer In Times of Conflict** [*prayed by all*]

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. {BCP page 824}

*The celebrant adds a concluding collect*

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 of Sin**

*Celebrant*    Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister 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 says*

**The Absolution**

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.*

**The Peace**

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

*People*        *And also with you.*

## **The Announcements**

## **The Blessings and Thanksgivings**

## **The Offertory Sentence**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory Anthem**

*Give Almes of Thy Goods*  
Christopher Tye

*Give almes of thy goods, and turn never thy face from any poor man,  
and then the face of the Lord, shall not be turned away from thee.*

### **The Presentation Hymn**

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise*  
Hymnal 423

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer B

*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.

*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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 130

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 147



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.*

*Holy Communion is offered via the common cup for sipping or intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine). A mobility-impaired individual can receive communion at your seat by raising your hand.*

***Gluten-free wafers are available and will be served by the verger behind the altar. Please approach the gluten-free station by walking around on the right side to the back of the altar.***

## **The Fraction Anthem**

Hymnal S 164

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation.*

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **The Communion Anthem**

*God Be In My Head*  
John Rutter

## **The Communion Hymn**

*Jesu, Jesu*  
Hymnal 602

## **The Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Prayer for those Not Receiving the Blessed Sacrament**

*[Adapted from Saint Augustine's Prayer Book. For those not present in the Nave.]*

Blessed Jesus, in union with the faithful of every place and people and nation, I join in offering the sacrifice of my praise and thanksgiving to you. I believe that you are truly present in the Bread that has been blessed, broken and given. Since I cannot now receive this holy sacrament, I pray that you will come spiritually into my heart. Abide with me,

that I may embrace you entirely, and submit myself to your love and mercy. Let me never be separated from you, that in my waking and in my sleeping I may know the comfort of your presence. I ask this for the sake of your love. *Amen.*

### **The Blessing**

### **The Closing Hymn**

*Thou, whose almighty word*  
Hymnal 371

### **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### **The Closing Voluntary**

*Trumpet Tune*  
David German

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### ***Remember in your Prayers***

From The Daughters of the King: Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP)

A Prayer for the Nominating Committee: Almighty God, Giver of every good gift: look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (from St Martin in the Fields)

We pray for those with timely concerns: Melissa Odom, Neal Miller, Brooker Wolfe, Margaret Francis.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Brink Howard, Greg Parsons, Annie Bulford, Bo Warren, Ernie Williams, Anne Murphy, Jim Myrick, Ashton Hughes, Lamar Toole, Elizabeth Briscoe, Buddy Sullivan, Larry Maze, Saralyn Singletary, Jason Reynolds, Linda Tudor, Greg Olsan, Candy Waldron, Bob Lewis, Beth Gourley, Andy West, Michael Gullede, Dean Henderson.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Marianne, Tony, Marge, Anne, Mary Frances, Polly, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Roy, and for the Staff: Canon John, Nicole, Rev. Deandre, Rhett, Dawn, Geoff, Cole, Nicole, Kimberly.

We pray for members of our armed services and their families: Kevin Bradley, Joe Clay, Tom Choate, Linda Boyce, Dariel Johnson, Sean McGraw, Steven Puckett, Bill Tudor, Jr., 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, Ryan Whitfield, Stephen Malcom, Victoria Eversoll, Trey Bland, Ethan King, Alex Eversoll, Phillip Beatty.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Canon John Thompson-Quartey, Catherine Heindel, Ellie Hall, Emery Allen, Mary Ben Christiansen, Lucy Thrasher, Walter Jones, Meredith Brown, Kat Connell, Polly Haugen, and Peter Furniss.

We pray for those who have died. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

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### *Service Participants*

<b>Vestry Person of the Week</b>	Mary Frances Honea
<b>Verger(s)</b>	Frankey Henderson & Tony King
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sarah Huxford
<b>Acolytes</b>	Liam Bulford (1st); Lily Mattera (2nd); Pearl Borders (Banner); Rowan Mattera & Matthew Hand (Torchbearers)
<b>Reader(s)</b>	Dean Eelman
<b>Prayer Intercessors</b>	Anne Graner & Marie Miller
<b>Ushers</b>	Virginia Williams, Danny Brown, Mike Colpoys, Taylor Josey, Mark LeVan, & John Tucker
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Amanda Hand, Louise Howard & Carolyn Masters
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Patty King

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### **A Message from the Music Ministry**

As we are going into a new season, of (hopefully) cooler temperatures, school activities back in full swing, Wednesday Night Suppers restarting, and our Children's and Adult Choirs cranking back up, we are also going into a new season with some of our liturgical music. Starting this Sunday, we will use the Franz Schubert setting of the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) as well as change the settings for the Great Amen and Fraction Anthem. These settings have been sung before at St. Paul's, so they are not entirely new, but will

hopefully enhance our liturgy in the days to come.

We will also resume Congregational singing of the Psalm. To make things simple, I have composed an easily accessible Psalm tone which we will use for the next several months. To introduce it, the Choir will sing it alone this Sunday, and after that, the congregation should start to be able to pick it up fairly easily.

I look forward to hearing your voices singing heartily each Sunday!

Rhett Barnwell  
Organist/Choirmaster

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**Year-to-Date Giving Through August 27, 2024\***

	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Received</b>
<b>Open-Plate/Non-Pledged</b>	\$ 46,666.67	\$ 60,472.54
<b>Pledged</b>	\$ 272,625.50	\$ 238,176.92

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*The parish notices are on the following pages. Feel free to tear off the pages to take with you.*

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**CLERGY AND Staff**

**Rev. Canon C. John Thompson-Quartey**, Interim Rector; **Nicole Walters**, Seminarian; **Rev. Deandre Bruton**, CYF Director; **Rhett Barnwell**, Organist/Choirmaster; **Dawn Harrison**, Music Associate; **Geoff Mattera**, Communications Director; **Cole Hankins**, Multimedia Associate; **Nicole Edwards**, Parish Administrator; **Kimberly Stokes**, Financial Administrator.

**VESTRY**

**Marianne Lawhead**, Senior Warden; **Tony King**, Junior Warden; **Marge Bass**, Health & Healing; **Anne Graner**, Outreach; **Mary Frances Honea**, Strategic Visioning; **Polly Hopkins**, Formation; **Sarah Huxford**, Stewardship; **Elizabeth Pape**, Parish Life; **Roy Reynolds**, Communications.

Homecoming 16th Sunday after Pentecost Rite Two 12

## *Parish Notices*

**Homecoming & Ministry Fair:** Join us today, **Sunday, September 8th** after the **10:30 am** service as we celebrate Homecoming. We will have food and family-friendly activities for all ages and information about St. Paul's ministries.

**Foyers Group Signup:** Sign-up for Fall Foyers is extended through **September 8th**. Information and sign-up sheets are available through Realm and will be shared at the Ministry Fair.



**Pet Food Pantry at Newnan-Coweta Humane Society/Pokey's Place:** Our last Monthly Mission Outreach for 2024 is to help community members in financial difficulties receive pet food they can't afford for their beloved pets. The Pet Food Pantry at Newnan-Coweta Humane Society/Pokey's Place serves 60 clients a month and the number is increasing. Scan the code to the left to learn more. Wade and Matthew Hand, elementary school-aged church members, are the spokespersons for this outreach to stock the Pet Food Pantry. Please consider helping Wade and Matthew collect pet food. As they say, "No pet should be hungry!" Outreach bags will be shared today and collected and blessed on Sunday, **September 15th**. Scan the code to the right for a list of needed items. If you can't attend service on September 15th, you can drop off your contributions at the administrative offices between 9 am - 2:30 pm until **September 19th**. Wade and Matthew appreciate any donation you can make. Thank you!



**Wednesday Night Supper:** We will have Wednesday Night Supper on **September 11th at 6 pm**. You can sign up using the QR code. Also, Parish Life is still looking for a new coordinator for Wednesday Night Suppers. The coordinator will be responsible for connecting host teams and making the schedule. If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Pape at [elizabeth\\_pape@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabeth_pape@yahoo.com).

### **Christian Formation at St. Paul's**

On Sunday, **September 15th**, we will begin our Christian Formation season at 9:30 am for children and adults. Polly Hopkins will offer a book study on the five love languages of children for parents. Those classes will be held in the library. Spiritual formation, Godly Play, for our elementary-age children with Elizabeth Pape and Tammy Martin will be offered. Godly Play classes are held in the children's wing classroom. Middle school and high school students are invited to join Rev. Deandre to flip some Flapjacks in fellowship in the Youth Room on the lower level.

**Adult Formation Hour with Canon John - The Gospel of Mark:** Most likely the first of the four gospels in the bible to be written, Mark's account of Jesus' life, ministry,

crucifixion, death, and resurrection is the shortest, and yet has a more detailed account of God's good news in Jesus Christ. Mark recounts the story of Jesus in a vivid style, in a rapid succession of incidents. Mark emphasizes Jesus' message regarding the reign of God (kingdom of God) now breaking into human life as Good News. To Mark, Jesus himself is the Good News of God. In Jesus, God is reconciling the world (humanity) to God's self (Mark 10:45).

Join us at 9:30 am in classroom #1 for an excursion through the Gospel of Mark (**from September 15 until October 27**).

We will be guided by A J Levine's book The Gospel of Mark, and we will be covering the following topics:

- Session 1: **Sept. 15** God's Good News Begins [**Gospel of Mark 1-4**]
- Session 2: **Sept. 29** Restoration and Wholeness [**Gospel of Mark 5-7**]
- Session 3: **Oct. 6** Sacrifice, Ransom, Prophet, Messiah [**Mark 8-10**]
- Session 4: **Oct. 13** Fig Trees and Tenants (parables) [**Mark 11-12**]
- Session 5: **Oct. 20** Little Apocalypse [**Gospel of Mark 13**]
- Session 6: **Oct. 27** Judas and the Naked Young Man [**Mark 14-15**]

***HOW WE TALK ABOUT GOD MATTERS!*** What is Fundamentalism, Evangelicalism, and Christian Nationalism? If you are interested in any of these, join us during Coffee Hour for an informal conversation. This is a four-week discussion of one of the most interesting and disturbing religious trends – Christian Nationalism – and the impact it has on our common life and politics. We will discuss some of the underlying theology that supports Christian Nationalism.

Discussion topics include, but are not limited to, Rapture Theology, Apocalypse, Dispensationalism, Fundamentalism, and the “Seven Mountain Mandate.” Dogmas such as original sin, substitutionary atonement, and “Hellfire and damnation” as opposed to God's love, mercy, and healing will be touched upon.

The class will be offered by the Rev. Rita Henault, a retired Episcopal Priest, and draws on her studies of the phenomenon as well as her personal experience in a fundamentalist church. This is offered as a spirited adult/young adult discussion. Please bring your questions and observations. Classes begin **September 15th at 9:30 am** in Classroom 2.

Join us beginning **September 25th** for a meal, intentional intergenerational connection, and intentional faith development with the next generation.

**Scott's Garden:** Scott's Garden has been renovated and beautified. A dedication ceremony will be held on Sunday, **September 15th** after the 10:30 am service.

**Jefferson Parkway Elementary School Collaboration:** Jefferson Parkway is made up of 450 students, of which 90% are economically disadvantaged, 20% of which are receiving Special Education services whether related to trauma, delayed diagnosis, or other challenges that prevent them from thriving at their best. These economically disadvantaged families struggle to effectively engage with the school system. The Outreach Commission and the Children, Youth, & Family Ministries provided dinner during the school's Open House on September 5th to ease the burden and entice more families to attend.

St. Paul's already serves as the evacuation and family reunification site during emergencies for the school. We want to work to solidify a more authentic relationship by providing greater community support. As you consider in what way you want to be involved with our church, please keep in mind this phrase, "We care!" What does our support look like? Bring your thoughts to our meeting immediately following the dedication of Scott's Garden on **Sunday, September 15th**. We will meet in the Parish Hall.

**Faith, Fire, & Fellowship (F3):** Join us on Sunday, **September 15th at 6 PM** at the home of Sherry Cook & Stan McMichael. We will begin our series on Prayer. Please RSVP so we can make sure we have enough food for everyone. Also hosts homes are needed for **9/21 or 9/22, 9/28 or 9/29, 10/05 or 10/06, 10/12 or 10/13, 10/19 or 10/20**. If you're interested in hosting, please reach out to Rev. Deandre at [revdeandre@gmail.com](mailto:revdeandre@gmail.com).



**Everybody Dance:** Come join the fun and volunteer to interact with our friends from the Rutledge Center, a nearby non-profit providing person-centered services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Rutledge clients and staff will be in our Parish Hall once every month on Tuesday from 9:00 - 9:45 am, experiencing a joyful dance-centered time facilitated by Anne Graner. If you are available to assist Anne in setting up the space, interacting with our Rutledge friends, and dancing your heart out, please contact her at 404.444.6015 or [anne.graner@gmail.com](mailto:anne.graner@gmail.com). The next session is **Tuesday, September 17th**.

**Centering Prayer:** Join us for a day of Contemplative Prayer and Meditation. Canon John and Seminarian, Nicole Walters, will lead this ancient prayer practice every third Tuesday of the month in the Transept Chapel at 5:30 pm for Centering Prayer. The next session is **Tuesday, September 17th**.

**Faith & Football:** Join the Atlanta Falcons for Faith and Football Day on **Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, with a special event before the club's regular season primetime game against divisional rival Tampa Bay Buccaneers! The purpose of the event is for faith-based

organizations to have an opportunity to hear impactful discussions and fellowship in a new and exciting way.

The event will take place at the GWCC – Georgia World Congress Center, walking distance from Mercedes-Benz Stadium. **Doors open at 5:30 PM**, start time 6:00 PM, and the event is expected to conclude at approximately 7:00 PM, before the 8:15 PM kick-off. Former Falcons Legends and special guests will serve as the keynote speakers.

***Faith & Football Ticket Package includes: \$45.00***

- Event Ticket for Faith & Football panel discussion
- Falcons game ticket to Falcons vs Buccaneers @ 8:15 PM
- Each ticket includes a \$10 food and beverage credit, redeemable on game day by scanning your ticket at any concession stand.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Nicole at [admin@stpaulsnewnan.org](mailto:admin@stpaulsnewnan.org).



**Altar Flowers Dedication:** Donating the altar flowers is a lovely way to remember a loved one or celebrate an anniversary or birthday. The cost of the arrangements is \$60 per Sunday. Remember to submit payment via the collection plate or Realm and indicate in the memo line the purpose of the contribution. Submissions should be made by Tuesday at noon to ensure that the announcement is placed in the bulletin on the correct Sunday. You can sign up by scanning the QR code.

**The Daughters of the King:** Information pamphlets are available on the bulletin board outside of the parish hall for anyone interested in learning more about The Daughters of the King. We welcome any prospective members!