

PARABLES

July/August 2009

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Wilmington, N.C.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Worship is a significant part of what we do at St. Paul's. In fact, for some people this is the only contact they have with our parish. Therefore, we try to provide the best worship possible, done, as they used to say in the Episcopal Church, "decently and in order." Some people have identified us as a "traditional" Episcopal parish, though tradition can mean different things to different people. The following are some of my reflections on worship, especially as it applies to St. Paul's.

Episcopalians are a Prayer Book People. In other words, our worship is governed by a basic outline found in The Book of Common Prayer. Beginning with the first English Prayer Book in 1549, Anglicans, and subsequently Episcopalians after the American Revolution, have had a common form of worship that helps tie us together. It may seem routine at times, but there can be comfort in the familiar. If you don't have to worry about what comes next, you can concentrate on worshipping God. We are a liturgical church, which means we follow an ancient pattern of worship that includes prayers and the Holy Eucharist each week. Even non-liturgical churches have routine. I grew up in the Presbyterian Church. My church was not a liturgical church, but we followed the same pattern week after week. A few things change each week in our worship, such as the scripture readings, but we follow a pattern of worship that has proved to work well. *(Continued on page 2)*

The mission of the members of St. Paul's is to restore all people in our community, regardless of race, creed, economic situation, or other distinctions, to unity with God and each other in Christ through prayer and worship. proclamation of the Gospel. and promotion of justice. peace. and love..



Notes From the Rector

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Episcopalians have developed several styles of worship over the years. When I became an Episcopalian, I learned that there were three categories of worship: *High Church*, *Low Church* and *Broad Church*. *High Church* worship consists of using all the senses in worship, including smell, and following a much more formal liturgical format. Thus as much service music is sung as is possible, bells are used at various places in the worship, incense is normally used regularly, and the choir may lead or provide much of the music. In *Low Church* congregations you find far less ceremonial and perhaps a much more informal style of worship. Such things as the Sanctus and Fraction Anthem are said instead of sung, and incense and bells are rarely used, if ever. *Broad Church*, as the name implies, blends elements of the High Church and Low Church traditions. Where does St. Paul's fall among these styles? On occasion we are High Church, such as during the seven Major Feast Days of the Church year (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, etc.) It is then that we use incense and sing more of the service music, such as the Lord's Prayer. At other times, we are much more Low Church in our approach, although we are probably closer to Broad Church than anything. The Bishop once told me he sees St. Paul's as a moderately-high parish. Of course, how you view our worship will probably depend on where you have worshipped before. If you come from a High Church tradition, we might seem rather "low". If you come from a Low Church tradition, we might seem very "high". Once again, as I said earlier, the word tradition has many definitions and meanings.

Music is important in worship. This includes both the service music, such as the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) and the Gloria, and congregational hymns. Since we follow a Church calendar with seasonal changes (from Advent to Christmas to Epiphany and so on) we try to pick hymns that fit the theme of the day or season. Thus we sing Christmas hymns at Christmas, not Advent, for example. Do all of us know all of the hymns? Probably not. Some of us come from other traditions which have hymns that are different from those in our hymnal. Some hymns may not be familiar to even life-long Episcopalians. However, that does not mean we can't learn new hymns! One dilemma choir directors/directors of music have is how to know what the congregation knows and doesn't know. Just saying to Dr. Cook or to me that you don't know the hymns is not enough to help us evaluate what is known or unknown. It needs to be balanced by your willingness to *tell us* what you *do* know and a willingness to at least try to learn new hymns. After all, were not the hymns we know



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...so well new to us at one time and had to be learned by singing them over and over again? Dr. Cook developed, and we continue to offer, a chance to let us know the hymns you know through the *Favorite Hymn* request program. We will make every effort to use all of the hymns we can, within the framework of our liturgy and the use of appropriate hymns for appropriate seasons. When you see a note in the bulletin that a particular hymn is the favorite of so-and-so, you know that at least one person in the congregation knows that hymn! *Please help us by filling in the request form when it becomes available.*

I hope that you find our worship at St. Paul's to be joyful and reflective of our thanks to God for the great blessings given to us through Jesus Christ. Remember that the word *Eucharist* in the liturgy's title is the Greek word for "thanksgiving." Enjoy God's presence with you in our worship, giving thanks to God in your prayers and songs of praise, finding strength and comfort in the Sacrament to go into the world to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Rector on Vacation

Following the late service on July 26, the Rector will begin part of his yearly vacation. He will be gone through Sunday, August 9, returning to the office on Monday, August 10. For *pastoral emergencies only* call The Rev. Jack Ormond at 791-4022. For other concerns, leave a message for the Rector, or call the Senior Warden Frank Tutza at 794-3261 or 547-1725.

General Convention

The General Convention of the Episcopal Church will be held in Anaheim, California from July 8-17, 2009. During this important meeting pray for our Bishop and elected Deputies as they conduct business and make decisions that will impact the dioceses of our Church for the next three years.



Notes From the Rector

Lessons for the Sundays in July and August 2009

July 2009

July 5: The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 9)

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 12: The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 10)

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

July 19: The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 11)

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26: The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 12)

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

August 2009

August 2: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 13)

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-13; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 9: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 14)

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

August 16: The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 15)

1 Kings 2: 10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 23: The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 16)

1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

August 30: The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 17)

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sunday School

After a summer hiatus, our Sunday School program will begin again on September 13, 2009. Please mark your calendars for this important date. If you would like to help in this important and rewarding ministry as a teacher, substitute teacher, or help in any way, please call Eleanor Letson at 681-3675.



Notes From the Rector

“The People Up Front”: Acolytes, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Choirs

Anyone who has attended our Worship Services has seen four groups of dedicated people assisting the Rector with the worship: the Acolytes, the Lay Eucharistic Ministers, the Lectors and Choir members. All of these ministries are important in making our worship of God so beautiful. *We are looking for more people to serve in the ranks of these ministers.*

Acolytes carry the cross and torches, help with the Gospel procession, and work as servers, helping the Celebrant prepare the altar for the Eucharist. Normally, the Acolytes serve at the 10:30 a.m. service and on special Feast Days. The core group of acolytes at St. Paul’s is made up of our younger members. However, adults can also serve as Acolytes. If you are a young person or an adult and would like to serve in this ministry, please see the Rector or Keith Calder. Training will be provided.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers read lessons and prayers and assist with the Chalice at Communion. The LEM assigned to the 8 a.m. service also acts as Server. You must be at least 16 years old, receive training and be licensed by the Bishop to be a LEM. Training is available from the Rector. If you would like to be a Lay Eucharistic Minister, please see the Rector.

In addition to these ministries, **Lectors** also help with our services. A Lector is someone who comes up from the congregation to read one of the lessons. *The Rector would like to see more Youth get involved in this ministry, as well as in the ministry of Acolyte.* There is no age limit for this, and no license is required. If you read well and would like to explore this ministry, please see the Rector.

Choirs at St. Paul’s are very important to our worship. Our choirs lead the hymns and service music and provide anthems and other special music to help augment our praise of God in our wonderful worship space. We have two choirs at St. Paul’s. **The Adult Choir** is open to any adult who wishes to sing God’s praises. Dr. Cook will be glad to speak to you about this ministry. It is not only a great way to praise God, but a way to learn more about music and worship in the Episcopal Church. **The Youth Choir** is made up of youngsters in grades 3 through 8. Again, this is a great way for youth to not only add a beautiful dimension to our worship but can be a valuable learning tool as well. Please see Dr. Cook if you are interested in singing in one of these choirs.



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SING IN THE *SUMMER* CHOIR

It's **Summer Choir** time! Come any Sunday morning at 9:30 and **Sing in the Choir** that Sunday! No prior experience required; no other attendance expectations! This is your chance—don't let it slip by!

HYMNS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

These are the hymns we have planned for July and August—subject to change. Favorite hymn request guidelines will appear in the September Parables.

July 5	Pentecost 5	
Hymns	616 <i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>	ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN NEW BRITAIN
	†671 <i>Amazing grace</i>	
	† <i>Amazing Grace</i> is a favorite of Charles Smith; the tune is from <i>Virginia Harmony</i> (1831), and the words are by slave-trader-turned-preacher John Newton (1725-1807)	
	718 <i>God of our fathers</i>	NATIONAL HYMN
July 12		Pentecost 6
	436 <i>Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates</i>	TRURO
	†686 <i>Come thou fount of every blessing</i>	NETTLETON
	† <i>Come, thou fount of every blessing</i> is a favorite of Harriet Fowler. Britisher Robert Robinson wrote the text in 1758 as a Pentecost hymn “combining Christian experience with gratitude[that] seems to reflect the author’s spiritual pilgrimage during his youth.” The tune is a widely used American folk hymn that first appeared in shape notes in Wyeth’s <i>Repository of Sacred Music</i> in 1813.	
	495 <i>Hail, thou once despised Jesus</i>	IN BABILONE
July 19		Pentecost 7
	†518 <i>Christ is made the sure foundation</i>	WESTMINSTER ABBEY
	† <i>Christ is made the sure foundation</i> is a favorite of Janet Sessoms. The tune comes from a setting of the 63rd Psalm by Henry Purcell, organist at Westminster Abbey from 1679-1695.	
	646 <i>The King of love my shepherd is</i>	ST. COLUMBA
	345 <i>Savior again to thy dear Name</i>	EWING
July 26		Pentecost 8
	448 <i>O love, how deep, how broad, how high</i>	DEUS TUORUM MILITUM
	301 <i>Bread of the world, in mercy broken</i>	SHENG EN
	†470 <i>There's a wideness in God's mercy</i>	BEECHER
	<i>There's a wideness in God's mercy</i> is a favorite of Harriet and Wayne Fowler. The words are revised from a long poem by 19 th -century British missionary Frederick Faber (who also wrote “Faith of our fathers”). John Zundel, organist at Plymouth Congregational Church in Brooklyn, composed the tune, named it	



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for his pastor, Henry Ward Beecher, and published it in 1870. Zundel included in the index the number of seconds it would take to sing a stanza of each of the hymns(!); he reckoned one stanza of *Beecher* at 65 seconds—which would be painfully slow; *Hymnal 1982* editors suggest quarter note = 104 (i.e. 104 quarter notes per minute). There are only 64 quarters per stanza, so that works out to about 37 seconds per stanza—a much more singable tempo.

<u>August 2</u>		<u>Pentecost 9</u>
690	<i>Guide me, O thou great Jehovah</i>	CWM RHONDDA
309	<i>O food to pilgrims given</i>	O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN
522	<i>Glorious things of thee are spoken</i>	AUSTRIA
<u>August 9</u>		<u>Pentecost 10</u>
†427	<i>When morning gilds the skies</i>	LAUDES DOMINI
<i>When morning gilds the skies</i> is a favorite of Janet Sessoms. Originally a German Roman Catholic hymn dating from 1828, our text is a translation by then British poet laureate Robert Bridges for his <i>Yattendon Hymnal</i> of 1899. Joseph Barnby, a prominent Victorian musician, composed the tune for these words. Of Barnby's many other hymn tunes, perhaps the best known are MERRIAL for <i>Now the day is over</i> , and PERFECT LOVE for <i>O perfect love</i> .		
339	<i>Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness</i>	SCHMÜCKE DICH, O LIEBE SEELE
709	<i>O God of Bethel, by whose hand</i>	DUNDEE
<u>August 16</u>		<u>Pentecost 11</u>
488	<i>Be thou my vision</i>	SLANE
328	<i>Draw nigh and take</i>	SONG 46
594	<i>God of grace and God of glory</i>	CWM RHONDDA
<u>August 23</u>		<u>Pentecost 12</u>
304	<i>I come with joy to meet my Lord</i>	LAND OF REST
335	<i>I am the bread of life</i>	I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE
561	<i>Stand up, stand up for Jesus</i>	MORNING LIGHT
<u>August 30</u>		
423	<i>Immortal, invisible</i>	ST. DENIO
382	<i>King of glory, king of peace</i>	GENERAL SEMINARY
556	<i>Rejoice, ye pure in heart</i>	MARION



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, August 20- Sunday, August 23

20TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON CHURCH MUSIC

Join us for the gifted leaders and glorious music, for the opportunities to learn, for fellowship all at the beautiful Trinity Conference Center in Salter Path. David Flood, Director of Music at Canterbury Cathedral(!), returns as the principal leader. St. Paul's parishioners Zollene Reissner and Larry Cook will lead workshops.

Friday, August 21 - Sunday, August 23

11TH ANNUAL YOUTH CHOIR CAMP

This camp is designed for rising 4th - 9th graders. Participants will present (with the Adult Music Conference participants) music rehearsed during the weekend at the Eucharist on Sunday at St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church with the Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, 3rd presiding.

Sunday, August 23 Diocesan Festive Eucharist

The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel 3rd, presiding, at St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church. Music Conference Youth and Adult Choirs will participate. All are welcome.

CHOIR MEMBER DANCES IN RUSSIA

We haven't seen alto **Dotty Walters** in the choir very much recently, but she has a good excuse for her absence: she is also a competitive ballroom dancer, and she and her dancing partner, Aliaksei Labanau, were recently invited to compete internationally in Moscow. The competition involved 70 dances in one day—everything, she says, from the Viennese Waltz to Salsa to Tango, with four costume changes—and she won all of her dances! With little time left for sight-seeing, she was thrilled to see the Bolshoi Ballet perform *Spartacus*, and to be able to view the impressive sights of the Kremlin and Red Square. The *Metro* (subway), she reports, is clean, comfortable, and beautifully decorated with sculptures and other works of art.

But now we expect to be seeing her back in choir!

Please Note...

Vestry

June 7, 2009	
Budget per week (what we <u>expected for the week</u>)	4883
Received (what we <u>actually received</u>)	13,244
Difference:	8,361

Year to Date 2009	
Total Received	91,763
Total Expenses	101,505
Difference:	-9,742

Knitters, Crocheters, Needle Workers...

... and those who would like to learn. If you'd be interested in meeting one day a week (preferably on Tuesdays) from 2:00 - 4:00 pm to knit, crochet, needlepoint or learn, please contact Luvette at the Church Office - 762-4578 or e-mail at adminspechurch@bellsouth.net.

Supper Clubs

In recent years, Supper Clubs have been a method of meeting and socializing with others in the parish in order to become better acquainted. Currently there are three Supper Clubs comprising over 40 members of the parish that meet regularly. Each of these Supper Clubs meets monthly in one another's homes over a meal. Normally the host provides the entrée, the table service and beverages and, of course, the space. Provision is often made for those who live in smaller space to host at another member's home. Meals have included everything from informal cookouts to formal holiday dinners. The choice is always up to the host.

You are invited to sign up for the new round of Supper Club beginning in September. The sign-up sheet can be found on the Hospitality bulletin board in the Parish Hall or you can e-mail mawright@ec.rr.com for further information or to have your name added to the list.

Late in August, based on the names of those who have indicated a desire to participate in the Supper Clubs will be drawn to determine the composition of the groups and these individuals will be notified. These groups form very special friendships and all enjoy the fellowship of fellow parishioners.

PARABLIZING.....

Hope everyone has a safe and fun summer. Editors: *Mark & Cheryl Wagoner*

Please submit articles to the Parables mailbox in the Parish Hall, or preferably email directly to us at mwagoner@ec.rr.com. **Deadline for September Parables is August 15, 2009**

INTERFAITH WILL BE HOSTED AT ST. PAUL'S AUG. 2ND THROUGH 9TH

Once again, we at St. Paul's will have a wonderful opportunity to put the words we hear on Sunday or read in our Bibles to work by helping families in need. We are called to house and feed our brothers and sisters, but also to model God's love, provide examples of good parenting, just listening to them and offering sympathy --- and maybe ideas and suggestions in the most loving fashion possible.

As we do every Interfaith week, we need:

- Two people, preferably one female and one male, to spend Sunday, Wednesday and Saturday nights at St. Paul's. We can always use more if you would like to see first-hand what is involved in this job.
- We need groups of people to provide meals Sunday, Wednesday and Saturday nights. The Men's Group signs up for Sundays and St. Agnes signs up for Wednesday, but I doubt that either group would turn you away if you offered to help, or just to come in and have supper and see how it is done. Plus, generally something happens that an extra set of hands is appreciated!
- We need various donations. The list is up on the Interfaith bulletin board in the parish hall.
- We need drivers --- those who can drive a 16 person van. We need people to just be at church on Saturday and Sunday so that we can leave our doors open to the families who have no where else to go or just need to do their laundry. We need people who can help provide extra food and other items needed during the week. We need help on the first Sunday of our Interfaith week about 4 PM to help the guests move in and about 8:30 AM on the last Sunday to help them move out. We need people on both Sundays after church, to help bring items up out of storage and then, take them back down again. There is a long list of small and large jobs that are involved in making this special week a success. Tom Carnes and Suzanne Joyce will be available with a sign-up sheet from the first week in July until August 2nd. Please consider finding out what you can do.

Interfaith Meeting July 15th

Tom Carnes and I have been coordinating Interfaith at St. Paul's for many years, and we get used to doing things a certain way. While there are some things that have to be done the same way, many of the jobs that Interfaith requires could be done in an easier, more efficient way. We invite anyone who has worked regularly with Interfaith; spending the night, cooking, setting up rooms, cleaning up, driving, buying food --- anything and everything --- to come at 7PM and join us for a "brainstorming" session. Surely, as you have worked with or observed an Interfaith week, you have wondered why things are the way they are. Come help us figure out new and better ways of doing this service of love, in Jesus' name. If you are new to St. Paul's or have thought about doing something for Interfaith, please join us with your ideas and enthusiasm. Suzanne Joyce

Pastoral Care

A number of our parishioners have extremely limited mobility and are no longer able to attend worship services at the church. Please consider a visit or phone call to assure them they are not forgotten.

<p>Aleen Baggett 3909 Kensington Ave. Rm 117 Richmond, VA 23221 804-261-5117</p>	<p>Michael Padrick 2909 Park Ave. Wilmington, NC 28403 762-2770</p>	<p>Ann Lamson. Room 354 Brightmore of Wilmington 2323 41st St. Wilmington, NC 28403</p>
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Schedule on Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Rite I
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Rite II

Schedule On Wednesdays

12:10 p.m. Holy Communion Rite II

Vestry

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