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## Pastor's Message

Have you noticed how much of our lives these days are driven by fear? When I watch the news or read the paper there seems to be a tremendous amount of fear on every front. Fear about the next COVID variant, fear about the economy, and the list goes on.

The question that the good news of God's grace puts before us is: Who or what will separate you from the love of Christ? What are you afraid of?

Are you afraid that some weakness you have could separate you from the love of Christ? It can't.

Are you afraid that your inadequacies could separate you from the love of Christ? They can't.



Difficult marriage, loneliness, anxiety about the children's future? They can't.

Poor self-image? It can't.

Economic hardship, racial hatred, political

fighting? They can't.

Rejection by loved ones or the suffering of loved ones? They can't.

The gospel of grace tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God, made real in Jesus.

*I'm convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created.*

— Romans 8:38-39

Brennan Manning writes: "Everything else will pass away. Faith will become vision, hope will become possession, but the love of Jesus Christ that is stronger than death endures forever."

My prayer for you is that you will not let fear win out over God's love for you.

Peace,

Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald, Senior Pastor

## October 3: World Communion Sunday and Blessing of the Animals Services

On Sunday, October 3, St. Paul's will celebrate both people and animals all over the world.

The first Sunday in October is World Communion Sunday, and St. Paul's will join many Christian churches across the globe for this celebration of unity among churches across denominations. Much of the music will be sung in Spanish as well as English.

The message will be brought by Rev. Dr. Wilson Boots, a St. Paul's affiliated clergy and retired Director of Interpretation for Encounter with Christ, the UMC's General Board of Global Ministries permanent fund for support

of partnership in mission with Methodist churches in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Blessing of the Animals service will be on the Plaza at 4 pm. The Wesley Singers and Choristers will sing. All pets are welcome on leashes or in carriers for personal pet blessings after the service. Stuffed animals and pictures of pets also are welcome.

Donations of pet food will be received on behalf of Animeals on Wheels. The Green Team will provide information about creation care and herbs from St. Paul's Community Garden. Bring your own water.

## Celebrate Bible Sunday

Continuing a long tradition, St. Paul's third graders will receive personalized Bibles during the 11 am worship service on October 10.

And a new tradition will begin that day with toddlers to tweens receiving an age-appropriate Bible story book or Bible in their Sunday School classes for use at home and church.

A display also will be in the Jones Building foyer for adults and Youth to explore different study Bibles and other Bible tools. Everyone is encouraged to bring their personal Bibles to church this day — and every Sunday — as we commit to being lifelong Bible studiers.

## Children's Sabbath

The multi-faith Children's Sabbath is a time to reflect on God's gift of children and ways congregations and individuals can renew their commitment to care for, protect and advocate for all children. St. Paul's will celebrate Children's Sabbath on October 17 with children as lay readers, ushers, and musicians in worship.



For more information and to RSVP for in-person service: [www.stpaulshouston.org/events/2021/10/10/choral-evensong](http://www.stpaulshouston.org/events/2021/10/10/choral-evensong)

## El Día de los Muertos Service of Remembrance and Altar

Celebrate life during a prayerful service of remembrance in the Chapel on Sunday, October 31, at 9:45 am. You are invited to bring photos of deceased loved ones to place on the ofrenda (altar)

The Chapel will be open through November 7. Throughout this week, all are invited at any time to light a candle and place a picture or flower on the altar to honor, celebrate, and remember loved ones who have passed, and all who have passed. See photographs below of previous celebrations of El Día de los Muertos on the Plaza.



## Fall Fiesta

Celebrate El Día de los Muertos with an outdoor viewing of the movie *Coco*. Saturday, October 30, at 6 pm on the Plaza. All ages are invited to attend and enjoy.



Traditional El Día de los Muertos light refreshments will be available, and families also are encouraged to bring their own picnic dinners.

To facilitate more environmentally sustainable choices every day,  
organize the Sanctuary Building kitchen with the Green Team.  
Thursday, October 21, between 9 and 11 am.  
Questions? Email [hspaw@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:hspaw@stpaulshouston.org)



Spend time in the sacred space of the Community Garden on Sundays between 8:30 am to 12:30 pm or 5 to 7 pm. Garden visitors are invited to learn about God's creation by sitting and watching, harvesting some herbs to take with you, and/or helping maintain it by light weeding.



In October, produce from the garden will be available at the garden table on the Plaza at the Blessing of the Animals service (October 3 at 4 pm) and the morning of October 24. Donations are accepted online and at the garden table to benefit our Fe y Esperanza community.



**New Gardening Opportunities:**  
**Adopt the garden** for a month with your class, family, or other group.  
**Become a Garden Intern** (any age) to learn about caring for God's Creation.  
Questions? [hspaw@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:hspaw@stpaulshouston.org).

## Re-Leaf Tree in Jones Building with Green Choices

Add a leaf to the tree in the Jones Building Foyer.

An interactive display will include a tree backdrop and a poster with examples of green choices. You are invited to write your own green choice(s) on a leaf and put it on the tree.

Provided by St. Paul's Green Team, this tree will be introduced at the Blessing of the Animals service on October 3 and remain in the Jones Building the rest of the month.

To learn more about the Green Team, email [hspaw@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:hspaw@stpaulshouston.org).



## Children Discuss Prayer

The GROW 3rd-5th-grade Sunday School class recently discussed Prayer, and here are some of their observations:

**Why do we pray?** To give thanks, to help others, to ask for help.

**Who teaches you to pray?** Parents. Church leaders — choir, ministers, readers, Pope. Media postings of inspirational messages. Self.

**When are you most comfortable praying?** In my room. In my head. In church.

**What are our reasons for not wanting to pray out loud?** Feeling self-conscious.

**What do you feel when you're praying?** Beyond happy.

**How can talking with God help you?** You might feel in your heart God's reply.

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## St. Paul's Family

### Births.

Congratulations to Laura and Dave Morris on the birth of their daughter, Emilia (Emmie) Jean Morris, on September 14, 2021. Maternal grandparents are St. Paul's members Dawna and Tom Menges.

### Baptisms.

Jillian and Allan Weatherford presented their son, William Allan Weatherford II, born April 27, 2021, for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on August 29, 2021.

Jaena and Andrew Coit presented their daughter, Danielle Claire Coit, born March 25, 2021, of the Sacrament of Baptism on September 26, 2021. Paternal grandparents are St. Paul's members Bev and Bill Coit.

Jason Dedrick was baptized on September 26, 2021, and he and Patrick Lukingbeal presented their son, Johnathan Jude Dedrick, born October 6, 2017, for the Sacrament of Baptism on September 26, 2021.

### Flowers.

The flowers at the altar on August 29, 2021, were placed to the glory of God by Martha Gau in honor of her parents, Walta and Brent Ocker, as they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 26.

The flowers at the altar on September 5, 2021, were placed to the glory of God in celebration of the birthday

of Rev. Dr. Bill Kerley by the Ordinary Life Sunday School class.

The flowers in the Narthex on September 5, 2021, were placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Robert Willard by his family.

The flowers at the altar on September 12, 2021, were placed to the glory of God in loving memory of L. Henry Gissel, Jr., by Lynn Gissel and family.

The flowers in the Narthex and at the Jones Plaza entrance on September 12, 2021, were placed to the glory of God in celebration of the wedding of Kathryn Gay and Caleb Andrus on September 11, 2011.

The flowers at the altar on September 26, 2021, were placed to the glory of God in celebration of the baptism of Danielle Claire Coit by the Coit and Strong families.

### Deaths.

Deepest sympathy to Paul Gainey on the death of his brother, James (Jim) Wiley Gainey Jr., who died on August 27, 2021, in Beaumont.

Deepest sympathy to Lynn and George Schroth on the death of her brother, Darryl Wayne Maddox of Amarillo, who died on August 24, 2021.

Deepest sympathy to Janet Neumann, Stevie and Jacqueline on the death of Janet's husband and Stevie and Jacqueline's father, Steve Neumann on

August 28, 2021.

Deepest sympathy to Bill King on the deaths of his mother, Betty Joyce Hogan King, who died on August 28, 2021, and the death of his father, E.Y. King, who died on September 12, 2021.

Deepest sympathy to Mark Hager on the death of his father, John E. Hager, who died September 12, 2021.

Deepest sympathy to Maria and Carl Dahlberg, David and Noah, on the death of Carl's mother, David and Noah's grandmother, Alice Dahlberg, who on September 13, 2021, at the age of 99.

Deepest sympathy to Rosann Hooks and Carol Wiener, whose sister, Patricia Flaherty, died on September 14, 2021 in Chipley, FL.

Deepest sympathy to Suellen and Charles Campbell on the death of Charles' sister, Janet Ramey, who died on September 16, 2021.

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### Memorial Service.

A memorial service for Sari Frey will be conducted in the Sanctuary on Thursday, October 28, at 11 am. The founder and leader of St. Paul's Prayers and Squares (prayer quilts), designer of most of St. Paul's banners, and a member of St. Paul's Choir and the Altar Guild, she died on October 29, 2020.

## Nominate Church Leaders

The Committee on Lay Leadership will be meeting soon to fill open spots on some of the committees that work to lead St. Paul's UMC in loving God and loving our neighbors. Some of these will be positions on the Staff Parish Relations Committee, Finance Committee, Trustees Committee, and the Lay Leadership Committee itself.

If you are interested in being nominated to serve on one of these committees, or any other committee at St. Paul's, please contact Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald, [jmcdonald@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:jmcdonald@stpaulshouston.org), for more information.

## Annual Charge Conference

All are welcome to attend St. Paul's annual business meeting, which will be online on Saturday, October 16, at 11 am.

The meeting will review the state of the church, nominations for leadership committees, the 2022 budget, and celebrate ministry of this past year.

To attend, please email Rachel Wiggs at [rachel@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:rachel@stpaulshouston.org)

## Whither the UMC

Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald will share perspectives on the next steps for the United Methodist Church. Sunday, October 10, at 9:45 am with the Living Faith Class. J-220 and on Zoom. To connect: [leahrachel@gmail.com](mailto:leahrachel@gmail.com)

## Support Afghan Refugees

Thousands of Afghan refugees will be arriving in Houston over the next several months. To see how you can support them through Interfaith Ministries, please see the wish list of kitchenware, housewares, and miscellaneous items at [www.imgh.org/refugees/refugee-services-wish-list](http://www.imgh.org/refugees/refugee-services-wish-list).

Also needed are financial sponsors and mentors, daytime volunteers to sort donated items, and drivers to pick up the refugees from the airport to take them to interim housing. The airport pickups would be on weekend evenings, the drivers would be using church buses, and each trip would take approximately two hours plus the time to get the bus. A commercial driver's license is not needed.

While the material support now will be a huge help, a traumatic relocation to a new country requires a support network. If you are interested in the long-term ministry of accompaniment or immediate help now, please contact Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan via [prichards-kuan@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:prichards-kuan@stpaulshouston.org).



Learn about the new telemedicine clinic directed in Abraham Station by the University of Houston colleges of medicine and nursing.

The initiators of the clinic — Rev. Andrew Wolfe, St. Paul's Pastor for Congregational Care, and Dr. Shainy Varghese, PhD, RN, CPNP, Associate Professor, UH College of Nursing — will present the October 14 Primetimers program. They will cover the history that led to the clinic — why St. Paul's, why UH — as well as healthcare disparities in Texas, and the current goals with the clinic and its anticipated future.

The clinic is open on Mondays from 8:30 am to 1 pm and provides these services to the medically under-served: wellness exams, sick visits, mental health screening, well-woman exams, chronic disease management, lab testing, vaccinations, referrals, and assistance in finding healthcare resources.

The Primetimers program is open to all and starts with a gathering at 10:30 am in Abraham Station, 5401 Fannin. After the program, the Primetimers who RSVP by October 12 to [primetimers@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:primetimers@stpaulshouston.org) may walk over to the Activity Center (2nd floor, Sanctuary Building) to get a boxed lunch to take or to enjoy with others in the Activity Center at widely spaced tables.

Remaining 2021 Primetimers schedule:

- **November 11:** Tour of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Kinder Building of Contemporary Art.
- **December 9:** Rob Landes Returns for the Holidays

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Please pray for those in abusive situations. Everyone deserves a healthy relationship. Here are a few resources to help yourself or others:

- National Coalition Against Domestic Violence: [www.ncadv.org](http://www.ncadv.org)
- Domestic Violence hotline: 1-800-799-7233
- St. Paul's Women's Healing Art Circle 2nd Sundays, 11 am- noon in S-300. All women are welcome to share their experiences in a confidential and supportive community. Questions about the circle? [hspaw@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:hspaw@stpaulshouston.org)

## Heart Health Support Group

The monthly meeting of the Houston Methodist Hospital Heart Health Support group at St. Paul's will be Wednesday, October 13, at 6 pm via Zoom.

Dr. Ernst von Schwarz, MD, PhD, FESC, FACC, FSCIA, a practicing cardiologist in southern California with a specialty in advance heart failure will speak on the topic of *Sex and Heart Failure*.

To connect, email facilitator Wayne Brewer at [wbrewer878@aol.com](mailto:wbrewer878@aol.com). To be added to the list for meeting notifications, also email him.

## Cornerstone Society Awards Grants to JFAI & FAM Houston

Members of the Cornerstone Society voted to award their discretionary funding to two local ministry partners: Justice for All Immigrants ([www.justiceforallimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforallimmigrants.org), formerly Justice for Our Neighbors Houston) and FAM Houston ([www.famhouston.tx.org](http://www.famhouston.tx.org)).

Both of these agencies had received grant funding from the St. Paul's Methodist Foundation earlier in the year and had been recommended by the Grants Committee (along with

three other agencies) to be considered for additional funding by the Cornerstone Society.

Due to COVID protocols, the grants were awarded during site visits to each of the ministries. JFAI was granted \$5,083, and FAM Houston received \$2,542. The remaining \$7,625 in Cornerstone Society contributions was directed to the Foundation's Building and Facilities Fund, which is the original purpose of the Foundation.

Below: FAMHouston



In this first year of the Cornerstone Foundation, more than 150 members and friends of St. Paul's said "Yes!" and illustrated the importance that a \$100 gift can make by helping to ensure the preservation of the buildings of St. Paul's and in supporting two of our ministry partners. Membership is renewed annually.

Below: JFAI



## IMGH to Honor Rev. Dr. Jim Bankston at Tapestry Gala

St. Paul's Senior Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Dr. Jim Bankston will be among those honored at this year's Interfaith



Ministries of Greater Houston (IMGH) Tapestry Gala.

The organization's first in-person gathering since the COVID-19 pandemic began will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, October 27, at the Hilton Americas- Houston.

A Senior Board Member and former Board Chair of IMGH, Dr. Bankston will be the Spirit of Respect Honoree.

For ticket or other support information, please go to [www.imgh.org/gala](http://www.imgh.org/gala).

## Emergency Aid Coalition



**Saturday, October 23**  
**3-6 pm**  
**Axelrad Beer Garden**  
**1517 Alabama St.**

Casual family friendly fundraiser featuring lawn games, 50/50 Raffle, Silent Auction, and "the famous Rudi Lechner's German Buffet."

**Children Age 5 and under: Free**  
**Children 6-16: \$25**

**Other individual tickets start at \$100**

To purchase tickets or provide underwriting, please go to [www.eachouston.org/events](http://www.eachouston.org/events)

ST. PAUL'S  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
HOUSTON

1st Saturdays  
8 am-3 pm



*Serve on a*  
**Disaster Recovery Team**

JOIN OUR TEAM TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS. NO SKILLS NEEDED; TRAINING PROVIDED. Questions? [prichards-kuan@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:prichards-kuan@stpaulshouston.org)

This monthly opportunity to help re-build parts of Houston continues on October 1. Work with siding, window installation, and possibly primer painting. Dress appropriately, and bring your own PPE (including masks and gloves) as well as a sack lunch and water. Tools will be provided, but may bring your own if you prefer. To sign up for this date or to be notified of future opportunities, email [kat@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:kat@stpaulshouston.org). If you register after noon the day before the work day, please contact Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan via 713-461-1404 or [prichards-kuan@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:prichards-kuan@stpaulshouston.org) for location. Also contact him if you have any questions.

## Children's Sunday Morning Schedule

- 8 am-12:15 pm. Nursery Care.
- 9:45-10:45 Sunday School (in-person and on Zoom)
- 11-Noon. Children's Church (Bible story and playtime)

Children who start in worship with their families but do not stay for the whole hour may come forward during the sequence hymn to walk with Rev. Kate Flint or a Childcare staff member to the Jones Building. Also, during the sequence hymn at the 11 am service, Choristers leave worship for choir rehearsal.

## Music for Children and Youth

**Children's Choirs.** Rehearsals are Sunday mornings from 10:45 to 11:20 am for **Wesley Singers** (grades 1-2) and from 11:20 am to 12:05 pm for **Choristers** (grades 3-8). Individual and small group singing lessons are also available to children throughout the week. To register your child or for more information, contact Susie Vanlandingham at [susie@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:susie@stpaulshouston.org).

**Treble Choir.** Rehearsals for this choir of treble voices are on Wednesdays, from 5:30 to 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Questions? Joel Trekell via at [jtrekell@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:jtrekell@stpaulshouston.org).

### Sing with Mr. Trekell

Building toward a Tenor/Bass Choir, Associate Director of Music & Organist Joel Trekell is offering individual singing lessons to boys ages 11-17 with the goal of forming an ensemble. Following the Royal School of Church Music Voice for Life curriculum, the boys will work on music suitable for changing voices. One does not have to otherwise be affiliated with St. Paul's to participate. All young male voices invited. Questions?: Joel Trekell via [jtrekell@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:jtrekell@stpaulshouston.org).

## YOUTH WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Sundays

- 9:45 am. Sunday School in Youth Center for 6th-12th graders.
- 5-7 pm in Youth Center. 6th-grade Confirmation. 7th-12th-grade UMY.

**Tuesdays:** Girls Gathering. 6:30-8pm in Youth Center

**Wednesdays** (except October 6): Mid-Week Get Together. 3-7 pm in Youth Center.

**Thursdays:** Guys Gathering. 6:30-8pm in Youth Center

**Questions?** email [jreeves@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:jreeves@stpaulshouston.org)

## Youth October Special Events

**Confirmation Day Retreat.** Saturday, October 16.

**Mystery Trip.** Friday, October 29, to Sunday, October 31.

**Questions?** email [jreeves@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:jreeves@stpaulshouston.org)

**Volunteer with Rutabaga After-School Program**  
School days with children from nearby MacGregor and Poe elementary schools. To learn more about this vital program for at-risk children or to volunteer to help, please email Anna Anderson via [anna@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:anna@stpaulshouston.org).

Mentor at-risk children who attend nearby MacGregor Elementary. This one-hour-a-week mentoring can change the life of a child. Mentors must undergo a background check. Mentor training will be conducted virtually. Email [rmahlst488@aol.com](mailto:rmahlst488@aol.com) to get started.

## Kids Night Out October 8

St. Paul's popular Friday-night program for children 4 months to 5th grade Friday, October 8.

The themed evening of games, crafts, play, snacks, and supervised activities runs from 6 to 10 pm, allowing parents to enjoy an evening on their own. The cost is \$25/child/night + \$5/additional sibling. A light supper is served around 6:30 pm. This month's theme: *All God's Creatures*

Kids Night Out is available only for families of St. Paul's Church and School. Required reservations via [childcare@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:childcare@stpaulshouston.org) are accepted for each date up to two weeks in advance.

Questions about KNO? email [childcare@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:childcare@stpaulshouston.org). If your child has dietary or other special needs, email Kat Denton via [kat@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:kat@stpaulshouston.org).

## St. Paul's School Book Fair Returns

Monday, October 18, from 6 to 8 pm.

Tuesday, October 19, from 9 am to 2:30 pm & 6 to 8 pm.

Wednesday, October 20, from 9 am to 2:30 pm.

Fondren Hall.

Most books will be oriented toward kindergartners and younger, but some also will be available for older children and parents. All invited to shop.



### St. Paul's

### Moms Resumed

Moms of all ages are invited to this group led by Rev. Kate Flint, Pastor for Children's Ministries. The group meets the first and third Wednesday from 9:30 to 11 am in the Youth Center, first floor of Sanctuary Building. This term's topic: *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton.

# St. Paul's Choir Returning to United Kingdom next Summer

The members of St. Paul's Choir are excited to be returning to the United Kingdom in the summer of 2022 to spend a week as Choir-in-Residence at Truro Cathedral in Cornwall and to sing for an Evensong at St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

Truro is the most westerly cathedral city in the United Kingdom, standing as the gateway to the ancient county of Cornwall. Cornwall has become well-known in recent years through the PBS television series *Doc Martin* and *Poldark*.

Built between 1880 and 1910, Truro's beautiful Gothic cathedral was the first English cathedral to be built on a new site in England for more than 600 years. It is one of only three U.K. cathedrals with three spires. Another of the three is St. Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh, where St. Paul's Choir sang in 2016.



Truro Cathedral also is famous for having been the location of the first ever Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols, devised in 1880, later made famous at King's College, Cambridge, and used all over the world, including for our own Christmas Eve services at St. Paul's.



Truro Cathedral interior

While in residence at Truro, St. Paul's Choir will live close to the cathedral and sing for the daily services of Choral Evensong plus a Choral Eucharist service on the Sunday morning.

Each of our Evensong services here, while being a beautiful service in itself, is also preparation for the services at Truro. The Choir of Truro Cathedral will be on vacation at that time, and we are honored that our own choir has been invited to sing in its place for a week.

Following the week in Truro, St. Paul's Choir will travel to London to sing an Evensong service at St. Paul's Cathedral.

One of the most magnificent buildings in the world, St. Paul's Cathedral is built on the site of a previous cathedral destroyed in a devastating fire in 1666. While Westminster Abbey is a royal chapel, St. Paul's has been the cathedral of City of London since 604 AD. It has a world-famous choir of men and boys and is blessed with an echo of approximately ten seconds, making all music sound absolutely beautiful.

Our own St. Paul's Choir has a long tradition of singing at English cathedrals, beginning in 1987 with visits to York Minster, St. Edmundsbury Cathedral, and Westminster Abbey. Since that time, the choir has returned

to Westminster several times, and sung at the cathedrals in Ely, St. Alban's, Southwark, and Exeter. St. Paul's Choir also has sung in Leipzig, Germany.

"I am looking forward very much to returning to England with our superb St. Paul's Choir," said St. Paul's Director of Music Christopher Betts. "I spent a week in residence with a choir at Truro Cathedral in the 1990s and enjoyed it very much. I have sung for a service at St. Paul's Cathedral, and it was one of the best experiences of my life; singing there will be a thrill for us all."

Choir residencies such as these strengthen bonds, community, and musicianship, and they equip us even better to lead in worship Sunday-by-Sunday in our own church. The practice of singing together as part of a cathedral community for a week is a spiritual and life-changing experience. St. Paul's Choir has made friends wherever it has gone, and we look forward to making more new friends again as we travel in 2022.

St. Paul's Choir Residency at Truro Cathedral will be from July 25 to 31, 2022, and Evensong at St. Paul's Cathedral in London will be on Monday, August 1, 2022.



St. Paul's Cathedral Choir

## Looking Ahead

### All Saints Sunday November 7

Members of St. Paul's family or their spouses who have died since All Saints Sunday 2021 will be remembered during morning worship on November 7 by the reading of their names, as listed below.

Neil Akkerman

Loyce Baker

Judy Baldwin

Charlotte Coffelt

Alice Dahlberg

Bobbie Fellers

Saundra Hujo

Richard C. Hutchens

Robert (Bob) McNeil III

Martha McRae

Bernard Stephen (Steve)

Neumann

Sylva B. Pope

Joseph Hans (Joe) Rosenbaum

Walter Asa Saunders Jr.

To make corrections or additions, please contact Nina Hall via [nina@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:nina@stpaulshouston.org) or 713-529-0527x113.

The clergy and staff of St. Paul's appreciate your patience and consideration as we continue to adapt to changing conditions related to COVID and its variants. It is possible that activities announced in this edition will be cancelled or changed.

To stay as up-to-date as possible, attend worship services in person or online, subscribe to the *Chimes* weekly e-letter (email [dadair@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:dadair@stpaulshouston.org)), and Friend St. Paul's Facebook pages (Churchwide, Youth, and Kids).

To reach any clergy or staff, call 713-528-0527 or email [info@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:info@stpaulshouston.org); your message will be forwarded.

### An Evening with Diana Butler Bass

Diana Butler Bass, the author of *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence* will be at St. Paul's on November 13 and 14.

On Saturday, November 13, she will conduct a two-session study based on this book. These will be in Fondren Hall between 4:30 and 8 pm with a dinner break in between.



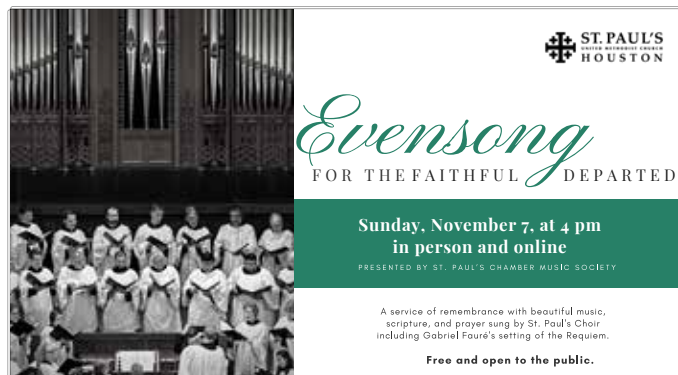
Childcare will be provided.

She also will preach on Sunday, November 14.

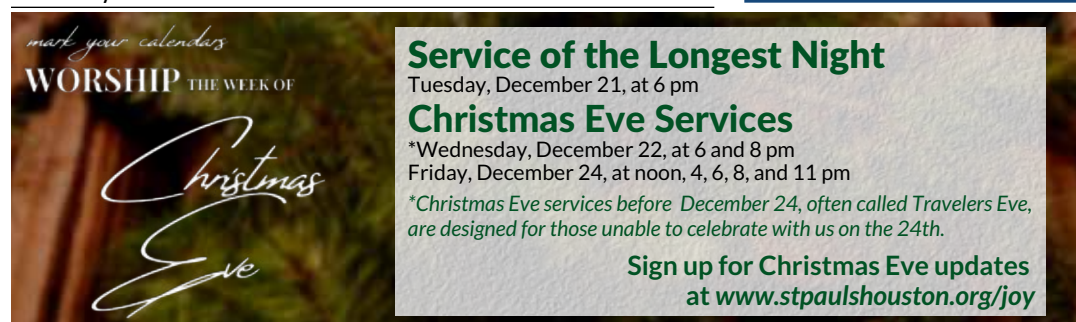
Plan now to meet with this award-winning author who also is considered America's most trusted commentators on religion and contemporary spirituality.

In the meantime, study her book with the Revolving Study Class, Sundays at 9:45 am via Zoom. To connect, email [mlportner@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:mlportner@stpaulshouston.org).

The Living Faith class also will study this book, starting on Sunday, October 24, at 9:45 am. Living Faith meets in J-220 and on Zoom. To connect or for more information about this class, email [leahrachel@gmail.com](mailto:leahrachel@gmail.com)



A traditional service of Evensong, including Gabriel Fauré's setting of the Requiem. Music sung by St. Paul's Choir, with instrumental accompaniment of organ, solo violin, harp and French horns. Instrumental musicians from St. Paul's ensemble-in-residence, the Mercury Chamber Orchestra, generously underwritten by St. Paul's Chamber Music Society. The service will include prayers for loved ones who have passed away within this last year.



mark your calendars  
**WORSHIP** THE WEEK OF  
*Christmas Eve*

**Service of the Longest Night**  
Tuesday, December 21, at 6 pm

**Christmas Eve Services**  
\*Wednesday, December 22, at 6 and 8 pm  
Friday, December 24, at noon, 4, 6, 8, and 11 pm

\*Christmas Eve services before December 24, often called Travelers Eve, are designed for those unable to celebrate with us on the 24th.

Sign up for Christmas Eve updates  
at [www.stpaulshouston.org/joy](http://www.stpaulshouston.org/joy)

### Willing Friends

### Reception

Sunday, November 7

3-4 pm

in the Parlor

For all members of the St. Paul's Foundation Willing Friends Society and those who want to know more.

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Save the Date

### Choral Scholars Recital

The Choral Scholars annual recital benefitting the Emergency Aid Coalition is scheduled for Sunday, November 14, at 4 pm.

### Advent Begins November 28

Current plans are to have Sights, Sounds, & Smells of Christmas. COVID protocols in place at that time will determine the format.