



St. Paul's Anglican Church

*A house of prayer. Faithful to the word of Christ.
A place of hope for our community.*

Parish Profile



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St. Paul's Anglican Church is a mission church of the Diocese of the Central States of the Reformed Episcopal Church (REC). It began in September 1982 when an Evening Prayer service was held in the home of Rev. and Mrs. William Crites, plus five others. Four months later the original group, with an additional twenty, petitioned the Bishop of the Anglican Catholic Church (ACC) for permission to form St. Paul's parish. Permission was soon granted, and St. Paul's parish became affiliated with the ACC. In February 1985 a founding member produced plans to build a church, ground was broken in June, and on Thanksgiving Day the first service was held in the new building. In January 1986 St. Paul's was formally 'opened' and blessed by the Bishop. In June 1988 the mortgage was paid off, and the building was consecrated. St. Paul's remained affiliated with the ACC until February 2018 and then became affiliated with the REC the following month. Our current Rector has been with us since April 2019.

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of each month with Morning Prayer on the second and fourth Sundays. Major Feast Days are also observed. We have one service on Sundays each week, which begins at 11:00 a.m. All services are accompanied by music on our organ and are live streamed on Sundays and Feast Days. In addition, the parish observes Compline followed by Bible study on Friday afternoons. There is also a dedicated group of women who serve on the Altar Guild. Our sermons, based on the Gospel, the Epistle, and Bible readings of the day, are filled with hope and inspiration.



Our Sunday school's curriculum is a three-year study program approved by our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Peter Manto. Sunday school is taught in the undercroft by the laity and once a month by the Rector.



We have a nursery to which a parent can bring children under the age of five.



Many of our parishioners came to St. Paul's feeling their previous church had gone astray from Christian doctrine and traditions. We also count students from Washington & Lee University (W&L) and Virginia Military Institute (VMI) as part of our church family. After Sunday services, parishioners meet for fellowship during the coffee hour. We welcome visitors to join us so that we may get to know each other and answer any questions they might have about St. Paul's.



Our outreach includes support for our local food pantry, Connections Plus Clinic & Hospice, Habitat for Humanity, Comfort Care for Women, the annual Lexington Street Fair, W&L Religious Fair, and the VMI "Adopt-a-Cadet_ and Matriculation programs. We are also active in supporting the REC's Give 100 Program and other REC missions.

Currently, our congregation is composed as follows:

0-12	4
13-18	2
College Age	6
25-50	7
51-70	2
71-100	24
<u>100+</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	46

**St. Paul's Anglican Church
2024 Operating Plan**

Total Income	\$ 52,010
Building & Grounds	12,315
Diocesan Tithe	2,750
Rector Compensation	73,000
Rector's Discretionary Fund	1,000
Worship	500
Education	750
Mission/Outreach	1,000
Relocation Expense	9,000
Search Committee Expense	1,000
Miscellaneous	<u>3,995</u>
Total Expense	\$ 105,310
Net Operating Profit	\$ (53,300)

**Balance Sheet Summary
As of 12/31/2023**

Cash	\$ 247,597
Investments	121,186
Fixed Asset	11,457
Other Current Assets	<u>4,204</u>
Total Assets	\$ 384,444
Total Liabilities	\$ 3,258
Net Assets	\$ 381,186



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Statement of Our Beliefs

We are a traditional Anglican church guided by the rites and rubrics of the 1928 BCP and the Thirty-nine Articles of Faith.

We gather to worship the Holy Trinity, pray for the grace of our Lord Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of His Holy Spirit within us. We believe that Christ's teaching strengthens us in daily struggles for living faith, hope, and caritas in a world otherwise fatally corrupted by sin. Anyone wishing to inquire into the living spirituality of traditional liturgical worship is warmly welcomed.

The 1928 BCP gives us the order for Holy Communion, Morning and Evening Prayers, supplemented by Feasts of Apostles and Saints, "movable" Feasts according to the REC calendar, and special services such as baptism, catechism, confirmation, marriage, burials, and others. We also use it for directing family prayers.

Our services are centered on the Holy Bible (KJV) selections from the Old and New Testaments, the Gospel, responsive readings of the Psalms, and Bible-based hymns from the 1940 Episcopal Hymnal accompanied by appropriate service music. We encourage both heart-lifting singing and quiet prayer and meditation.

Our gratitude for the Holy Trinity's unperishable gift to us, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ atoning for the sins of all who have true faith in Him, leads us to work for the community and for each other. Many of us make weekly contributions of time and talents to improve our world, and we find these contributions are a gift to us, growing spiritually by doing so.

We have great hope that our mission will grow in faith and fellowship, and that others, now strangers to us, will find at last true life beyond this world's pleasures that die at death.



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Rector Duties

- Provide worship services (Holy Communion, special seasonal services, baptisms, weddings, funerals, and memorial services) according to the 1928 BCP. Coordinate music with the organist.
- Provide pastoral care and counseling as needed.
- Provide Bible study, Sunday school, a confirmation program, seasonal classes, and other educational events which may include outside speakers and guests.
- Maintain oversight of the administration and delegation of duties relating to the general finances and physical maintenance of the building and grounds.
- Participate selectively in community organizations such as Hospice, our hospital, the Food Pantry, and our schools and universities. We seek out other activities that might have the potential to promote awareness of and visitation to St. Paul's Anglican Church.
- Maintain regular communication with the parish and the Diocese.
- Continue to live stream services on YouTube and maintain an updated website.
- Connect with our visitors after services and follow-up with a communication (letter, email, or telephone call).
- Develop a vision for the future growth of the Parish and the strengthening of our fellowship together.

If God is calling you to a congregation like St. Paul's, please send a resume or contact our Search Committee at:

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