



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Bremerton, WA

*We seek Christ and celebrate
the mystery of God's love for
all.*

*We are progressive Christians
in an open, inclusive, and
affirming community of faith.
We provide a safe harbor for
everyone on their spiritual
journey.*

*We endeavor to bring God's
presence to a
world in need.*

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer

October 18, 2026

This Sunday's Ministry Team:

Officiant: Sue Ahrens

Stewardship 8am: Mollyshannon Neel

Stewardship 10am: Taryn Amberson

Deacon: The Rev. Bill Thaete

Music Director: Colleen Shoemaker

Media Arts: Tara Curran & Terri Anderson

A Message from The Rev. Arienne



Mother Arienne is out of town.

If you have a pastoral emergency, reach out to a member of the Vestry.

The Office is open Wednesday and Friday.

One and Many

In all systems of government there is a tension between respecting the innate dignity of each member of a society and the wellbeing of the whole. While most of us don't think of our congregations as part of a system of governance, there is always some sort of management and decision-making when large groups of people are involved.

In the Episcopal Church, we observed both our reformation and revolutionary heritage when creating a system of governance. As a tradition we are both *episcopal* and *synodical*.

We value the role of Bishops; in the original Greek, "*episcopos*". Bishops represent a geographic and cultural territory. They carry the concerns and troubles of their place to the wider church for prayer and healing. Bishops also carry the concerns, troubles and best practices from other parts of the church to their places and people.

We also value the discernment and accountability of the gathered body of Christ. We gather in *synods* to pray and deliberate together on matters of common concern. In the Episcopal Church, we chose an English word "convention" to describe coming together with others to differentiate ourselves from our colonial roots.

The work of a convention includes parochial details like pay for priests and what constitutes a fair share of the cost of the dioceses' ministry. We also pray about, learn about and occasionally vote on statements of ethics or morality. Examples of proposed resolutions at the Diocese of Olympia Convention from the past 10 years include: ending diocesan investment in fossil fuel companies, condemning the actions of the state of Israel at war, creating structural support for People of Color experiencing racism in the church.

More than the business, the annual Convention of the Diocese of Olympia gives us an opportunity to learn about what God has been up to in our congregations and ministries. Delegates and visitors at an in-person Convention can browse booths hosted by seminaries, church software vendors, diocesan formation classes, and other fascinating ministry groups.

St. Paul's elected Mollyshannon Neel and Taryn Amberson to be our delegates to the 116th convention of the Diocese of Olympia at our 2026 Annual Meeting. They will represent our congregation. You can learn more about the upcoming Convention at this week's formation hour between services in the Oliver Room.

-The Rev. Arienne



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CHINESE EXCLUSION & THE TACOMA METHOD

MONDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2026
NOON
CHINESE RECONCILIATION PARK,
1741 N SCHUSTER PARKWAY,
TACOMA 98042



Bob Abel



Vera C. Rubin Observatory

First Light: Early Results from the Rubin Observatory

Bob Abel, Olympic College (Emeritus), DiRAC Institute, Department of Astronomy, University of Washington, presents updates of the Vera C. Rubin Observatory that officially began operations in June. Located on an Andean peak, with a huge mirror and the largest digital camera ever built, its deep, panoramic images record the entire night sky every three days, and it will repeat this process for ten years. This is by far the most ambitious sky survey ever: by the time of this talk, it will have already gathered more data than all of the telescopes in history combined. The first official data release is scheduled for mid-2028, but the observations obtained while calibrating the telescope are already providing new insights into our solar system, our galaxy, and the universe beyond.



Zoom/Hybrid program: Friday, October 16, 2026

In person, 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Zoom sign in: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 700 Callahan Drive, Bremerton

FREE; donations welcome at the door.

Register and learn more at EnlightenKitsap.org.

Enlighten Kitsap Community Forum is a licensed nonprofit corporation (not a 501(c)(3)) with no affiliation to any religious organization or political party.

Blessing of the Pets — 2026

Live and on screen!



St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Bremerton, Oct. 4



*"The righteous care for the needs of their animals, but
the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel."
- Proverbs 12: 10*

Upcoming Events

Friday

Oct. 16

Enlighten Kitsap
6:30 p.m.

Church Sanctuary

Bob Abel,
Olympic
College: 'First
Light: Early
Results from the
Rubin
Observatory.'



All welcome

enlightenkitsap.org

Sunday

Oct. 18

Holy Eucharist
8 a.m.

**21st Sunday
after Pentecost**

Sunday

Oct. 18

Faith Formation
Series

8:30 to 9:20 a.m.
in Oliver Room



Being
Episcopalian

Sunday

Oct. 18

Holy Eucharist
10 a.m.

Followed by
Coffee Hour

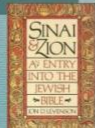
**21st Sunday
after Pentecost**

Every Monday

Book Club of St. Paul's
6:30 p.m., via Zoom

Contact Katherine Adams
(360) 377-9942

'Sinai and Zion: A
Treasury of
Religious Thought
and Faith in the
Symbolic World of
the Bible,' by Jon
D. Levenson



Wednesday

Oct. 21

St. Paul's
Bible Study

9:30 a.m.
Oliver Room

Readings

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12
Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8
Matthew 22: 34-46

Zoom?
Contact Sue
Ahrens
360-471-2139

Wednesday

Oct. 21

Moved by the Spirit
Liturgical Dance

11:30 a.m.
Via Zoom



Contact Georgann
Falotico for more
information at
(360) 908-3588 or
georgann@botmail.com

Wednesday

Oct. 21

Vestry
6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

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Packed with Pride!



Give her more than something to do.

Give her a place to grow.

Troop 53143 is welcoming 4-12th Graders in Bremerton!
This troop welcomes and celebrates Girl Scouts and families in the LGBTQ+ community.

Register using the QR code or contact us at ERamsey@gsww.org
Reference the troop number in the subject line.

girl scouts 
of western washington

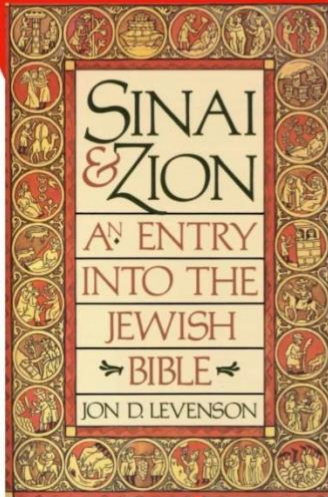


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Coffee Hour Volunteers Sept - Dec 2026

Sunday	Name	Contact Information
Sept 6	Colleen Shoemaker	(360) 477-2053
Sept 13	Karen Hobson	
Sept 20	Jackie King	
Sept 27	Jim Manlove	(360) 710-5752
Oct 4	Mollyshannon Neel	(360) 929-1756
Oct 11	Karen Hobson	
Oct 18	Eric Smiley	(206) 310-8237
Oct 25	Jim Manlove	(360) 710-5752
Nov 1	Sue Ahrens	(360) 471-2139
Nov 8	Karen Hobson	
Nov 15	Olivia Holgate	(314) 546-3345
Nov 22	Bob Ellis	
Nov 29	Fifth Sunday Brunch Outing	
Dec 6	Mollyshannon Neel	(360) 929-1756
Dec 13	Karen Hobson	
Dec 20	Colleen Shoemaker	(360) 477-2053
Dec 27	Jim Manlove	(360) 710-5752

St Paul's Episcopal Church Book Club



New Book Starting
Oct. 5 — 6:30 p.m.

Join us every Monday at
6:30 p.m. via Zoom!

Invitation:
tinyurl.com/3mn96nwd

Meeting ID: 852 5300 8185
Passcode: journey

Or contact Katherine Adams
(360) 377-9942

Jon D. Levenson's book explores the Hebrew Bible through two great sacred mountains: Sinai, representing Israel's covenant with God and the giving of Torah, and Zion, representing Jerusalem, the Temple, and God's dwelling among Israel.

He shows how these two traditions developed, interacted and ultimately shaped Jewish theology and the Bible's understanding of Israel's relationship with God.

It's a scholarly but very readable introduction to the Hebrew Bible from a Jewish theological perspective.

For a Christian Bible reader, it would be especially interesting because it lets you encounter the Old Testament largely on its own Jewish terms, rather than primarily through later Christian interpretation.

[Click here to join via Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/3mn96nwd](https://tinyurl.com/3mn96nwd)



[Click here to read the October 8 edition!](#)

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Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

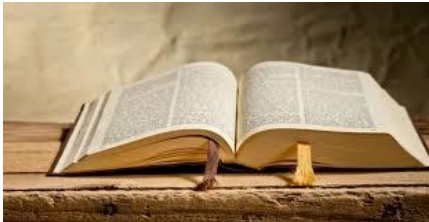


St. Paul's Episcopal Church
In Bremerton, Washington
"An Inclusive and Progressive
Community of Faith"

Sundays
8:50 to 9:20 a.m.
Between services.

'Being Episcopalian'

All are welcome!



St. Paul's Bible Study Group

We will next meet on **Wednesday,**
October 21 at 9:30 am in the
Oliver Room to discuss the following
readings:

- **Deuteronomy 34:1-12**
- **Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17**
- **1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**
- **Matthew 22:34-46**

All are welcome! **Contact Sue Ahrens at 360.471.2139** with any questions.
See you on Wednesday! If you would like to join us via Zoom, here is the Zoom
link:

Topic: Bible Study Zoom Meeting
Time: Sep 2, 2026 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Join Zoom Meeting

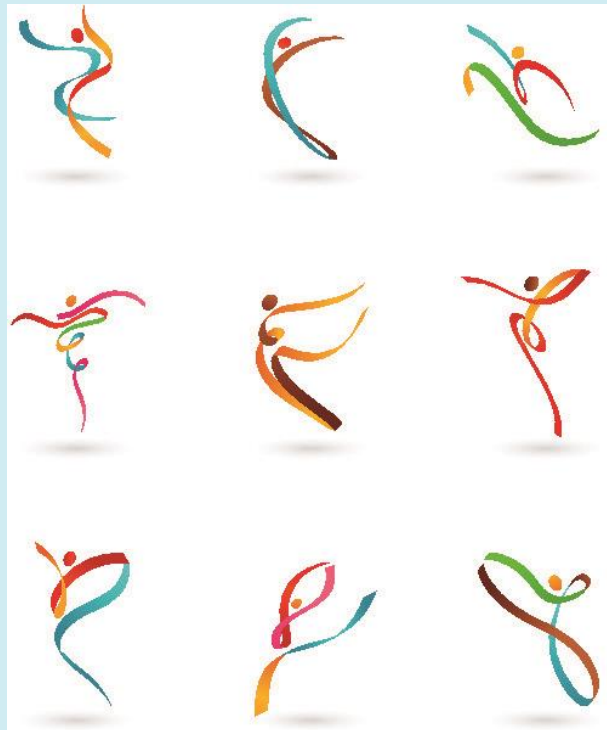
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Meeting ID: 837 5444 4747

Passcode: 438263

*Moved
by the
Spirit*

Love dancing? Join us
at Moved by the Spirit
every Wednesday
morning at 11:30 on
Zoom.



Katherine Adams is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Dance

Time: Jun 10, 2026 11:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Wed, 110 occurrence(s)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZwsdOuorjopH9bzJ8BkMMzfsICYYPsXHGP6/ics?i>

Meeting chat link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/jc/88132001352>

Meeting ID: 881 3200 1352

Passcode: Dance



" The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission not just to be part of but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support. Thank you for being such an important organization in our community."

***Please check to see if your Fred Meyer card is linked
to St. Paul's to ensure continued donations.***

Thank you!

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**During April - June 2026, 27 households
participated. Donations were \$58.42!
You're awesome!**

Please submit any changes/updates for the
Halls of St. Paul's or Prayer Vine to Jessica Lewis
at stpaul700@gmail.com. Thanks!

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