

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-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

This Sunday's Ministry Team:

Preacher & Presider: The Rev. Arienne Davison
Deacon: The Rev. Bill Thaete
Music Director: Colleen Shoemaker
Media Arts: Tara Curran & Terri Anderson

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A Message from The Rev. Arienne



O God, our help in ages past

On Wednesday, Facebook reminded me of a video I posted in 2020. My parents had moved to Bremerton after many years in southern California. The eldest child was in the second grade. The younger, toddling.

For Veteran's Day, I arranged for my kids to interview my Dad, Jerry, about his military service. He told them about forging his mother's signature to join the Air Force at 15, getting his GED, and what his service taught him. I cannot help but smile at the remembering. The toddler banged a tambourine for the intro and outro. Behind the camera I gave silent exaggerated cues.

At the time, I had been ambitious. I imagined many more videos about topics related to Dad's life. Two months after his death, there aren't a lot of videos I know of where he spoke with as much depth about that period of his life. Whatever grief I feel at the library of videos I imagined is eclipsed by the joy I have at this one. Dad loved holding court and spinning yarns. In death, his focus is elsewhere. He lives in my memory, the memory of my children, and the ways knowing him changed us.

Like families, congregations have formative stories that teach us who we are and what we love. This Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM in the Oliver Room, you can hear and remember the living story of how God has been at work in the Bremerton community through the people of St. Paul's. Longtime member and former warden Chuck Compton will share stories about St. Paul's building, ministry, and beloved members over coffee and morning snacks. Hear about how God has been among us when we laughed, cried, sojourned and served.

-The Rev. Arienne Davison

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Special Holiday Services

Bremerton Multifaith Thanksgiving: Nov. 24 6:30pm Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Quiet Christmas Service: Dec. 20 5pm St. Paul's
Christmas Eve Service: Dec. 24 6pm St. Paul's
Christmas Day Service: Dec. 25 10am St. Paul's

Episcopal Bishops' Response to Washington Initiative 638

https://ecww.org/initiative638/

On Tuesday, Washington voters chose to approve Initiative 638, the Sex Verification Requirements for Female School Sports Initiative. As the Episcopal Bishops in the state of Washington, we lament the passing of this initiative and its impact on our transgender and non-binary siblings, in addition to its impact on all female student athletes.

Throughout the recent mid-term campaign, much anger, suspicion, and fear-mongering has been directed toward the trans community. These children of God have been dehumanized. A lot of misinformation has been offered about the trans community. The result of this ballot initiative calls for the verification of all female student athletes' biological sex including a potentially invasive physical check of their reproductive anatomy by a health care professional for those who cannot afford less intrusive testing.

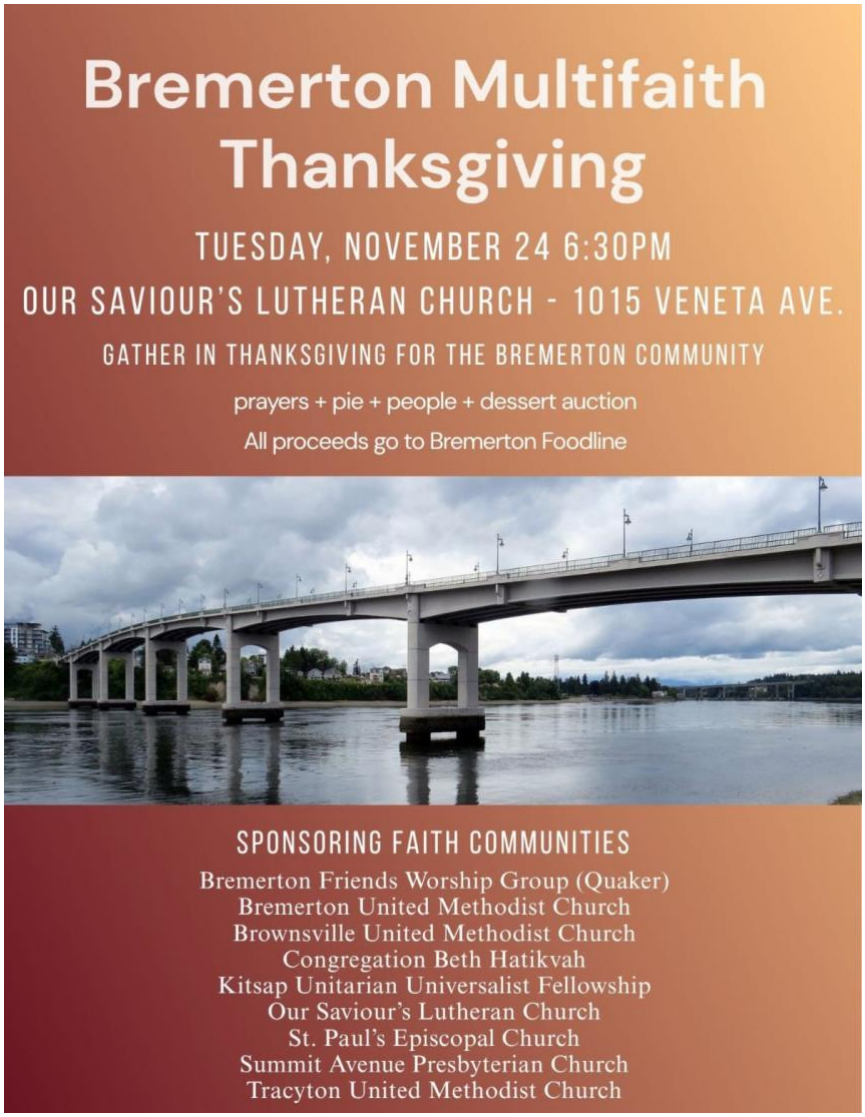
We once again commit to the vows expressed in our baptismal covenant that we respect the dignity of every human being as we strive for justice and peace among all people, and we encourage all Episcopalians to join us. We invite all Episcopalians and others in our communities to commit to learning from our trans siblings, and to listen in order to understand. We invite you to look at **transepiscopal.org** as a beginning resource for this listening and learning.

Finally, we offer our prayers, support, and love to all trans and non-binary persons, who will be impacted by this initiative. We know that regardless of your age or involvement in athletics, this initiative seeks to belittle and shame your existence. We simply express the deep care that is to be found

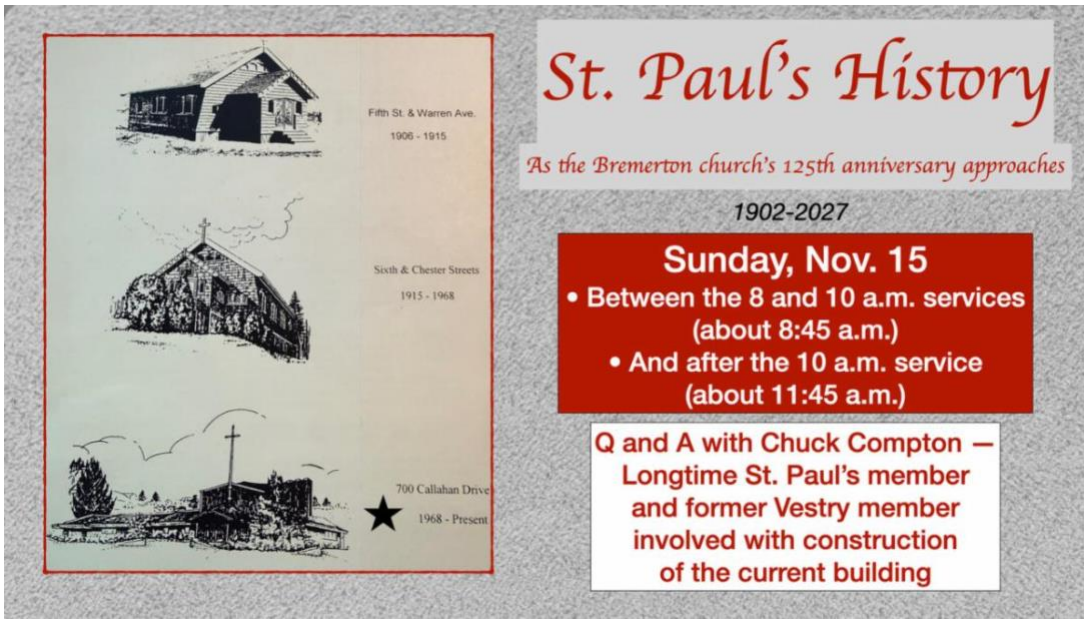
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in the person of Jesus Christ who came to bring fullness of life to all people. May you experience Christ's healing peace in these days.

Faithfully,
The Rt. Rev. Gretchen Rehberg, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane
The Rt. Rev. Philip N. LaBelle, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia



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— Dedicated to enhancing knowledge and understanding —

Enlighten Kitsap Community Forum



Joel Underwood





Bob Dylan, early years, top, and later.

Joel Underwood: Bob Dylan!

Musician and historian Joel Underwood delighted our members with stories and songs of Woody Guthrie last year. He returns, this time with a performance featuring the music and history of America's most influential songwriter: Bob Dylan. Come sing along with a dozen Dylan favorites, such as "The Times, They Are A'Changin," "Blowin' in the Wind" and yell out the eternal question, "How does it feel?" In addition, Underwood dives into the stories of the Nobel Prize-winner's early years in Minnesota and New York, and lays out what really happened the fateful night he "went electric" in Newport.

In person only program: Friday, November 20, 2026

Doors open, 6 to 8:30 p.m.; program: 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.

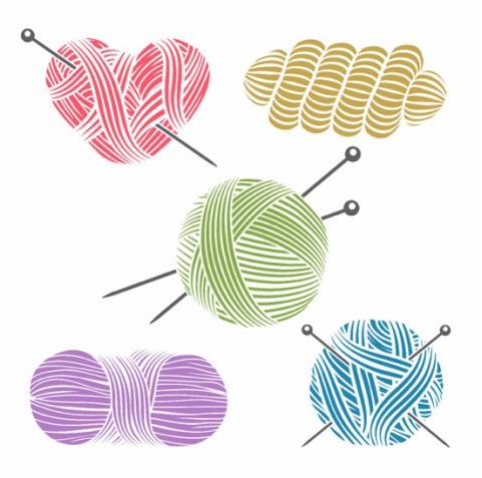
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Have any leftover yarn from a project? We take yarn donations! The yarn is knitted or croched to make prayer shawls. These prayer shawls are available for all for free, and are located near the sound system in the sanctuary. Leave any yarn donations on the pew outside the office. See Margi Hall if you have any questions or would like to make a prayer shawl. Thank you!



St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Bremerton

Want to request building space?



Find an application on our Website:
https://tinyurl.com/yy7eybyb

Click here for application!

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Upcoming Events

Sunday
Nov. 15
Holy Eucharist
8 a.m.
Followed by
History Presentation

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday
Nov. 15
History of St. Paul's
With Chuck Compton
After 8 a.m.
and after 10 a.m. services

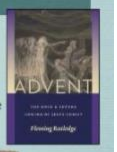


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Every Monday
Book Club of St. Paul's
6:30 p.m., via Zoom
Contact Katherine Adams
(360) 377-9942

"Advent: The Once and Future Coming of Jesus Christ," by Fleming Rutledge



Wednesday
Nov. 18
St. Paul's
Bible Study
9:30 a.m.
Oliver Room

Zoom?
Contact Sue
Ahrens
360-471-2139

Readings
Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1: 15-23
Matthew 25: 31-46

Wednesday
Nov. 18
Moved by the Spirit
Liturgical Dance
11:30 a.m.
Via Zoom



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

Wednesday
Nov. 18
Vestry Meeting
6:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Friday
Nov. 20
Enl!ghten Kitsap
6:30 p.m.
Church Sanctuary

Joel Underwood: "Blowin' In the Wind: Songs and Stories of Bob Dylan."

All welcome

enlightenkitsap.org

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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.

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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

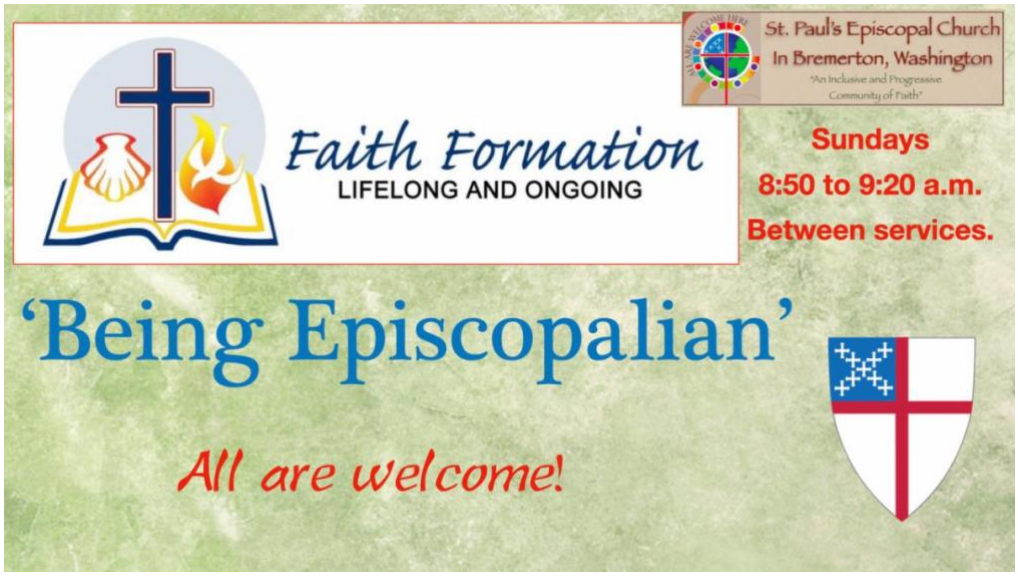
Book Club

Click here to join via Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/3mn96nwd

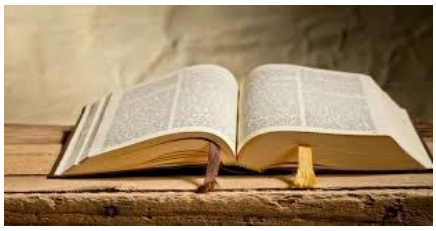
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Click here to read the November 12th edition!



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St. Paul's
Bible Study Group

We will next meet on **Wednesday, November 18 at 9:30 am** in the Oliver Room to discuss the following readings:

- **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**
- **Psalm 100**
- **Ephesians 1:15-23**
- **Matthew 25:31-46**

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)

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83754444747?pwd=xfmYe5xgMLZZkB6Px7QHLVKZ8ihttG.1

Meeting ID: 837 5444 4747
Passcode: 438263

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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/launch/jc/88132001352

Meeting ID: 881 3200 1352
Passcode: Dance

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Fred Meyer community rewards

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" 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!

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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