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Pastor's Message

Not long ago I was at a retreat at Lakeview, and it was a great time of reflection, learning, and seeing friends. Our speaker was Dr. Jack Levison, Professor of Old Testament Interpretation and Biblical Hebrew at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University.

We'd been talking about the importance of breathing in the presence of the Holy Spirit. It is very timely for this Lenten season of introspection.



Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald
Senior Pastor

In Brennan Manning's daily devotion book, *Reflections for Ragamuffins*, he writes that the meaning of Easter is more than hope

beyond the grave, more than the infallible guarantee that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is our pledge.

The Easter victory is about Christ action in our lives – it means that the risen Christ is Lord of our lives right now. "Meaning he is God above all the gods of the unreal world out there — security, power, wealth, beauty, or whatever else makes false claims on our lives."

What a wonderful way to celebrate the greatest holiday in the church. In the early church, every Sunday was a "little Easter" celebration.

I hope your holy fasting this Lenten season is going well and that you are preparing your heart for Easter.

Peace,
Jeff

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Empowered to Connect

"When you connect to the heart of a child, everything is possible." – Dr. Karyn Purvis

All parents and other people who help children become all that God created them to be are invited to attend *Empowered to Connect* to learn how to build strong relationships with children.

At the heart of this approach are the Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI) methods developed by Dr. Karyn Purvis and Dr. David Cross of TCU's Institute for Child Development. While particularly addressing needs of children who have experienced trauma, including foster and adoptive situations, as well as children with sensory processing needs, the overall content emphasizes building strong relationships with children.

This three-part video conference will be on select Sundays from 12:15 to 3:15 pm in the Fellers Room (S-312). The dates and topics are **March 22** - *Understanding Trauma and TBRI Basics*, **April 26** - *Connecting with Children*, and **May 3** - *Correcting While Building Trust*. Each session builds on the previous, but each will be helpful if all can't be attended.

MENSWEAR MANIA

FOR EMERGENCY AID COALITION CLIENTS



MEN'S SHOES
SIZES 10 & UP

JEANS, PANTS, & SHORTS
SIZES 30 TO 36

MEN'S SHIRTS
SIZES LARGE AND UP

ON MARCH 1, PLEASE PLACE IN BARRELS
AT CHURCH ENTRANCES

Welcome New Members of St. Paul's Family

Welcome these new members who joined St. Paul's Family on February 23, 2020: Justin Flint, Pamela Floyd, Ivan Lopez, Lili Li and Doug Schwerdt. Flint is married to Rev. Kate Flint, St. Paul's Associate Minister for Children. Floyd is the mother of recent Youth confirmand Tyson Floyd Gasaway. Lopez is a former Choral Scholar who now sings in St. Paul's Choir. Li and Schwerdt are married to each other, and she transfers from Zhongshang Church in Nanning, China.

The next opportunity for persons considering becoming official members of St. Paul's Family to take the Exploring St. Paul's class will be on Sunday, March 15. Two opportunities are provided for the class -- 9:45 and 11:05 am, both in the Parlor. In this class, guests will learn about St. Paul's community and how to connect with each other and with God. For more information, contact Nina Hall via nina@stpaulshouston.org.



Justin Flint with Rev. Kate Flint



Pamela Floyd



Ivan Lopez



Lili Li and Doug Schwerdt

St. Paul's Family Deaths

Deepest sympathy to Mary Alice Roberts on the death of her husband, Edwin Roberts, who died on January 27, 2020.

Deepest sympathy to Pam and Sharon Rowe on the death of their mother, Thelma Rowe, who died on February 5, 2020.

Deepest sympathy to Kayleigh Latimer on the recent death of her father, Bart Latimer, in Galveston.

Deepest sympathy to Beth and Bob Brown on the death of Beth's sister, Ann Martha Blackstock, who died on February 14, 2020.

Get your parking hang tags at the Welcome Table on Sundays or Reception Desk during week

Lay Visitation Team Training

A new training series for lay visitors begins on Wednesday March 4, in J-204 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Rev. Andrew Wolfe and Rod Kottenbrink will be co-leading the group to serve as lay visitors to those who are homebound, hospitalized, or living in senior communities.

If interested in this training, please contact Rev. Wolfe via awolfe@stpaulshouston.org and complete an application form.

Training sessions will be most Wednesdays from March 4 to May 27 — March 4, 11, 18; and 25, April 1, 15, and 29; and May 13 and 27.

Open Basketball has returned! Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in Activity Center, 2nd floor,

Weekly Updates via the Chimes e-letter

To ensure that you receive the *Chimes* and other timely churchwide announcements, subscribe via www.stpaulshouston.org/stpauls-newsletter or email Donna Adair via dadair@stpaulshouston.org.

Normally emailed around 2:30 pm Thursdays, the *Chimes* highlights the coming Sunday's services and other activities looking ahead, usually with links for more information.

Greeters, Welcome Team Members needed.

Questions? Contact: nina@stpaulshouston.org

Be the welcoming face of St. Paul's to our many guests.

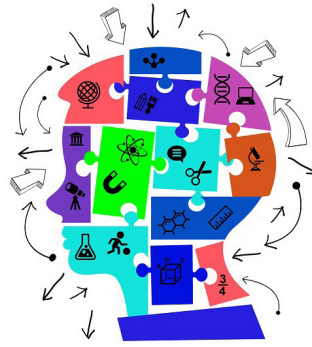
What My Feelings Look Like Healing Art Workshop for Children

Facilitated by *Helen Spaw, MPS
March 22, 12:30-1:45 pm • J-002.

Ages 5- 8, older siblings welcome.

\$30 per participant fee covers a snack lunch
and supplies

RSVP or Questions: hspaw@stpaulshouston.org



Children's art made in the workshop may be included in the Center for School Behavioral Health's Mental Health Art Showcase. The showcase reception & awards ceremony will be Thursday, May 14, at Winter Street Studios, 2101 Winter St. 77007.

All children and youth ages 5-20 may submit art for the showcase by April 5 to Helen Spaw in her office, S-210, or in the box outside her office.

Original artwork accepted includes collage, drawings, mixed media, mosaic, needlework, paint, photography, and 3-D. Matting preferred.

For rules and eligibility information, contact Spaw.

*Spaw has her masters in Art Therapy and Creativity Development

Circles Provided for Healing and Wisdom

St. Paul's provides several types of circles throughout the year, each with a specific orientation, including healing, healing art, wisdom. Most meet in S-300. For more information about any of these circles, please contact Helen Spaw via hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.

Following is the current schedule for these circles. Note that some require an RSVP to Helen.

Art of Parenting. Fourth Mondays, through April, from 9:30 to 11 am. S-300. *This wisdom circle shares insights and challenges of parenting in a supportive environment.*

Cancer Support Healing Circle. Second Sundays, through May, from 11:05 am to 12:15 pm. S-300. *For all who are impacted by cancer.*

Claiming Peace Healing Circle. Third Sundays, from 11:05 am 12:15 pm. S-300.

Healing of Racism Healing Art Circle. Third Thursdays, from 10 to 11:30 am off site. *Explore emotions and responses to current events in a safe environment utilizing art therapy exercises for the healing of racism.* Open to the first 20 people. For location and to RSVP: hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.

Women's Healing Art Circle. First Sundays from 11:05 to 12:15 pm in S-300. (Canceled March 1, resuming April 5.) *This is a long-standing group but may be joined by others.*

Women's Healing Art Circle. Thursday, February 27, from 10 to 11:30 am. S-300. Topic: *Relationships.*

Integrative Health and Wellness for Veterans

St. Paul's is partnering with the Veterans Team Recovery Integrative Immersion Process (VetTRIIP) to provide free integrative health and wellness services to veterans from all branches of the military. These services empower veterans and promote stress resilience, gentle relaxation, increased comfort, and better sleep. Services include aromatherapy, therapeutic massage, energy work, EFT or tapping, gentle stretching, acupuncture, chiropractic adjustments, bio-field therapies, and more.

Sessions will be offered on select Saturdays monthly through October. Dates are March 21, April 25, May 30, June 27, July 25, August 29, September 26, and October 24. Sessions will be in Abraham Station, 5401 Fannin. The first appointments start at 9 am, and the last appointments start at 2 pm.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, please contact the Houston VetTRIIP Chapter Director, Charlene Fox via charyoga@comcast.net.

VET TRIIP
VETERANS TEAM RECOVERY INTEGRATIVE IMMERSION
PROCESS

**Free Integrative Health
Services for Veterans**

- aromatherapy
- energy work and EFT
- therapeutic massage
- chiropractic adjustment
- acupuncture

What the Health!?

To receive this periodic e-letter from Rev. Andrew Wolfe of his ponderings about health, faith, and congregational care, contact him via awolfe@stpaulshouston.org.



St. Paul's Youth on Youth-Led Sunday - February 23, 2020

Youth Sunday Choir: Owen Anderson, Rachel Anderson, Daniela Arena, Ariana Bonilla, Nicolas Cantu, Ethan Duong, Lindsey Ford, Taylor Frick, Joshua Garvin, Elizabeth Gutierrez, Megan Hoffman, Morgan Hoffman, Lucy Jacq Holt, Carlin Holton, Brooke Humlicek, Blake Le Blanc, Ariadne Lopez, Christian Martin, Ben Mera, McKenna Miller, Julie Moreno, Emma Mudd, Claire Orr, Emily Pace, Samantha Pape, Mindy Phan, Claire Plante, Ana Sofia Powell, Isaac Recio, Elijah Rivera, Christine Rong, Alexandra Saldana, Avery Sanderlin, Dez'mon Scott, Grace Stupel, Ella Taylor, Roma Taylor, Kate Teagarden,

Leah Teagarden, Asha Thekdi, Scarlet Thomas, Camille Thrash, Audrey Tollett, Sophia Trifilio, Emily Vanlandingham, Maddy Vanlandingham, Sarah Vanlandingham, Sophia Watson, Jude Watt, Grace Wilsford, Kate Wubbenhorst, and Mia Wubbenhorst.

Instrumentalists: Katie Butler, McKenna Miller, Maddy Vanlandingham.

8:30 am Participants: Ainsley Alley, Andrew Alley, Linden Beebe, Winston Beebe, Phillip Chambers, Melony Davis, Alex Mosby, Jackie Neumann, Zeina Saghiyyah, John Tansey, Sarah Tansey, Ella Taylor, Audrey Tollett, Robert Wells, Grace Wilsford, Joan Wilsford, Tavon Wilsford, Kate Wubbenhorst, Alex Yankowsky, Mira Yankowsky, and Nick Yankowsky.

9:45 am Participants: Rachel Anderson, Jack Arnold, Bennett Blewer, Julian Bugg, Phillip Chambers, Maxine Cramer, Lauren Cross, Jake Foley, Paul Gau, Jacob Gunn, Noah Gunn, Madeline Malina, Kathleen Molineu, Abby Moses, Luke Olshefski, Joshua Rodkey, Camille Thrash, Collin Thrash, Corbin Wanner, Matthew Wheeler, Mark Wheeler, and Joan Wilsford.

11:05 am Participants: Daniela Arena, Nick Aruffo, Drake Campbell, James Clark, Whitney Clark, Carter Glickman, Clayton Griffiths, Jackson Griffiths, Jillian Griffiths, Nick Kapusta, Jack Larsson, Ian Mattingly, Kathleen Molineu, Mignon Perque, Logan Peterman, Julianna Reeves, Alexander Saggi, Myles Sealey, Meagan Sullivan, Lyndon Walsh, Olivia Watson, and Tavon Wilsford.

Clean House, Garage = Support Youth Missions

St. Paul's Youth can help you divest of items in your home that you no longer want or need.

They will sell them for you online. That includes all the steps leading up to the sale, such as taking photographs and finding the best outlet for the sale.

They will remove the sold items from your property and package and ship or deliver them. Proceeds from your sales then become a tax-free donation for St. Paul's Youth mission work.

Each summer, the Youth participate in week long mission work experiences — U.M.ARMV for senior high and Junior Youth Methodist Mission Project (JUMMP) for middle school — during which they repair homes for those unable to do so.

For details, contact Tiffin Wilsford, Director of Youth Ministries, via tiffin@stpaulshouston.org.

Kids Night Out

Friday, March 13

Theme: **St. Patrick's Day**

RSVP required: childcare@stpaulshouston.org

Questions or concerns?
kflint@stpaulshouston.org

This popular Friday-night program for children 4 months to 5th grade includes a full schedule of games, crafts, play, snacks and supervised activities from 6 to 10 pm while parents enjoy an evening on their own. A light supper is served around 6:30.

The cost is \$25/child/night (\$5/each additional sibling)

Kids Night/Day Out is available for families of St. Paul's Church and School. Reservations are required to ensure the appropriate number of staff.

Next Kids Nights Out:

April 17 • Theme: *Earth Day*

May 8 • Theme:
Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!

Worship Service Podcasts

Podcasts of the Sunday sermons, including the February 16 Youth Sunday witnesses, are posted to St. Paul's website by the Tuesday following the service. Listen at www.stpaulshouston.org/sermons

Renew Commitment to St. Paul's Missions, Ministries

When we joined St. Paul's, we all pledged membership vows to support our church with our prayers, presence, service, gifts, and witness. But sometimes it seems that life gets in the way.

To help our members keep the vow of gifts to the church, we want to make you aware of an important tool — bank draft giving, also known as ACH giving

This powerful and easy way to support St. Paul's has several advantages:

- Convenience
- No forgetting your donation or falling behind if you're out of town
- Helps our church more effectively plan its ministries
- Cost-effective — the most cost-effective way to give to the church by far

As we enter the Lenten season of discipline and almsgiving, please consider renewing your own commitment to the mission and ministries of St. Paul's. Recurring auto-drafts is one of the most tangible ways you can do that.

Volunteers will speak to Sunday School classes on March 1 about ACH giving, and information will be provided during worship and on the website throughout the month to assist in enrolling in the program.

Good stewardship of our gifts is an awe-inspiring acknowledgment of what God wants for all of us: *grateful hearts and generous spirits*. Please join the families of St. Paul's who have already renewed their commitment to our church through this recurring gift program by saying "yes" to ACH giving.



Gala & Auction

*benefitting the
Emergency Aid Coalition
(EAC)*

Saturday, March 28 • 6:30-11 pm

*Royal Sonesta Hotel
2222 West Loop South*

Dinner, dancing, auctions, activities...
Cruisewear attire

Tickets & info: www.eachouston.org
RSVP by March 15 to dbrickwedel@eachouston.org or 832-641-3619

Join St. Paul's Band of Bell Ringers

St. Paul's band of bell ringers practices on Monday evenings, rotating among the towers here, Palmer Episcopal Church, and St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

If interested in learning more about this unique opportunity, please contact Dawn Ubelhart, Bell Ringing Captain, via dawn@stpaulshouston.org.

Book Groups in March

On Monday, March 16, at 6:30 pm Ordinary Life discusses *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* by Karen Armstrong. For meeting location, or to be added to the email list: george.a.sroka@gmail.com.

On Tuesday, March 17, at 7 pm in J-203 Chapter One discusses *An American Marriage* by T. Jones. To be added to the email list: hblinda@hibit.com.

Applications for Foundation Grants Available

Through its permanent endowment, St. Paul's Foundation provides grants to a variety of organizations as well as to St. Paul's UMC for maintenance and ministries support. In 2019, the Foundation made 20 mission grants totaling \$83,835.

Grant applications for 2020 are now available, and completed applications are due by May 15. To download an application, please go to www.stpaulshouston.org/foundation-grants.

The purpose of the grants process of the St. Paul's Foundation is to support and further the ministries, programs, and outreach of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. The Foundation seeks grant applications from organizations and ministries which support the needs of children, youth, adults, and senior adults from the Houston area or throughout the world.

Special attention is given to those agencies that are connected to St. Paul's United Methodist Church and its members and which support those in need and at risk. For more information, email foundation@stpaulshouston.org.

Heart Support Group

Houston Methodist Hospital conducts a Heart Health Support Group at St. Paul's on the second Wednesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 pm in J-204.

Previous topics have included:

"How patients can best engage our healthcare providers to help them help us" by advance nurse practitioners from the Houston Methodist DeBakey Cardiology Clinic

"Heart failure, exercise, and cardiac rehab" by an exercise physiologist

"Healthy food choices during the holiday season" by a clinical dietitian.

To be added to the email list for notifications, email facilitator, Wayne Brewer via wbrewer878@aol.com.

Lenten Sunday Small Groups

journey together throughout the lenten season

Centering Prayer 8:30am each week, J-203

This ancient form of contemplative prayer provides periods of silence for individuals and groups to listen for the holy. Consenting to the presence and action of the Divine in one's life is a powerful, transformative practice.

24 Hours that Changed the World 9:45am starting March 1, J-211

A journey to explore the profound impact of the last day of Jesus' life, based on the study by Adam Hamilton. Participants should obtain a study guide prior to the start of class. For more information contact Mary Linda Portner at mlportner@stpaulshouston.org.

Strangers No More 11:05am starting March 1, J-203

An exploration into how we are separated, the connections we make, the heartbreaks we suffer, and the kindness we encounter. Based on the podcast *Strangers* by Lea Thau.

Lenten Devotional Books by St. Paul's Clergy and Children

The Lenten devotional booklets are available throughout the campus. Published in both Spanish and English,



when i was a stanger/cuando fui un extranejero also is on the church website at www.stpaulshouston.org/lent.

The Lenten devotional booklet, illustrated with art by St. Paul's children, is on the church website at www.stpaulshouston.org/children.

Written by St. Paul's clergy, the introduction to *when i was a stranger* sets the

tone by stating that "A stranger is one who is not known, particularly in the context of a community. We can also be strangers to different experiences. In contrast to neighborliness, strangerliness is characterized by unfamiliarity and unknown. It is outside the circle of our understanding, and comfort.

"Where have you felt like a stranger?"

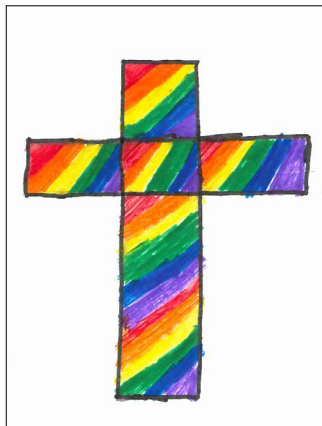
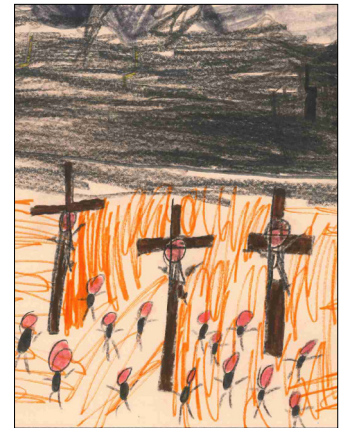
"Just as we welcome Christ the stranger, so too we are called to welcome one another;

so too we ourselves are welcomed: 'For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.' — Matthew 25:35"

Children's Booklet

In addition to their own art, the children's booklet provides scripture lessons based on the Common Lectionary

plus suggested prayers and activities for the children and their families.



9:45 Sermon Series: When I Was a Stranger

We are a beloved community of strange people, estranged from much, a stranger to many. In these Lenten Sundays amidst the somber forty, steep yourself in our vivid scriptural tradition of spiritual wilderness. Following 9:45 worship each week in Lent, all are invited to *Strangers No More*, a conversation at 11:05 in room J-203.

When I Was a Stranger: Lent at St. Paul's

Walk Labyrinth in Prayer and Meditation

Walking a labyrinth is a meditative practice observed across world religions. Unlike a maze, a labyrinth guides the traveler through a predetermined, circuitous path to its center point and back out. There are no diverging pathways forcing the traveler to make a conscious choice to turn right or left. This allows the mind to relax as the body simply puts one foot in front of the other.

St. Paul's has two permanently installed labyrinths.

The outdoor Labyrinth on the Bankston Green is modeled after the 13th-century labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral. This public path of prayer may be used at any time by modern day pilgrims seeking guidance and centering in their lives.

The indoor Labyrinth in the Activity Center is based on the classical model. An alternative for inclement weather, it may be used at any time that space is not otherwise in use.

To walk the outdoor Labyrinth, enter near the Jesus statue and follow the stone pathway to the center, then back out. To accompany your walk, listen to music by St. Paul's Choir at www.stpaulshouston.org/labyrinth



Night Labyrinth Walk soon after installation was completed. — Photo by Chris Newlin.

STRANGERS AT THE GATES

Women, Religion, and Immigration at The Border

Join the Religion and Public Life Program for a live podcast taping and panel discussion, which will focus on the role of women in providing care to migrants and constructing theological responses to migration.

When:
Thursday, March 26
6:00pm – 7:30pm

Where:
Hudspeth Auditorium
Anderson-Clarke Center
Rice University campus
6100 Main Street
Houston, TX 77005

To register, visit:
<https://strangersatthegates.eventbrite.com>

Moderated by



Pamela J. Prickett,
Professor,
University of Amsterdam

Featuring



Sister Norma Pimentel
Executive Director,
Catholic Charities of the Rio
Grande Valley



Miguel De La Torre
Professor,
Iliff School of Theology



Anne Snyder
Editor-in-Chief,
Comment Magazine

Sacred Space for Lent & Easter

All are invited
to participate in the Lenten
Sacred Space
in the Jones Building Foyer
beginning March 1.
Return to this Sacred Space
throughout Lent
and watch it transform.

Following this event at Rice, Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan will lead a discussion with St. Paul's members and other interested parties. For more information, contact him via prichards-kuan@stpaulshouston.org

When I Was a Stranger: Lent at St. Paul's

2020 Lenten Recital Series

St. Paul's Lenten Recital Series 2020 will feature concert performances by some of the best musicians in Houston and a special guest ensemble from Washington, DC: Eya.

The series begins on the Thursday after Ash Wednesday, continuing each Thursday until April 2, prior to Palm Sunday. All but the Eya concert will be at 12:15 pm. This exception will be at 7:30 pm when this award-winning vocal ensemble specializing in the interpretation of medieval music for women's voices will present *Pilgrimage*. The performance will be preceded by a lecture in the Chapel at 6:30 pm by Rev. Dr. Bill Kerley.



Mercury Chamber Orchestra opened 2020 Lenten Recital Series February 27

Thanks to underwriting by the St. Paul's Chamber Music Society, admission to all of these concerts is free, and all are welcome. The schedule follows:

Thursday, February 27. 12:15 pm. Mercury Chamber Orchestra, St. Paul's ensemble-in-residence, directed by Antoine Plante, played concerti by Handel, Telemann and Vivaldi. Featured soloists were Jonathan Godfrey and Oleg Sulyga.

Thursday, March 5. 7:30 pm. Eya presents *Pilgrimage* that follows the humming routes of the Camino de Santiago as well as the path toward the mountaintop monastery of Montserrat with music of medieval Spain from the Codex Calixtinus, Las Huelgas Codex, and the Libre Vermell.



Eya presents *Pilgrimage* March 5 at 7:30 pm.

At 6:30 pm Rev. Dr. Bill Kerley will deliver a pre-recital lecture about his own experiences of recent journeys along the historic pilgrimage routes of France and Spain.

Thursday, March 12. 12:15 pm. HGO

Artists Leia Lensing, mezzo-soprano; Nicholas Newton, bass-baritone; and Alex Munger, piano will present a program of art songs by Benjamin Britten, Gerald Finzi, and Herbert Howells, and operatic arias by Handel and Mozart.



HGO Artists
March 12 at 12:15 pm

Thursday, March 19. 12:15 pm.

Apollo Chamber Players presents *Music of the Americas*, a program featuring newly commissioned works by Grammy and Pulitzer Prize-winning American composers Libby Larsen and Jennifer Higdon and music by Silvestre Revueltas (Mexico), Heitor Villa Lobos (Brazil), and Leo Brouwer (Cuba).



Apollo Chamber Players
March 19 at 12:15 pm.

Thursday, March 26. 12:15 pm.

Space City Winds, Houston's newest chamber ensemble and specialists in the music of the 18th and 19th centuries, will perform Mozart's Serenade in C minor and works by Haydn and Charles Gounod.



Space City Winds
March 26 at 12:15 pm.

Thursday, April 2. 12:15 pm.

St. Paul's Consort, a chamber choir of singers from St. Paul's Choir, sings Tudor and Elizabethan music for Lent and Holy Week: William Byrd's *Mass for Five Voices* and works by Orlando Gibbons, Thomas Tallis, and John Sheppard.



St. Paul's Consort. April 2 at 12:15 pm.

When I Was a Stranger: Lent at St. Paul's

Lectionary Readings and Music for March 2020

Watch any of these services live: www.stpaulshouston.org/live-stream.
For readings' texts, illuminated by art: www.stpaulshouston.org/upcoming-services

MARCH 1. 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT.

Genesis 2:15-27, 3:17
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Congregational Hymns, all services

110 *A Mighty Fortress Is our God*
378 *Amazing Grace*
269 *Lord, Who throughout these Forty Days*

8:30 and 11:05 am services

Sung by St. Paul's Choir
Jesu, Grant Me this, I Pray - Charles Herbert Kitson
Dona Nobis Pacem - Traditional
Latin (sung by Choristers and Treble Choir)
Be Thou my Vision - Bob Chilcott

9:45 am service

Sung by St. Paul's Choral Scholars with Kimberly Blaha, soprano saxophone
Going over Home - Kevin Reihle
Kyrie - Dvorak, arr. Schram

MARCH 8. 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT.

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-1

Congregational Hymns, all services

116 *The God of Abraham Praise*
142 *If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee*
132 *All My Hope Is firmly Grounded*

8:30 and 11:05 am services

Sung by St. Paul's Choir
God so Loved the World - John Stainer

9:45 am service

Sung by St. Paul's Choral Scholars
Dominus Vobiscum - Jacob Narverud
O bone Jesu - Palestrina

MARCH 15. 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT.

Exodus 17:107
Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

Congregational Hymns, all services

731 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* - Abbot's Leigh melody
163 *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*
479 *Jesus, Lover of my Soul*

8:30 and 11:05 am services

Sung by St. Paul's Choir
Sicut cervus - G.D. da Palestrina

9:45 am service

Sung by St. Paul's Choral Scholars
Geistliches Lied - Johannes Brahms
Angus Dei (from *Bell Mass*) - Rubert Lang

MARCH 22. 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Congregational Hymns, all services

60 *I'll Praise my Maker*
188 *Christ Is the World's Light*
181 *Ye Servants of God*

8:30 and 11:05 am services

Sung by St. Paul's Choir
The Key - Anthony Piccolo

9:45 am service

Sung by St. Paul's Choral Scholars
Wondrous Love - Paul Christiansen
Miserere mei - Antonio Lotti

MARCH 29. 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

Congregational Hymns, all services

139 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
420 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*
581 *Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service*

8:30 and 11:05 am services

Sung by St. Paul's Choir
The Call - Lee Hoiby

9:45 am service

Sung by St. Paul's Choral Scholars
Even when He Is Silent - Kim Arneson
Kyrie - Swedish Tune



This Lenten Evensong presented by St. Paul's Treble Choir will include works of Orlando Gibbons, Philip Moore and Percy Buck. The text is particularly focused on the Lenten theme of repentance and renewal through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Harvey Work Day: *March 28*

If you are tired of hearing about Hurricane Harvey, think how those still affected must feel. Let's help them (finally) get through this.

The next Harvey work days will be March 28 and April 18. For more information and to sign up for the work team: www.stpaulshouston.org/harvey or email Amy Taylor, Director of Missions, via ataylor@stpaulshouston.org.



From February 19-23, St. Paul's 10-member Border Mission Team served with several local organizations that address the needs of the more than 2,500 immigrants living in the tent city in Matamoros, Mexico. The immigrants are mandated to stay in these tent cities while they await their initial Asylum Claims Hearing which could be several months — or more away. Above the team distributes waters provided by Rev. David Diaz of First UMC Matamoros. They also prepared, transported, and served dinner for the 1,000 who come to dinner each night at the dining tent in Matamoros, provided by World Central Kitchen and Team Brownsville.

To schedule a baptism or flowers or to update your membership records, please contact Rachel Wiggs via rachel@stpaulshouston.org or 713-528-0527x123.

To let the Church know of births, hospitalizations, illnesses, deaths in the family or other concerns, contact Nina Hall via nina@stpaulshouston.org or 713-528-0527x113.

2020 Pledges, Giving Records

Pledges to St. Paul's 2020 operating budget may be made at any time. To do so, please go to www.stpaulshouston.org/stewardship.

You also may make contributions to the operating budget at any time via www.stpaulshouston.org/give and click on the blue "Give Online" button.

If you have any difficulty with either of these, please contact Church Administrator Veronica Pearce via vpearce@stpaulshouston.org.

Ongoing Weekly

Key to locations on next page

Sundays

- 8:30, 9:45, and 11:05 am. Worship. Sanctuary.
- 8:30 am-12:15 pm. Sunday School classes for all ages. For information and locations: Visit Welcome Table at JB entrance. Childcare first floor JB.
- 9:45 am. Joyful Noise. JB 120.
- 9:45 am. Lenten Bible Study: *24 Hours that Changed the World*, an Adam Hamilton study led by Mary Linda Portner. J-211. March 1-April 5. See page 6.
- 10:30-noon. Children's Choirs Rehearsals. S-106. (Cancelled March 15)
- 11:05 am. *Strangers No More*, a Lenten study. March 1-April 5. J-203. See page 6.
- 2 pm. AFA Choir Rehearsal. S-131 and J-211.
- 5 pm. UMY, Confirmation. Youth Center. (Cancelled March 15)
- 5 pm. Al-Anon. J-202.

Mondays (except Monday holidays unless indicated)

- 9 am. Tai Chi. Activity Center.
- 6:15 pm. Dance Aerobics. Activity Center.
- 7 pm. Calumet Friends, open AA group. J-204. (meets on Monday holidays)
- 7:30 pm. Open Basketball. Activity Center.

Tuesdays

- Noon. Lectionary Bible Study led by Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan. J-211.
- 12:30 pm. Tuesday Friends. J-203.
- 5 pm. SEARCH Coming Home. To June 30. Fondren Hall.
- 6:30 pm. City-wide Epworth (Young Adult) League. 3471 Westheimer. St. Paul's anchor group meets Sundays at 9:45 am in J-202.
- 6:30 pm. Bayou City Women's Chorus. S-131.

Wednesdays

- 7 am. Men's Lectionary Bible Study Breakfast led by Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald. Fondren Lounge.
- 9 am. Tai Chi. Activity Center.
- Noon. Al-Anon. A-101.
- 12:05 pm. Veterans Helping Veterans. Youth Center.
- 12:15 pm. Communion Service. Chapel. Homilists change weekly.
- 3:30-7 pm. Youth Mid Week Get Together. Youth Center. (most school year Wednesdays)
- 4 pm. Wood Duck Farms Delivery. JB Lobby.
- 5:30-6:30 pm. Treble Choir Rehearsals. S-106. (most school year Wednesdays)
- 7 pm. St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal. S-131.
- 7:30 pm. IDAA. A-101.
- 7:30 pm. Open Basketball. Activity Center.

Thursdays

- 8:30 am. Women's Lectionary Bible Study led by Rev. Barbara Robberson. J-211.

This Month's Calendar — March 2020

KEY to Location abbreviations

A=Abraham Station, 5401 Fannin • J or JB=Jones Building, 5400 Fannin
S=Sanctuary Building, 5501 Main at Binz/Bissonnet

Ongoing weekly calendar on page 10.

Questions about any listing: dadair@stpaulshouston.org

SUNDAY, MARCH 1.

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- 9:45 am. *24 Hours that Changed the World*, a Lenten study, begins. J-211.
- 9:45 am. *When Christians Get It Wrong*, a six-week study, begins with Journeys class. Fellers Room (S-312).
- 9:45 am. *Music of St. Paul's* by Music Director Christopher Betts with Living Faith class. J-220.
- 11:05 am. *Strangers No More*, a Lenten study, begins. J-203.
- 12:15 pm. St. Paul's Immigration Meeting. J-203.
- 12:15 pm. Amazing Parents Amazing Kids (APAK). J-204.
- 12:15 pm. Foundation Scholarship Committee. Fellers Room (S-312).
- 1-4 pm. Prayers and Squares. A-101.
- 1:30-4:30 pm. Theology in Worship. S-102.
- 5 pm. Fe y Esperanza Worship Service in Spanish. Chapel.

March 3. Tuesday.

- 7 pm. Girls Bible Study. Youth Center. Also March 17.

March 4. Wednesday.

- 6:30-8 pm. Lay Visitation Training. J-204.

March 5. Thursday.

- 8:30 am. St. Paul's Sugar Land Sisters. Location: email leatherwoodjl@aol.com
- Noon. Ordinary Life Women. J-204. Program: *Tenets of Islamic Faith*.
- 6:30 pm. Pre-concert lecture by Rev. Dr. Bill Kerley: *Journeys along Historic Pilgrimage Routes of France and Spain*. Chapel.
- 7:30 pm. Lenten Recital Series presents Eya Medieval Ensemble: *Pilgrimage*.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8.

Daylight Saving Time Begins

- 9:45 am. History of St. Paul's by Rob Wubbenhorst with Living Faith. J-220.
- 11:05 am. Cancer Support Healing Circle. S-300.
- 12:15-2 pm. Voice for Life. With lunch.
- 12:15 pm. Coffee with the Pastors. JB Lobby.

March 9. Monday.

- 6:30 pm. Change Ringing Bell Practice. Bell Tower. Also March 23. Questions? dawn@stpaulshouston.org.

March 10. Tuesday.

- 6:30 pm. Parents of Murdered Children. S-301.
- 7 pm. NAMI Support Groups. J-202 & 203. Also March 24.

March 11. Wednesday.

- 9:30 am. St. Paul's Moms. Youth Center. Also March 25.
- Noon. TCCEF Luncheon. Fondren Hall.
- 5:30 pm. Houston Methodist Heart Health Support Group. J-204.

March 12. Thursday.

- 12:15 pm. Lenten Recital Series presents: HGO Studio Artists.
- 6 pm. Health Care for All Texas. J-202.

March 13. Friday.

- 6-10 pm. Kids Night Out. Theme: *St. Patrick's Day*. RSVP required to childcare@stpaulshouston.org.

March 14. Saturday.

- St. Paul's Cycling Group. For start location, time: awolfe@stpaulshouston.org.
- 11 am. Trinity UMC 155-year Celebration. Fondren Hall.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15.

- 9:45 and 11:05 am. Exploring St. Paul's. Parlor. Choose one time.
- 11:05 am. Claiming Peace Healing Circle. S-300. Questions? hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.

March 16. Monday.

- 6:30 pm. Ordinary Life Book Group discusses *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* by Karen Armstrong. Location: george.a.sroka@gmail.com.

March 17. Tuesday.

- 10:30 am. St. Paul's Women's News & Views. J-204.
- 6 pm. Kidney Smart. J-211.
- 7 pm. Chapter One Book Group discusses *An American Marriage* by T. Jones. J-203.

March 18. Wednesday.

- 6:30 pm. Lay Visitation Training. J-204.

March 19. Thursday.

- 9 am. Senior Men's Breakfast. IHOP at 2515 SW Freeway.

- 12:15 pm. Lenten Recital Series presents Apollo Chamber Players.
- 6-8:30 pm. Her|meneutics. S-102. Questions or to be added to email list: hermeneuticsSPUMC@gmail.com

March 21. Saturday.

- 9 am-2 pm. Vet TRIIP Integrative Health Services for Veterans. Abraham Station. See page 3.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22.

- 12:15 pm Empowered to Connect Conference. Fellers Room (S-312). See page 1.
- 12:15 pm. Innovative Lab Meetings. Youth Center.
- 12:30 pm. Healing Art Workshop for Children. See page 3.
- 12:30 pm. Primitimers Day Trip to "Gershwin at the Grand" by Rob Landes Trio.
- 3 pm. Confirmation class visits a mosque. Family members welcome.

March 23. Monday.

- 9:30 am. The Art of Parenting Circle. S-300. Questions? hspaw@stpaulshouston.org.

March 25. Wednesday.

- 9 am-3 pm. TCCEF Workshop. Fondren Hall. Topic: *Mental Health First Aid*. Questions? kflint@stpaulshouston.org.
- 4 pm. Combined Chapel service for Youth and After-School Program Children. Chapel.
- 6:30 pm. PRN IDAA. A-101.

March 26. Thursday.

- 12:15 pm. Lenten Recital Series presents Space City Winds.
- March 27-29. Friday-Saturday. Youth Spring Retreat to Ole Moon.

March 27. Friday.

- 10:30 am. St. Paul's Labyrinth Walkers Open Walks.

March 28. Saturday.

- 8 am-4 pm. Harvey Recovery Work Team. Sign up: www.stpaulshouston.org/harvey. Questions? ataylor@stpaulshouston.org
- 6:30-11 pm. EAC Gala. See page 5.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29.

- 4 pm. St. Paul's Treble Choir sings Evensong service for the Season of Lent.
- 5-7 pm. Youth go to Kite Festival at Hermann Park after meal in Youth Center.

March 30. Monday.

- 5:30 pm. Lay Visitation Team Reflection. Java Lava Brew, 1201 Southmore. Questions? awolfe@stpaulshouston.org.

Holy Week at St. Paul's

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PALM SUNDAY

8:00, 9:30, 11:00am Worship

apr 6-8

DAILY COMMUNION

Monday - Wednesday
12:15pm Communion Service

apr 9

MAUNDY THURSDAY

12:15pm Communion
and Footwashing
7:00pm Communion Service

apr 10

GOOD FRIDAY

11:00am Children's Tenebrae
Noon Worship Service
7:00pm Last Words of Jesus
dual language (Spanish/English)

apr 11

HOLY SATURDAY

7:00pm Easter Vigil

apr 12

EASTER SUNDAY

8:00, 9:30, 11:00am Worship



Begin Palm Sunday worship services — 8, 9:30, and 11 am — on the Plaza for the palm processional led by the children's choirs.

Lectionary Lessons Enhanced by Art

Each Sunday's Lectionary lessons plus each day of Holy Week are enhanced with art related to one of the lessons. Curated by Norman Mahan, he also provides information about the art as it relates to the lesson and about the artist and/or history of the art. These are provided in the information racks and online via www.stpaulshouston.org/upcoming-services and in the *Chimes*.



Jesus cleansing the Temple (John 2:13-25) comes to life in the Walk through Holy Week, a tableau depicting Holy Week events in a manner suitable for children. Visit this year's Walk through Holy Week in the Jones Building Basement.

— Photo by Kelsey Johnson, 2017



Flowering of the Cross, a St. Paul's Family Easter tradition, will return to the lawn this year. — Photo from 2018

For more information about worship opportunities, Sunday small groups, events, personal devotion, and ongoing opportunities throughout Lent to Easter Sunday, please see www.stpaulshouston.org/lent.