



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

**The Second Sunday after Christmas  
January 4, 2026 • 10:30 AM  
Holy Eucharist Rite II**

*The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer & is printed in its entirety here.*

**The Opening Voluntary**

*Hark, the Glad Sound/Angels We Have Heard On High*  
Behnke

**The Processional Hymn**

*O for a thousand tongues to sing*  
Hymnal 493

**The Welcome**

**The Liturgy of the Word**

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The People say together*

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Gloria**

Hymnal S 280

**The Collect of the Day**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to

share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All may be seated.*

**The First Reading ~ Jeremiah 31: 7 - 14**

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the LORD.

Lector        The Word of the Lord.

**People        Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm ~ 84: 1 - 8** (*Sung by the choir.*)

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

**The Second Reading ~ Ephesians 1: 3 - 6, 15 - 19a**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of

your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Lector        The Word of the Lord.

**People        Thanks be to God.**

### **The Sequence Hymn**

*Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord*  
Hymnal 438

### **The Holy Gospel ~ Luke 2: 41 - 52**

Celebrant    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People        Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Celebrant    The Gospel of the Lord.

**People        Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

Father Winston Arthur

*A period of silent prayer.*

### **The Nicene Creed**

*All say together*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### **The Prayers of the People ~ Form IV**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Bless our Vestry, Mary Frances, Roy, Marge, Anne, Sarah, Jeff, Katie, and Elizabeth that your Holy Spirit may guide them.

Bless those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Stan, Kaitlyn, Nadine, Don, Kasey, and Tammy.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially the Cherbonneau/Llosa family; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Jim, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Silence may be kept. The celebrant may add a concluding Collect.*

### **The Confession of Sin**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant says*

### **The Absolution**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

Officiant    The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People        And also with you.**

## **The Announcements**

## **The Blessings and Thanksgivings**

## **The Offertory Sentence**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory Anthem**

*Star of the East*  
Gilpin

### **The Presentation Hymn**

*God rest ye merry, gentlemen*  
Hymnal 105

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant    The Lord be with you.

**People        And also with you.**

Celebrant    Lift up your hearts.

**People        We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People        It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **The Sanctus**

Hymnal S 125

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

### **The Great Amen**

S 146



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **The Fraction Anthem**

Hymnal S 154

*Holy Communion is offered via the common cup for sipping or intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine). A mobility-impaired individual can receive communion at your seat by raising your hand. **Gluten-free wafers are available and will be served by the verger behind the altar. Please approach the gluten-free station by walking around on the right side to the back of the altar.***

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **The Communion Anthem**

*Come Ye Disconsolate*  
Martin

### **The Communion Hymn**

*And now, O Father, mindful of thy love*  
Hymnal 337

### **The Lay Eucharistic Prayer**

*Celebrant and People*

**In the name of this community of St. Paul's, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

Celebrant Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **The Closing Hymn**

*In Christ there is no East or West*  
Hymnal 529

## **The Dismissal**

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## **The Closing Voluntary**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*  
Hobby

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### ***Remember in your Prayers***

From The Daughters of the King: Father God, we are grateful for Your Son, Jesus Christ who was obedient to the cross for our transgressions. How great Your Love for us! In You we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray You, so to guide and govern us by Your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget You, but may remember that we are ever walking in Your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP)

We pray for those with timely concerns: Bob Williams, Doug Connell, Curtis West, Carla Brown, Beth Meyer, Sheila Hunte, Pete Reilly, John Boothby, Heather Victorine.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Greg Parsons, Annie Bulford, Ernie Williams, Jason Reynolds, Greg Olsan, Dean Henderson, Hattie Ravenell, Bella Pacini, Brittany, Del, Don, Jerry Jones, Toby Olmstead, Dianne Teer, Caroline Abbey, Eric Flock, Steve Edge, Sherry Cook, Dottie Woody.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Mary Frances, Roy, Marge, Anne, Sarah, Jeff, Katie, and Elizabeth, and for the Staff: Fr. Winston, David, Dawn, Geoff, Cole, Meg, Nicole, and Charlene.

We pray for our Community of Hope, Inc. Chaplains: Cleopatra Benjamin, Chris Borders, Bill & Dawn Harrison, Mary Frances Honea, Polly Hopkins, Katie McBride, Stan McMichael, Robyn Olsan, Linda Tudor, and Frank West.

We pray for members of our armed services and their families: Phillip Beatty, Ashlie Benjamin, Trey Bland, Linda Boyce, Kevin Bradley, Jacob Britt, Tom Choate, Joe Clay, Francis Cooper III, Morgen Davis, Luke Eason, Arron Essex, Cameron Everett, Alex Eversoll, Victoria Eversoll, Adam Harrison, Dariel Johnson, Ethan King, Stephen Malcom, Beau Massenburg, Charles Mathews, Sean McGraw, David Norwood, Steven Puckett, Lanier Sealy, Zach Simkins, Sam Vermilyea, Luke White, Tommy White, Ryan Whitfield.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Stan McMichael, Kaitlyn Robinson, Nadine Williams, Don Doggrell, Kasey Fabrizi, and Tammy Hawes.

We pray for those who have died, especially Jim Cherbonneau. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

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### *Service Participants*

<b>Vestry Person of the Week</b>	Sarah Huxford Camp
<b>Vergers</b>	Daryl Jones & Mike Scott
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>	Members of the EM Team
<b>Acolytes</b>	Children & Youth Acolyte Team Members
<b>Prayer Intercessors</b>	Anne & Lou Graner
<b>Reader(s)</b>	Nina Watts
<b>Ushers</b>	Mark LeVan, Austin Aulds, Danny Brown, Mike Colpoys, Taylor Josey, & John Tucker
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Polly Hopkins & Wendy LeVan
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Louise Howard
<b>Java</b>	Beth Gourley
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Mary Frances Honea

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### *Parish Notices*

We are in the middle of our **2026 Stewardship Campaign**, *Tell Out My Soul*. You can make your [pledge online](#) or pick up a pledge card from the Narthex.

There will be **no** Godly Play today, **January 4th**.

There will be **no** Middle and High School **Youth Sunday School** today, **January 4th**.

There will be **no** Children's Chapel today, **January 4th**.

Anyone available to begin taking down **Christmas decorations**, please be prepared to stay after the 10:30 service today, **January 4th**. Questions, please contact Louise Howard at (770) 265-1685.

Come out and spend time with the St. Paul's family at **Wednesday Night Supper** on **January 7th**! The cost is *free* for children under 3, \$4 for children 3-10, \$7 for children 11 and older, and adults. Families pay a maximum of \$20. You can sign up via **Realm** or by contacting Nicole at [admin@stpaulsnewnan.org](mailto:admin@stpaulsnewnan.org). Please sign up before **Tuesday at 12 pm** of the week of dinner so that we can order enough food.

The following events will be held on Wednesday, **January 7th**.

- Healing Services
- Children's Choir rehearsal
- Wednesday Night Supper
- Adult Bible Study at 5 and 6 pm
- Adult Choir rehearsal

The following events will resume on **January 11th**.

- Godly Play
- Middle and High Sunday School
- Adult Christian Formation
- Children's Chapel
- EYC Evening Gathering

## **Annual Epiphany Party**

**January 11, 2026, 5 - 7 pm**

**The Reserve – Line Creek Brewery**  
*18 Savannah St. Newnan, GA 30263*

Please join us as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, which centers on the arrival of the Magi in Bethlehem.



O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth:  
Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory

face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Four Vestry members will be elected at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, **January 25, 2026, at 9:30 am** to replace the retiring members (3) and a member who resigned (1). The two-year term (1 member) and the three-year term (3 members) will begin on **February 1, 2026**. If you are interested in applying, please [click here](#). If you are interested in learning more about being a Vestry member, [click here](#).

The next **American Red Cross blood drive** will be on Monday, **January 19th**, beginning at 1:30 pm in the Parish Hall. You can schedule an appointment by [clicking here](#). For questions, you can contact Wendy Llosa via email at [wendy@llosacentral.com](mailto:wendy@llosacentral.com).

To view more notices, please [click here](#).

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**CLERGY AND STAFF**

**Father Winston Arthur**, Rector; **David Kinrade**, Interim Organist/Choirmaster; **Dawn Harrison**, Music Associate; **Geoff Mattera**, Communications Director; **Cole Hankins**, Multimedia Associate; **Meg Jones**, Interim Director for Children and Youth Ministries; **Nicole Edwards**, Parish Administrator; **Charlene Smith**, Financial Administrator.

**VESTRY**

**Mary Frances Honea**, Senior Warden; **Roy Reynolds**, Junior Warden; **Marge Bass**, Senior Ministry; **Anne Graner**, Outreach; **Sarah Huxford-Camp**, Engagement & Belonging; **Jeff Lawhead**, Formation; **Katie McBride**, Health & Healing; and **Elizabeth Pape**, Parish Life.