

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 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

This Sunday's Ministry Team:
Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Arienne Davison
Deacon: The Rev. Bill Thaete
Music Director: Colleen Shoemaker
Media Arts: Tara Curran & Terri Anderson

A Message from The Rev. Arienne

Morning Prayer

When my father and dad died, I decided to attend the College for Congregational Development as a Trainer anyway. I had planned to be at the Diocese of Olympia's Sacred Waters Retreat and Conference Center in Union for the week. When my dad, Jerry, landed in the hospital, we weren't sure if I should still go. But Dad really believed in the work that I do and knew I loved teaching and supporting others as they grow. And to some extent... when you are on the right path, it doesn't make sense to veer off when surprises or tragedy strike.



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A couple times, people asked me if I was supported and taking care of myself. I answered that I was going to a retreat center where people cooked me three healthy meals a day, I would be surrounded by people who have supported me in the past, and I would pray at least once a day in community.

At the College for Congregational Development, the curriculum recognizes the way Episcopal churches are profoundly shaped by our patterns of daily prayer. These daily prayers were developed by Benedictine monks and became an essential part of Anglicanism's reformation heritage. A key innovation of the first Books of Common Prayer was the creation of a pattern of daily prayer for anyone who could read that did not require a clergyman to officiate.

Until the Liturgical Renewal Movement that brought about Vatican II and our own Book of Common Prayer 1979, Morning Prayer was the primary Sunday worship service for most Episcopalians. Most weeks, folks would gather to hear the stories, sing songs, and pray for their neighbors. In the colonial period and during the United States' westward expansion, folks might have one Eucharist a year or once a month if they were in a populated area.

I use the words "Spirit" and "gratitude" a lot. I can't describe well how I felt the presence of the Spirit when I prayed Morning Prayer with my friends and colleagues. As I sang, "come Holy Spirit," I felt her move among us. When we prayed for those who have died in the faith, I have never been so sure of Christ's loving providence. In Lodge Chapel I was freed to be a part of the never-ending wonder that we exist and have been given awareness of that existence. I reckon ecstatic experience was possible because I had exercised my praying muscles and learned when to speak and when to listen.

For the next three weekends, St. Paul's will strengthen our common prayer muscles.
Sunday 10/11 Formation Hour (9:00 am - 9:45 am) - Intro to Morning Prayer
Sunday 10/18 Morning Prayer at 8:00 am and 10:00 am
Sunday 10/25 Morning Prayer at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

I am excited to pray with you!

-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

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Blessing of the Pets — 2026

Live and on screen!



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

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

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St. Paul's Building Updates



The Parish Hall floor has been freshly buffed, cleaned, and waxed. Come downstairs and see how shiny it is - you might need sunglasses! Thank you to Bob Ellis and Marty Stennett for all their work with scheduling and consulting, and to NA groups for moving tables and chairs!



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Upcoming Events

Sunday

Oct. 11

Holy Eucharist
8 a.m.

**20th Sunday
after Pentecost**

Sunday

Oct. 11

Faith Formation
Series

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



*Being
Episcopalian*

Sunday

Oct. 11

Holy Eucharist
10 a.m.

Followed by
Coffee Hour

**20th Sunday
after Pentecost**

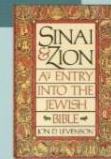
Every Monday

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

Contact Katherine Adams
(360) 377-9942

**New
Book
Oct. 5**

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



Wednesday

Oct. 14

St. Paul's
Bible Study

9:30 a.m.
Oliver Room

Zoom?
Contact Sue
Ahrens
360-471-2139

Readings
Exodus 33: 12-23
Psalm 99: 1-6, 19-23
1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10
Matthew 22: 15-22

Wednesday

Oct. 14

Moved by the Spirit
Liturgical Dance

11:30 a.m.
Via Zoom



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

Friday

Oct. 16

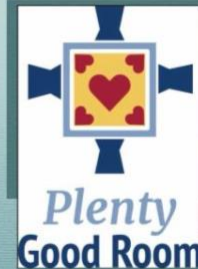
Enlighten Kitsap
6:30 p.m.

Church Sanctuary

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



All welcome
enlightenkitsap.org



**Plenty
Good Room**

Stewardship 2026

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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

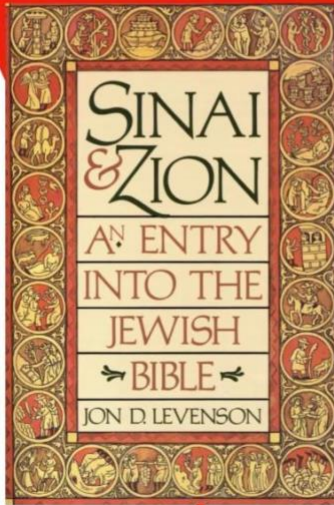


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Coffee Hour Volunteers Sept - Dec 2026

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

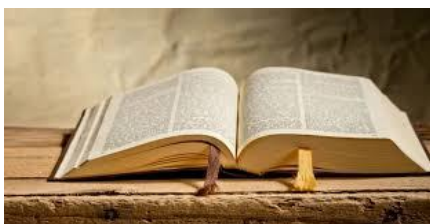


St. Paul's Episcopal Church
In Bremerton, Washington
*"An Inclusive and Progressive
Community of Faith"*

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 14**
at 9:30 am in the
Oliver Room to discuss the following readings:

- **Exodus 33:12-23**
 - **Psalm 99**
- **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**
- **Matthew 22:15-22**

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

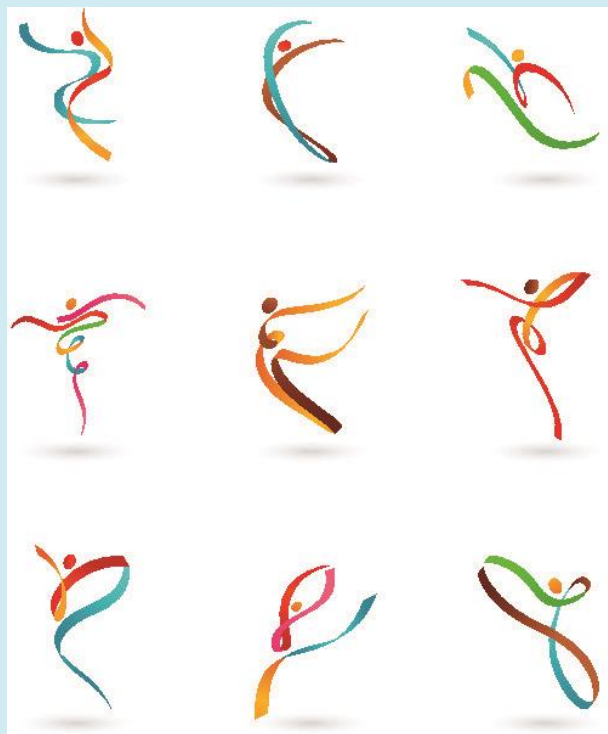
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Meeting ID: 837 5444 4747
Passcode: 438263

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!

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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