

September 1. 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 or Psalm 72
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 8. 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125 or Psalm 124
James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

September 15. 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

September 22. 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3
Mark 9:30-37

September 29. 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10: 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

October 6. 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Psalm 26 or Psalm 25
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 13. 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 20. 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 27. 23rd Sunday after Pentecost;

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

November 3. All Saints Sunday

(White or Red)
Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

November 10. 25th Sunday after Pentecost

(Green)
Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm 127 or Psalm 42
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 17. 26th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10 or Psalm 113
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 24. Christ the King Sunday

(White or Gold)
2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18)
Revelation 1:4b-8;
John 18:33-37

YEAR C

December 1. 1st Sunday of Advent

(Purple or Blue)
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

December 8. 2nd Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

December 15. 3rd Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

December 22. 4th Sunday of Advent

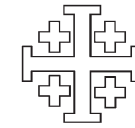
Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:46b-55
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

December 24. Christmas Eve

(White or Gold)
Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20

December 25. Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)
John 1:1-14



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Lectionary Readings

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THE COMMON LECTIONARY

A calendar and table of suggested scripture readings for a three-year cycle, the Common Lectionary provides a systematic approach to the use of Scripture in worship and study.

With each of the three years beginning with the First Sunday of Advent, the Lectionary cycle follows the outline of the Christian year, celebrating the central mystery of our faith — the life, death, and resurrection of Christ Jesus.

Lectionary Study Groups

St. Paul's has three groups that weekly study the Bible following the Lectionary. One may meet with any of these groups, as designated, at any time.

- **Open to All.** Led by Rev. Trey Burns. Tuesdays at noon. In person in J-211 and via Zoom. To connect to Zoom, email hlpearson@aol.com
- **Men.** Led by Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald. Wednesdays at 7:30am in the Fellers Room (S-312) and via Zoom. To connect to Zoom, email bharmes@gmail.com
- **Women.** Led by Rev. Barbara Robber-son. Thursdays at 8:30am via Zoom only. To connect to Zoom, email beverly.mc221@gmail.com

Readings Illuminated by Art

The readings for each week are illuminated by art curated by St. Paul's lay member Norman Mahan and posted to each Sunday of the website calendar, www.stpaulshouston.org/calendar. They also are available through the church's app.

LITURGICAL COLORS

The Christian year contains two cycles: the Christmas Cycle (Advent–Christmas–Epiphany) and the Easter Cycle (Lent–Easter–Pentecost). Within each are a preparatory season symbolized by the color purple or blue and a festival season symbolized by white or gold. After each is an ordinary time of growth symbolized by the color green.

Purple is a color of penitence and royalty. St. Paul's uses blue, a color of hope.

White and gold are joyous and festive colors used during the Christmas and Easter Seasons plus festive days and certain other occasions.

Green is a color of growth, used in the Seasons after the Epiphany and after Pentecost, except when certain special days within the call for white or red.

Red, a color of fire, symbolizes the Holy Spirit. It is used when the work of the Holy Spirit is emphasized, such as the Day of Pentecost. It also may be used during Holy Week to symbolize the blood of Christ and at other times when the blood of martyrs is highlighted.

— Adapted from the UMC's Discipleship Resources. www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/colors-for-the-christian-year

In these listings, a liturgical color next to certain dates are for that day onward until the color changes again.

YEAR B

May 19. *Pentecost Sunday* (Red)
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 26. *Trinity Sunday* (White or Gold)
Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

June 2. *2nd Sunday after Pentecost* (Green)
1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-3:6

June 9. *3rd Sunday after Pentecost*
1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15)
Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 16. *4th Sunday after Pentecost*
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Psalm 20 or Psalm 72
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13)
Mark 4:26-34

June 23. *5th Sunday after Pentecost*
1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49
Psalm 9:9-20
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

June 30. *6th Sunday after Pentecost*
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

July 7. *7th Sunday after Pentecost*
2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 14. *8th Sunday after Pentecost*
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 21. *9th Sunday after Pentecost*
2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalm 89:20-37, 45b
Ephesians 2:11-12
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 28. *10th Sunday after Pentecost*
2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

August 4. *11th Sunday after Pentecost*
2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 11. *12th Sunday after Pentecost*
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 18. *13th Sunday after Pentecost*
1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 25. *14th Sunday after Pentecost*
1 Kings 8: (1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69