ST. PAUL & ST. ANDREW

Join us as we build a community of radical welcome that follows Jesus into the streets of the city to increase the amount of love and justice in the world.

K Karpen & Lea Matthews Pastors

Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 10, 2023 at 11 am

Blessing of the Backpacks





Sunday, September 10, 2023 + 16th Sunday of Pentecost

♦ Please rise in body or spirit

Prelude	Frank Glass Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior Fanny Crosby (1868) & William Doane (1870); arr. Frank Glass (2021)
Introit	They'll Know We Are Christians (pg. 4, v. 1)
Call To Worship ♦ Adapted from Illustrated Ministry	 K Karpen ONE: Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage of life. ALL: Let us worship together, the young and the old. ONE: The good news is proclaimed in God's words, in the sacraments, and also with crayons, silly songs, construction paper, macaroni necklaces, snacks, and rest time. ALL: Let us worship together, every generation. ONE: We come together with different abilities and disabilities, learning in a rainbow of ways and styles. ALL: Let us worship together, with our family of faith. ONE: All are welcome in the arms of Christ ALL: Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope.
Opening Hymn	Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love (pg. 4, v. 1-3)
Opening Prayer	Jessica Tulloch, Diya Palma Gill, AJ Palma Gill
Prayer Song	They'll Know We Are Christians (pg. 4, v. 2)
Message for All Ages	Ekama Eni Youth & kids are invited up front to the chancel. After the message, kids 10 and under are invited to Sunday School in the Chapel.
Recognition of Our Seminarians	Benz, Aurora Celestin, Madeline Örményi
Hymn	Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love (pg. 4, v. 4-5)
Scripture	Sage Morgan Eng Romans 13: 8-14 (pg. 5)
Sermon	Andrea Steinkamp "First Impressions"

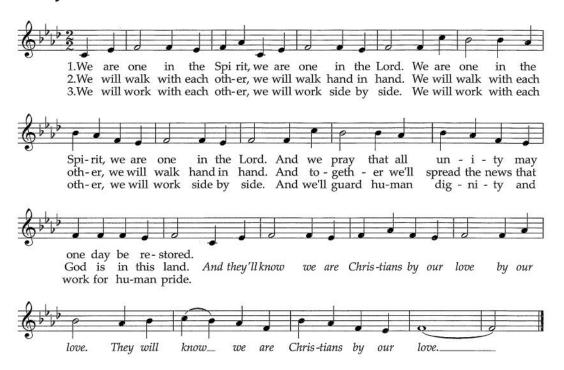
Sermon Song	They'll Know We Are Christians (pg. 4, v. 3)
Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer	Nancy Meyers Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.
Love in Action	Julia Tulloch
Offering Offertory	Of tithes, gifts, and prayers (pg. 3, 6) Kristine Nevins, Frank Glass "At the River" by Aaron Copland
Prayer of Gratitude	Julie Haggerty
Closing Hymn 🔸	I Have a Song that Jesus Gave Me (pg. 5, really!)
Blessing +	Rev. Lea Matthews
Sending Song	Frank Glass My Secret Joy by Charles Tindley (1909)
Passing the Peace +	Please greet one another with a word of peace
Livestream Audio Counters Greeters	Brent Ness (director), Red Gate Sound (cameras) Hector Pagan Cheryl Melchiorre, Ashlyn Smith Erna Daniel, Shirley Struchen
Childcare	Al-Naima Finch Childcare (ages 1-3) is available in the Chapel.



Gifts & Offerings

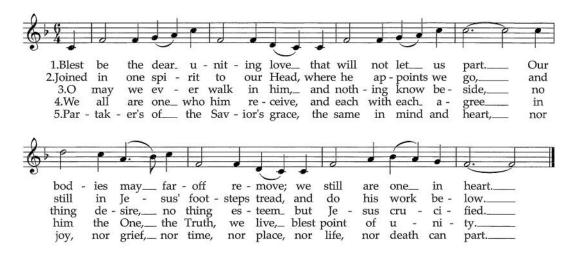
Your Gifts make church happen! If you would like to make a contribution, visit stpaulandstandrew.org/give, scan the QR code above, or text "Give" to 646-971-9400. Gifts can also be dropped into the donation boxes at the Welcome Tables.

They'll Know We Are Christians



Words and Music: Peter Scholtes, 1966, altered

Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love



WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1742 MUSIC: USA Folk Melody, arranged by Annabel Buchanan, 1938

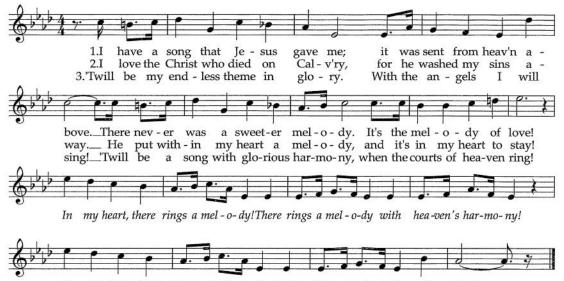
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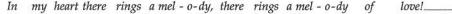
⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

I Have a Song That Jesus Gave Me





Words and Music: Elton Roth, 1924

Joys & Concerns

Joy & Thanksgiving

For the commitment and energy of those supporting our Migrant Mondays

Health & Healing

Shirley S, for healing from surgery this week MarySue, for healing of her body, heart and spirit Charles F, for answered health questions and peace of mind Tiana, for healing after her second hip procedure Donna H, undergoing chemotherapy for cervical cancer Smooth recovery for Chris G, following hip

Smooth recovery for Chris G. following hip replacement surgery

Wanda, suffering from asthma

Carla's friend Tony, for healing of his eyes and his spirit

Murray, with a broken leg sustained in a motorcycle accident

Work & Life

Andy, for some respite and time without struggle Tammy and her family, that they may find appropriate help for her children Kyong- jin and Aviyah at this time of transition

For all parents, teachers and students as the new All who are incarcerated, including those on school year approaches Rikers and here in New York, for an end to

Comfort

Cheryl M and family mourning her nephew, Donny, who died suddenly

- Cheryl M, and her niece Brenda, on the death last week of her Brenda's brother-in-law; for all family in mourning
- Margery and David and all those mourning the death of Joseph Barudt, a giant in the church and the anti-racist movement for nearly 60 years.
- For all who are experiencing loss, loneliness, and depression - may they be comforted by God's loving presence

Donatella and family on the death of her husband

Peace & Justice

For communities suffering from gun violence For asylum seekers, especially those in New York For the migration process in the US

Prayers for the demise of violent machine guns in US culture

Prayers for women being prosecuted in many states for taking responsibility for their own bodies.

All who are incarcerated, including those on Rikers and here in New York, for an end to a system of mass incarceration in the United States



Getting Connected & Share Your Prayers

We are thrilled you are here this morning, and we hope you will like to get connected with our community. To join us in the work of increasing justice and love in the world, use your smartphone's camera to Scan this QR code or pick up a Connection Card available at the Welcome Tables. Our church community also uses this digital or physical card to share joys and concerns. Each week, our staff prays for our community and invites prayers from all. If you do not wish for your prayer to shared with the church community, please indicate your desire with your prayer.

Looking Back: Worship & Pastor Terry Sendoff























We began our transition from summer to fall as a community this past Sunday, blessing Pastor Terry and expressing our gratitude for his time with us these past few months, shepherding the congregation through our own time of renewal and revival while Pastor K was on renewal leave.

Who's Who

Pastors

Rev. Dr. K Karpen* Rev. Lea Matthews*

Director of Operations Brent Ness*

Building Superintendent Danny Aponte*

Minister of Music Dr. Frank Glass*

Assistant Pastor Communications Andrea Steinkamp*

Youth & Campus Pastor Ekama Eni*

Bookkeeper Jennifer Serrano*

Building Project Coordinator Christopher Trombley

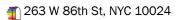
Security / Custodians

Robert Harris, Ken Lucian, Hector Pagan, Jay Torres, Stephen Yee

Hospitality Coordinator Al-Naima Finch*

Lay Servants

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Putting Love in Action

Worship Returns to **11AM** Today we welcome back Pastor K from his sabbatical. Please join us for some refreshments and fellowship after the service.

Next Sunday, please join us at 11am in Riverside Park on the north side of the Soldiers & Sailors monument. Our Sanctuary will be used by B'Nai Jeshurun for Rosh Hashanah services. L'Shana Tova!

Never Forget: 9/11 Memorial

Concert Today at 5pm, the Schiller Institute NYC Chorus and the Bergen Symphony Orchestra will present a program at SPSA to remember those who died and suffered on and since the attacks on September 11, 2001. sinycchorus.com/events

Campus Ministry Will kickoff Sep 10 with midnight pancakes at Broadway Presbyterian. Email Ekama* for details.

New Member Class Joining the church is not a requirement for you to participate here in our worship, service or programming. But if you have discerned a desire to join formally in this Christian community. You can take the first step into membership by attending our New Members Class on 9/13 at 6:30pm. It's a great way for you to get to know the church and for us to get to know you better. New members will be received during our Sunday worship service on 9/24 at 11 am. For a conversation or to RSVP, contact Pastor Lea*.

Souls & Solidarity Culminating Conversation Thu, Sep 14 at 7pm on Zoom Check the weekly email for details..

Don Kirby Memorial; Please join us on Sat, Sep 30 at 3pm as we celebrate the life of Don Kirby. The service will also be livestreamed for those who are unable to join in person.

Immigration Law & Justice Reform

Gala: Formerly know as Justice for Our Neighbors, ILJNY will host its 24th Anniversary Gala on October 5th from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Christ Church UMC at 524 Park Avenue in New York City, and will feature guests, awards, and include diverse performances. This is as a special opportunity to reinvigorate and energize following a whirlwind year of thousands of new migrant arrivals seeking our help and support. Gala guests will first be guided to food curated by refugee chefs from Eat Offbeat.

Connect & Care 6.0 All are invited to sign up for these spiritually supportive small groups Visit loveinaction.churchcenter.com and find a group that fits your life and schedule.

Ongoing Programs and Projects Assisting Our New Neighbors Sign up to help with daily needs, especially providing meals and Monday morning distribution efforts via Lotsa Helping Hands (rg.by/u670b). Starting in June, our Monday Resource Fair will have a weekly focus. Our clothing store will be once per month, with clothing donations accepted the day prior (next: Sep 10).

Pajama Prayers our Tuesday morning gathering on Zoom for communal prayer at 7:30am. Come as you are with whatever is on your heart. Meeting ID : 831 7700 2923 Phone: 646-931-3860

Pilates with Nancy an hour-long strengthening and stretching class on Zoom on Thursdays at 6pm. Email Brent* for details.