St. Paul's Episcopal Church Fifth Sunday After Pentecost July 5, 2020

Hymns

Processional Hymn

My Country Tis of Thee (America) H#717

Gospel Hymn

How Sweet the name of Jesus sounds (St. Peter) H#644

Offertory Hymn

The King of Love my Shepherd is (Dominus regit me) H#646

Communion Hymn

Majesty (A3#113)

O Beautiful For Spacious Skies (A3#719)

Recessional Hymn

Star Spangled Banner (National Anthem) H#720

God of Our Fathers (National Hymn) H#718

Morsel for Meditation

Never, "for the sake of peace and quiet," deny your own experience or convictions. The only kind of dignity which is genuine is that which is not diminished by the indifference of others. Pray that your loneliness may spur you into finding something to live for, great enough to die for. Never measure the height of a mountain until you have reached the top. Then you will see how low it was.

Dag Hammarskjöld, Markings

We are not to simply bandage the wounds of victims beneath the wheels of injustice, we are to drive a spoke into the wheel itself.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Letters Papers from Prison

Readings

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45: 11-18 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-

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Stewardship Today

The only way we can confront money's power of possessiveness is by giving it away freely and cheerfully, from the wonderful blessings we have received from God.

Frank McKee, Stewardship chair

Lay Ministry

Lector: 7-5 – David Clegg 7-12 - TBD

Acolyte: 7-5 – David Kirklin 7-12 - TBD

Altar Guild: 6 – 28 - Georgianna Harrison 7 – 5 – Laura Funk, Gail Rolston

Vestry Person of the Day: 7-5 – Debbie Shaffer, Joe Bleier 7-19 – Steve Ramsey, Mike Lavigne

Rector's Update

Greetings to the saints at St. Paul's,

We've enjoyed having the church open for the 10:30 service (with limited seating). It seemed that we were progressing toward a more normal way of living, and steadily increasing our attendance. Unfortunately, we also see the rise of COVID-19 cases in Texas and Hunt County. The Bishop has directed all the churches in the Diocese to take a step back. We're returning to online services only, effective immediately. I realize this is disappointing, and at the same time, it's the safest alternative.

Remote Eucharist will continue unabated. We have a couple parishioners who are helping me to distribute the Eucharist to parishioners' homes on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please let me know by email if you'd like to receive the Holy Sacrament remotely.

Here's St. Paul's news for the week:

- Our Sunday services are available <u>live</u> at 10:25 am
 (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCmlrRFxbQF7CSAnFS8H9FA) and Facebook
 (https://facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalgreenville). Our recorded Sunday service is broadcast on the GEUS community Channel (Channel 34) on Wednesdays at 8 am and 6 pm. Previously recorded services may be accessed anytime on our Facebook and YouTube pages. The recorded sermons may be found on our website as MP3s.
- The Parish office remains closed, but is checking voicemails and emails regularly.
- The St. Paul's Zoom Meeting may be found at https://zoom.us/j/9037772020. Our Meeting ID is: 903 777 2020. To call in, use one tap mobile: +13462487799,,9037772020# or to dial: +1 346 248 7799.
- We are offering Noonday Prayer on Wednesdays at noon via a Zoom meeting, and upload it live if Zoom and Facebook work together (about 75% success rate).
- Friday morning Bible Study continues at 8:00 via Zoom. We're studying 1 Corinthians.

Hospitalized, Rehab, or recovering at home: Angela Dryer, Dana Medford, Dolores Miltenberger, Judy Shaddox

Peace,

Fr. Nick

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mary and Steve Ramsey

"God Bless America and Our Families"