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 I would like to receive email from St. Paul's.**PRAYER REQUESTS & COMMENTS**

If you would like your request concerning health, death, or other concerns to be added to our public prayer, please indicate by marking the box. All others will be put on the confidential prayer list for 3 weeks.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

843.873.1991

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General Information for this morning

Welcome Families! At St. Paul's we hope to create an atmosphere in which all families feel welcomed with open arms. Here is the information that you need to know for a successful morning of worship and Sunday School:

- **Worship as a Family (all ages):** At St. Paul's, we encourage families to worship together on Sunday mornings, therefore children in first grade and older will remain with their parents throughout the service. If you or your children are not used to this, please know that we understand and recognizing that it might take a few times to develop the routine. We're here to help, so don't hesitate to ask a priest or our Children's Minister about successful family worship. If you need to take your children out of the service for a moment (we know, temper tantrums happen!), please feel free to:
 - ☞ In Doar Hall, go to the Atrium (to your left) or St. Paul's central (to your right)
 - ☞ In the Church Building, go to the Family room behind the choir area (front left).
 In each of these locations you will be able to hear the service through speakers.

- **Kid's Church (3 years old through Kindergarten):** We recognize that some children are too old for the nursery but too young to sit through the whole service! Children who wish to go to Kid's Church will leave the service after the Gospel is read and return for Holy Communion. While away, they will participate in a liturgy that mirrors that of the church service, including a Bible teaching at their level, song, prayers, and confession.

- **Nursery: Infant (6 – 17 months) and Toddler (18 months – 3 years)** are located on the first floor of the Children/Youth Building. Our experienced staff is CPR and First Aid certified and pagers are provided to notify parents if necessary.

Communion—anyone baptized in the Christian faith is welcome to receive communion this morning. **Please note:** the Communion elements consist of real wine and bread or wafers containing wheat. Please ask the bread server for gluten free wafers. Receiving one or the other is considered participating as fully as anyone who receives both.

All guests are invited to visit our **Welcome Table** after the service today. You will receive a gift and information about St. Paul's.

Giving—Cash and checks may be placed in the offering plates. We also have electronic giving centers in Doar Hall and Skardon Hall for debit and credit cards. St. Paul's does not want anyone to incur debt in order to give to the Lord. We offer the electronic giving centers as a convenience.

Giving Envelopes—are available for your convenience. You may pick up a pack in the church office or at the back of the building today.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Minister—Korey Kincaid— 785.215.3710

Today

- **Confirmation Rehearsal**, 11:00am in Doar Hall
- No Middle School Youth Group Today--on account of the Lock-In we had Friday night.
- No Confirmation Class this afternoon!

This Week

- Wednesday--No High School Youth Group! Outing to the Riverdogs Game!
- Next Sunday--**Confirmation Sunday! Candidates need to be in the Atrium at 8:15am.**

Upcoming

- Middle School Year End Celebration--May 22nd
- Senior Night--May 25th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For those that are going to be **confirmed, received or reaffirmed** next Sunday, there is a rehearsal **TODAY at 11 am in Doar Hall**. This includes the youth confirmands.

Sunday School—We have Sunday School classes for all ages. **Connect 102**—will meet in the Atrium today. In Doar Hall, clergy will lead a class titled: *Episcopalian? Anglican? Who are we and where are we going?* Classes begin promptly at 10:15 am. Children and Youth classes meet in the C/Y Bldg.

I publish the **Banns of Marriage** between Savannah Leigh Hall and Alexander McKinley Summers. If any of you know just cause why they may not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are bidden to declare it. The is the last time of asking.

I publish the **Banns of Marriage** between Ashley Nicole Hardee and John Grimball Frampton, Jr. If any of you know just cause why they may not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are bidden to declare it. The is the first time of asking.

"Come & see"..... enjoy dinner or breakfast and learn about the ministry of Cursillo (a short course in Christianity) Cursillo is a pathway to membership at St. Paul's and it occurs over a three day week-end at St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center. You are invited to attend either dinner on Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 pm in the Atrium or breakfast on Saturday, May 21 at 8:30 am in Skardon Hall. Both meals will be scrumptious! If you want to learn more about the Cursillo movement, please plan to attend one of these events. Childcare is available by reservation. RSVP to John & Carol at CLKChaconas@gmail.com or call them at 843.832.5892.

Bloomin' Tea for Women—Sunday, May 15, 3:30-5 pm. The tea is for ladies of all ages. Tickets are \$5 for ladies over age 12 and are available this morning or in the church office.

KID'S KAMP 2016—Cave Quest. Registration is now open. Forms are available online, on campus, and from Tina Smith.

Bishop Mark Lawrence will make his annual visitation to St. Paul's on next Sunday, May 8th. He will preach at all three services, as well as speak during the Sunday School time in Doar Hall. Everyone is invited.

Join Cub Scout Pack 730—open house for any boys currently in grades Kindergarten through 4th. Thursday, May 5 fro 6 to 8 pm in the C/Y Bldg. Contact Bill Tisdale info@pack739sc.org.

The regular **Cursillo** monthly gathering will not be held this month. Plan to join us again on Sunday, June 12th at 5 pm in the Atrium.

Second Sunday Singers will not meet in May. Please join us for rehearsal on Thursday, June 9th for the June 11th service.

Home of Hope—the men's shelter in Summerville is in need of volunteers. Dave Dixon is organizing the men of St. Paul's to cover Wednesday evenings from 6 to 10 pm. If you are interested in fellowship, talking and 'hanging out' at the shelter, please contact Dave at 843.875.9058 or email him at bdixon22@sc.rr.com.

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Please place completed form in the offering plate or take to our Welcome Table.
Anonymous comments will be discarded.

Sunday, May 1

Scripture Readings: Revelation 21:10, 22-29, 22:1-5; Psalm 67; John 14:23-29
 7:45 am Traditional Rite I Worship
 8:45 am Contemporary Worship-Doar Hall
 10:15 am Sunday School—All ages
 11:00 am Confirmation Rehearsal—Doar Hall
 11:15 am Traditional Rite I-Church Bldg.
 5:00 pm Middle School Youth Group
 5:00 pm CA
 6:00 pm NA

Monday, May 2

8:00 am Centering Prayer
 10:30 am Pastoral Care Team Meeting
 10:30 am Women's Bible Study
 7:00 pm AA

Tuesday, May 3

6:30 am Men's Bible Study
 7:00 am Men's Bible Study
 9:00 am Women's Bible Study
 9:30 am Church Staff meeting
 10:00 am Senior Exercise Class
 10:00 am AA
 7:00 pm CA

Wednesday, May 4

10:00 am AA
 2:00 pm Fellowship & Worship at the Village
 5:30 pm Cursillo Group
 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 pm AA
 7:00 pm High School Youth Group@Riverdogs

Thursday, May 5

10:00 am AA
 10:00 am Senior Exercise Class
 11:30 am Al-Anon
 5:00 pm Summerville Medical Outreach Clinic
 6:00 pm CA
 6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack #730
 7:00 pm OPEN HOUSE for all boys!
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop #2

Friday, May 6

10:00 am AA
 9:30 am Call to Discipleship
 7:00 pm AA

Saturday, May 7

Wedding & Reception
 7:00 pm AA

Sunday, May 8

Scripture Readings: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; Psalm 97; John 17:20-26
 Confirmation with Bishop Lawrence
 7:45 am Traditional Rite I Worship
 8:45 am Contemporary Worship-Doar Hall
 10:15 am Sunday School
 11:15 am Traditional Rite II-Church Bldg.
 5:00 pm Middle School Youth Group
 5:00 pm CA
 6:00 pm NA

Clergy:

The Right Rev. Mark Lawrence, *Bishop of South Carolina, XIV*
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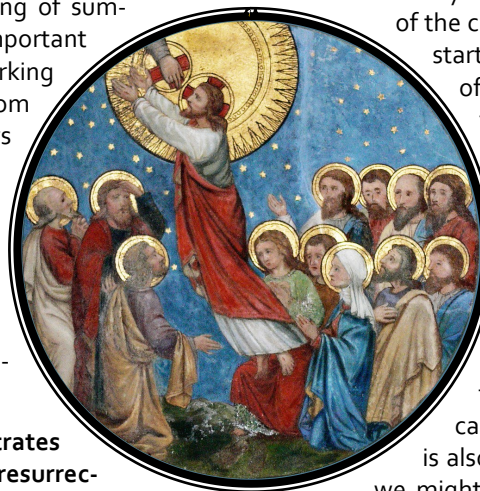
May 1, 2016
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Revelation 21:10, 20-29, 22:1-5
Psalm 67
John 14:23-29

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The Essential Ascension

The Rev. B. Tyler Prescott

Don't look now, but you are about to miss a major holiday! What, you're not getting off of work?! Didn't even realize there was a celebration approaching?! Don't worry, because you are certainly not alone. Falling between Easter (Resurrection of Jesus) and Pentecost (the sending of the Spirit), oh so close to Mother's Day, graduations, and the coming of summer, the Ascension is an important feast day of the church marking Jesus' return to heaven from earth (Acts 1:9-11; Hebrews 9:24). Its significance, however, lies far beyond a simple commemoration of an event in Jesus' life. Indeed, the Ascension is a statement about the very identity of Christ that has profound implications for us.



The Ascension demonstrates the permanence of the resurrection. Jesus' resurrection is different than that of Lazarus. Lazarus rose from the dead, certainly, but rose back into a mortal body. Jesus rose and ascended into heaven. This simple fact gives us hope because Jesus is the "firstfruits" of the resurrection (1 Cor. 15:23).

The Ascension guarantees Jesus' presence at the throne of God representing, mediating, and interceding for the very mankind whose sin he bore. Romans 8:31-37 presents this beautifully: "Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is *interceding* for us" (Romans 8:34). Having ascended, Jesus presents us to God (not on the basis of our work, but his own), mediates our relationship with God (as the one who is both

divine and human), and intercedes on our behalf before God. That, friends, is an amazing thought!

The Ascension assures us of God's heavenly reign. We declare in the Nicene Creed that Jesus "ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." This is a position of power and authority from which Jesus reigns over all of the created order (Eph. 1:20-21, for starters). Almost the whole book of Revelation is based upon the fact that Jesus alone is worthy to unroll the scroll of history and bring all things into fulfillment under his rule (Revelation chapters 4 and 5 particularly speak to this).

The Ascension, we ultimately realize, is about Jesus' authority. It is good news because the one who rules over us is also the one who died for us that we might be raised with him. Furthermore, he is actively interceding on our behalf. It is of great comfort, then, to know that the glorified Christ, ascended into heaven, is *for us* and has won the victory over the suffering and death that is ever present before us. Therefore let us bow before his throne with the confidence of his grace and sing praise to the ascendant Christ:

*Crown him with many crowns,
 as thrones before him fall;
 Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,
 for he is king of all!*

Please join us for a service of communion, remembrance of the Ascension, and healing on Thursday, May 5 at 11 am in the Church Bldg.

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Guests



WELCOME, We're glad you're here!

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1st Time Guest New to Area

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 ___13-19 ___20's ___30's ___40's ___50's ___60's ___70's+

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I would like more information about:

- ___ A new life in Christ
- ___ Membership at St. Paul's
- ___ LifeGroups
- ___ ALPHA
- ___ Other _____

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