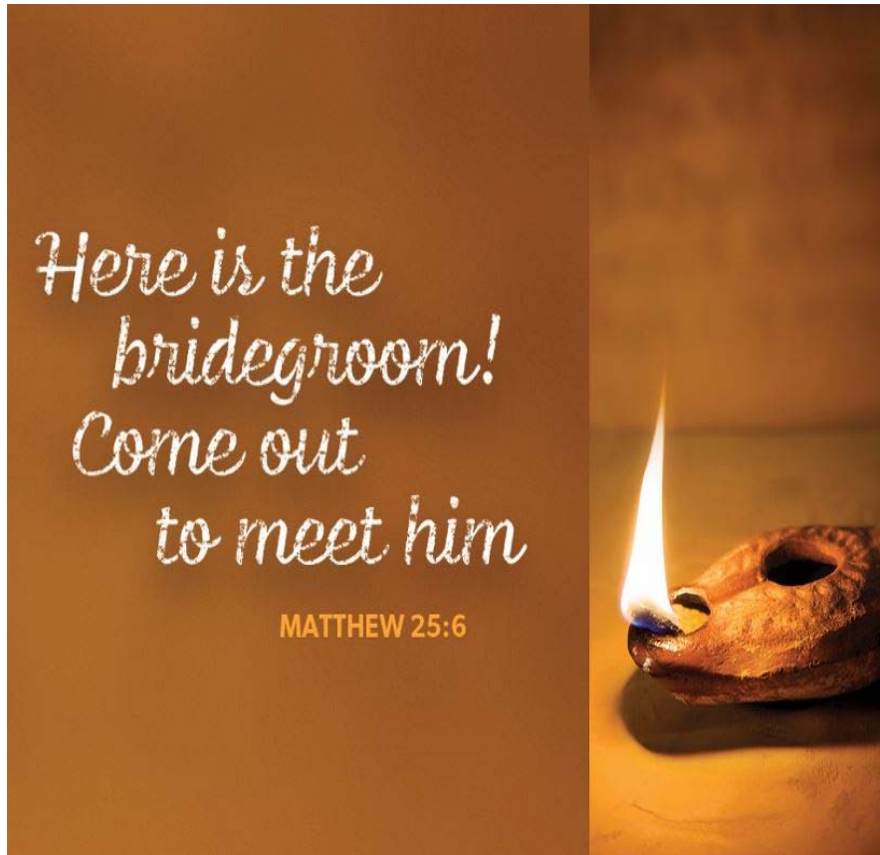


St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 12, 2023 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

10 West 31st Street Savannah, Georgia 31401 (912) 233-8895

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

“I Love to Tell the Story” arr. Albin C. Whitworth

Rebecca McClain, Piano Dr. Matt Brittain, Organ

Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Most merciful God,

C We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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Opening Hymn

Lead On, O King Eternal! #495

1 Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy
the heav'nly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!

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P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C And also with you.

The Hymn of Praise



♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men

The Prayer of The Day

Recognition of Birthdays & The Children's Sermon

The First Lesson

Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;
¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and
grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Chancel Choir Anthem

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Peter J. Hartmann

The Sermon Hymn

“Love Lifted Me”

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

Refrain

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling,
In his blessed presence live, ever his praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful loving service, too, to Him belongs. **Refrain**

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves;
He's the master of the sea, billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today. **Refrain**

The Apostles' Creed

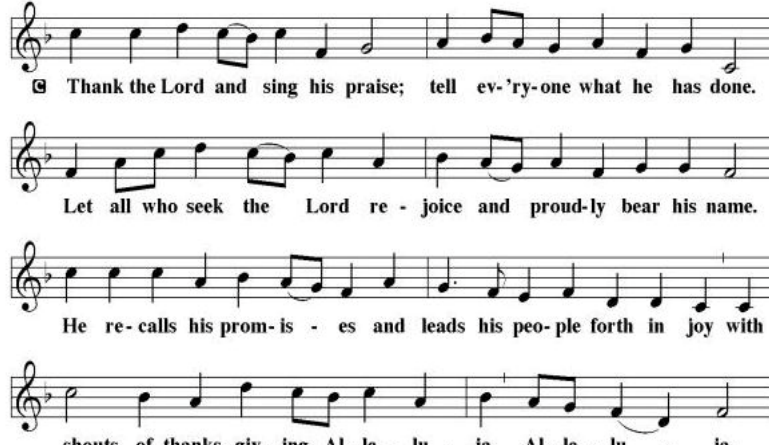
- + I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen**

The Prayers of The Church The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

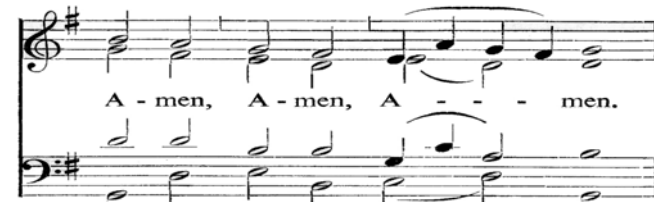
The Words of Institution & The Communion

- P** The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C  **C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Benediction

- P** The Lord Bless You & Keep You, The Lord Make His Face Shine on you and Be Gracious to You, The Lord Look Upon You with Favor, and Give You Peace.

C  **C** A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

The Closing Hymn

+ “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus” #158

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."

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P/C Go In Peace! Serve The Lord! / **Thanks Be To God!**

Postlude

“All Creatures of Our God & King” arr. Letha Cole Crouch

Rebecca McClain, Organ Dr. Matt Brittain, Piano

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**We Welcome You to
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church...**

Whether you are a long time member, friend at St. Paul's, or here for the first time, we are glad you are with us in worship today! If you are in need of pastoral care, please give us a call. If you will be entering the hospital or preparing for any surgical procedures, please let the Pastor know so he can plan to visit and have prayer with you during this time. Thank you for checking the "prayer list" posted in the bulletin today and for helping us to keep this list current by notifying the office with any updates. All are welcome to partake in The Communion during the service. After The Consecration, come forward as able to receive the Blessing and The Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ and then return to your pew to complete the service.

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We Remember in Our Prayers...

Doug Blackley, Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Nancy Flood, Janet Gnann, Garrison Hadden, Virginia Huber, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, Dottie Kraft, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Leonora Reid, Al Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Isabelle Sherouse, Mary Sikes, Charlie Smith, Barbara & Tim Tyson, and Melissa Waller.

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Current Budgetary Needs Each Sunday From 2023 Offerings
\$8,600.00

Received From Current Offerings Last Week
Offering \$ 15,348.40 E-Giving \$ 157.15

Worship Statistics Last Week In Person & At Home
8:30 am - 46 11:00 am - 58 Facebook - 91

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NOVEMBER COLLECTIONS ...

**We are collecting monetary Donations to Help
With Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes &
Gift Cards or Monetary Donations for
Park Place Outreach Residential Shelter
For Displaced Older Teens or Young Adults.**

Our Worship Leaders & Staff...

Senior Pastor... The Rev. Peter J. Hartmann
Director of Music & CFO ... Donald R. Martin, Jr.
Senior Organist ... Rebecca T. McClain
Office Administrator ... Fran Snipes
“The Epistle” ... Betsy Martin
Facebook Live Broadcasting... Lisa B. Martin
Chancel Choir Soprano Section Leader ... Melissa Flummerfelt
Chancel Choir Tenor Section Leader ... Carl Lettow
Chancel Choir Bass Section Leader ... Anthony Broadnax
Pre-School Director ... Gina Johnson
Assistant Pre-School Director ... Cynthia Thomas
Parish Housekeeping ... April Reilly

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Our Lectors Today

8:30 Dianne Fennell 11:00 Gene Henry

November Altar Guild

8:30 Charlie Schafer

11:00 Becky Truluck

Liturgical Service Cantors

Melissa Flummerfelt, Emma Levy, Carol Stemsrud

Communion Assistants

8:30 David & Dianne Fennell

11:00 Lisa Neville & Pat Sparks

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“Operation Christmas Child” Your Shoeboxes Are Due Nov. 19th



Advent Season at St. Paul's

Wednesday, November 29th

First Wednesday in Advent - Midday Service - 11:00 AM

Thursday, November 30th

WELCA / Craft Group - Decorate Christmas Trees - 9AM

Sunday, December 3rd

Lighting of the First Advent Candle - 8:30 & 11:00

Family Advent Night - 5:00 PM Evening Meal

Devotion, Crafts & Gingerbread House Competition

Wednesday, December 6th

Second Wednesday in Advent - Midday Service - 11:00 AM

Sunday, December 10th

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle - 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Tri-Church Christmas Festival - 4PM

Reception at the Greek Church Hellenic Center - 5PM

Wednesday, December 13th

Third Wednesday in Advent - Midday Service - 11:00 AM

Sunday December 17th

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle - 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Christmas Caroling - 2:30 PM - 6:30 - See Donald to Signup

Wednesday, December 20th

Fourth Wednesday in Advent - Midday Service - 11:00 AM

Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24th

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle - 10:00 AM

One 10 AM Service - Sunday School Christmas Play

Two Evening Services

Candlelight Communion Services

w/ Choirs, Violin, Organ & Brass - 6:30 PM & 10:00 PM

New Year's Eve, Sunday December 31st

One Service of Lessons & Carols

Worship w/ our Chancel Choir - 10:00 AM

Vanco E-Giving

Dear Members of St. Paul's,

Let us first begin by expressing gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity towards your church.

Your on-going contributions have been essential to our ability to continue carrying out our mission and serving the needs of our church and our community.

We also want to take this opportunity to introduce our new e-giving platform, Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation.

You can give now at this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZJQW> or scan the QR code below with your smart phone and follow the link.

Whether you choose to give online, by mail or in person, your support is vital to the continued success of our church community. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission.

If you have any questions, please just ask and again, Thank You for all that you do for St. Paul's.

Blessings,

Donald Martin, Jr.
Treasurer



*Today We Welcome...
Guest Artist, Dr. Matt Brittain.*



Matt Brittain has been the Organist / Director of Music at Front Street United Methodist Church in Burlington, North Carolina, since 2016. He has degrees in music from Emory University and the University of Cincinnati. He has studied organ with Michael Unger, piano with Barbara Lister-Sink, and choral conducting with Brett Scott. While in Cincinnati, he was the organ scholar at the historic Calvary Episcopal Church, where he had the opportunity to assist Director of Music, and noted American choral composer, Howard Helvey. In 2019 & 2023, he attended the Smarano International Early Keyboards Academy for two weeks in Italy, where he had the opportunity to participate in masterclasses given by internationally renowned musicians and experts. A certified public accountant, he also holds a business degree from Appalachian State University.



*We Are Asking for Donations of
Sealed Fruit Cups, Individual Serve Crackers
or Wrapped Candy &
Single Serve Canned Goods.
We Have Twenty Shut-In Bags to Fill!
Please Bring by the Morning of the 19th.*

KEYBOARD RECITAL

featuring
Dr. Matt Brittain &
Rebecca McClain



TODAY!!!

**Hoffner Hall
3PM**

**Free Admission
Reception To Follow**



**+++ 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting +++
After Each Service 9:15 am & 11:45 am
Sunday November 19th, 2023**

**Then, Come Join Us at Noon in Hoffner Hall for
Our Annual Covered Dish Thanksgiving Luncheon
We will assemble fruit & gift baskets for shut-ins after.**

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***Your generosity is helping us impact our community
with the Good News of the Gospel!***

