



# The Tentmaker

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Daphne, Alabama

September 17, 2025

## A Message from Thack

The following is Thack's sermon from this past Sunday. We have received many requests for copies. We will also have it available on the church website.

### REVIVAL

Sermon Presented to St. Paul's Church

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, Year C

September 14, 2025

Thack Dyson

"This is a very sad day for, again, our country, (and) a terrible day for the state of Utah. . . It is an attack on all of us. It is an attack on the American experiment. It is an attack on our ideals."

"We will never be able to solve all the other problems, including the violence problems that people are worried about, if we can't have a clash of ideas safely and securely. Even especially those ideas with which you disagree. That's why this matters so much."<sup>1</sup>

These were the words of Utah Governor Spencer Cox at a press conference in Utah last Friday following the announcement of the arrest of the suspected killer of Charlie Kirk. He later spoke of his fears for our country's future unless we stop the political rage that's metastasizing in our country.

Governor Cox's prophetic words reminded me of another prophet we just heard from earlier. Jeremiah was likewise worried about the state of Judah. He believed the people of Judah's constant unfaithfulness, injustice, and unrighteous behavior had pushed God beyond the point of no return. Jeremiah warned that God will execute justice on these faithless people.

The prophet Jeremiah preached to a nation teetering on the brink of collapse. The people of Judah were divided, their leaders corrupt, and their faith was shallow. Instead of listening to God's call for justice, mercy, and truth, they chose idolatry, self-interest, and violence. Jeremiah described the moral collapse of his people with God's searing words: "They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good."

The "hot wind" Jeremiah speaks of that will blow across the land is called a "khamsin," in Arabic. It is a blast of hyper heated wind that can wither crops and cause droughts. It is not the gentle breeze of cleansing but a destructive blast of judgment. Judah itself is reeling under the weight of sin, and society is on the brink of collapsing into chaos. It is a terrifying picture of a people who have abandoned God and literally reaped the whirlwind.

<sup>1</sup>

Utah Governor Spencer Cox, in *The Salt Lake City Tribune*, September 12, 2025.

Jeremiah describes the unraveling of creation itself — a fruitful land laid waste, cities destroyed, and darkness covering the heavens. His vision is not merely about environmental ruin but the collapse of a people who had forsaken God, abandoned justice, and turned on one another.

When we look at our own nation, we see shadows of Jeremiah's warning. We live amid mass shootings, poisonous political discourse, and a deep polarization that corrodes even family ties. What was once a vibrant public square of discourse for the free exchange of ideas now feels like a battlefield of suspicion, conspiracy theories, and rage.

Worse, this state of things has permeated into our churches. Some denominations are using political affiliation as the litmus test for membership. Preachers and pastors are promoting political points of view across the political spectrum. Politics seems to have somehow supplanted the Gospel in these congregations.

This politicalization of the Church isn't new. Centuries after Jeremiah, Jonathan Swift — an Anglican priest, satirist, author of *Gulliver's Travels*, and keen observer of human folly — made this biting remark in 1706:

*"We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another."*<sup>2</sup>

Swift knew of the temptation of using religion as a tribal weapon rather than a force for unity and love. His words ring true today. Too often, our faith is shallow enough to fuel resentment but not deep enough to practice forgiveness. Just enough to divide, but not enough to reconcile.

This divisive spirit exists outside the church as well. We saw this vividly in the assassination of Charlie Kirk just days ago. Yes, Kirk was a polarizing figure — provocative, opinionated, highly critical of certain segments of our society, and unafraid of confrontation. People either loved his message or passionately disagreed with him. Yet in the end, he was murdered simply because of his ideas.

The same thing happened last June to Minnesota State Representative Melissa Hortman and her husband Mark. They were targeted by a man who didn't agree with Rep. Hortman's politics. On the same morning, Minnesota Senator John Hoffman and his wife were shot by the same gunman that killed the Hortmans.

Here is Swift's warning made flesh. We have enough faith to line up with our "side," enough to despise those who differ from us, but not enough to love across the divide. What Jeremiah called the "hot wind" — destructive and consuming — is still blowing through our public life today.

The assassination of Charlie Kirk last Wednesday, and the shootings of the Hortmans and Hoffmans last June, underscores just how far we have fallen. Whatever one thought of their politics or personalities, they were human beings made in the image of God. Their shootings are stark symbols of what happens when words harden into hatred and hatred erupts into violence. And if that's not enough, following both of the crimes, callous and mean-spirited people from both extremes of the political spectrum leaped onto social media and publicly "celebrated" their deaths and injuries.

Is our collective skin so thin we have to resort to violence toward those who espouse ideas and ideologies we disagree with? Are we so mean spirited to gloat over someone being hurt because of their beliefs? What is happening to us as a nation?

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2 Jonathan Swift quotation in *Forbes*, [www.forbes.com/quotes/5575/](http://www.forbes.com/quotes/5575/).

And it is not just in politics. Mass shootings are a constant occurrence and scar our schools, malls, and neighborhoods with horrifying regularity. And again, social media amplifies anger instead of encouraging reason. Political discourse in some places of worship has grown louder, pushing aside the voice of faith, silencing compassion, and drowning out calls for mercy. But these discordant voices do not have to have the last word.

Jeremiah's message, even in its darkness, was *not* without hope. The point of his warning was not destruction for destruction's sake, but a call to repentance, renewal, and revival.

Our nation desperately needs a revival of spirit—not a partisan revival, not a movement of left or right, but a revival of the human soul. We need a restoration of love, compassion, and kindness. We need to see one another not as enemies to be defeated but as neighbors to be loved.

After September 11, 2001, we caught a glimpse of what that spirit could look like. In the midst of unimaginable horror, we came together as a nation. Political divisions faded, at least for a time. People of every race, creed, and background stood shoulder to shoulder. There were no red states or blue states, just Americans. There was grief, yes, but also unity, solidarity, and mutual respect.

We must recapture that spirit of twenty-four years ago—not just in times of tragedy, but in our daily lives, in our politics, in our communities, and in our churches.

Jeremiah warned of judgment, but the greater story of Scripture is God's unrelenting mercy. Through Jesus Christ, redemption and salvation are always possible. The cross reminds us that even in humanity's worst moment of hatred and violence, God's love prevailed.

If our nation is to heal, it must begin *not* in Washington or on social media, but in the human heart. The Spirit of God must breathe new life into our nation. As a country, we must learn again what it means to love God with all our heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Only then will we find the healing our nation so desperately needs.

So let us not settle for "just enough religion to hate one another." Let us seek the fullness of Christ's love, so that a broken and divided world might be healed.

To this end, we at St. Paul's are positioned to be real change agents. We are one of the most diverse congregations in the Diocese. Our members are Republicans, Democrats, Independents, straight, gay, young, old, Auburn fans, Alabama fans, and those who could care less about football. Despite our various differences, we let our love for each other supersede our differences.

We truly do care about each other. I'm proud of that and share that at every opportunity, whether at clergy conferences, Diocesan Conventions, or with newcomers to this parish. That said, now is the perfect opportunity to export our community spirit into the world. Now some may say, "What good will that do?" If only one person's heart is changed because you showed them a little kindness and compassion, that's still something to celebrate. Remember, Jesus threw a party after finding the one lost sheep.

So, I invite all of us to reflect on the following possibilities that could usher in some much-needed healing:

- Consider praying daily for those you find hardest to love. Not to change them first, but to change you. What in your heart needs healing?

- Give thought to reaching out this week to someone across a divide—whether political, generational, racial, religious, or personal. A phone call, a coffee, or even a kind note can open the door to reconciliation.
- Think about practicing forgiveness in your family, your friendships, and your community. Refuse to let bitterness have the last word.
- Choose words of blessing rather than words of contempt. Remember, the Holy Spirit is as present in your speech as in your prayers. Resist the temptation to objectify others. To this end, don't refer to others as "Nazi's," "fascists," "leftists," and "Marxists." Remember, we are all made in God's image.

If each of us, as caring Christians, embraced one of these actions this week, the Spirit of God will be at work through us—healing what is broken, binding up what is divided, and shining Christ's light into the shadows.

Let us go forth, then, not with "just enough religion" to divide, but with enough of Christ's love to transform.

**AMEN**

### **SEPTEMBER TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### **Parish Finances at a glance:**

SEPTEMBER INCOME: \$42,636.28

SEPTEMBER EXPENSES: \$27,448.04

DIFFERENCE: \$15,188.24



Dear St. Paul's Family,

I want to thank the Flower Guild members for their dedication and the special gifts they offer to enhance our worship each week. We have a great team and we always welcome anyone who would like to join the Flower Guild. Please call me if you are interested.

I want to encourage and remind the congregation that they may sign-up for flowers in thanksgiving and in memorial on a Sunday of their choice. You must call the church office to reserve your requested date. At that time you may tell them what you want printed in the bulletin.

The cost is still \$80.00 for a normal Sunday arrangement. If you request a specialty flower it could cost more. Our Flower Guild members are happy to try and work with you based on flower availability.

Thank you for your support.

Faithfully,

Rebecca Dyson

251-923-8173

### THREE GIFTS!

Recently I met with Thack, as I try to do several times a year for “Reconciliation of a Penitent” BCP pg 447. For me, it is a gift from the church to be able to sit down with my priest and share my weaknesses and sins in total and absolute confidentiality. It is a special and Holy time to be able to verbalize my shortcomings without fear. I find it to be uplifting and I always come away feeling cleansed and refreshed.

Secondly, I updated my Burial Service with Thack and if you have not done so, I encourage you to meet with Thack to discuss the service you would like at the time of your death - your preference of Scripture, Rite I or II and the Hymns, if any, you would like. I don’t think this is morbid but rather a gift to your family and to your priest. I encourage all to read “An Order for Burial” BCP pg 506.

Thirdly, the Altar Guild does an amazing job and I know that the arrangements are prayerfully done. Altar flowers given in Memory or Thanksgiving is a gift not only individually but also for family and our corporate community. The cross reminds us that God loves us and the Altar Flowers say that we love God. The suggested memorial is \$80.00 but any gift is appreciated and any remainder will be covered by the Altar Flower fund.

Blessings to all.

Bill Carr

#### St. Paul’s Choir, by Christopher Conger

St. Paul’s choir is doing well! We are so thankful for our new members. If you are interested in singing with us at 8:00 or 10:30 please see Christopher after church!



You are invited to  
St. Paul's  
**October Parish Breakfast**  
Sunday, October 5th  
**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING**  
**THE 8:00 A.M. SERVICE**  
in the Howard Wilson Life Center.

*The breakfast is prepared for you  
by St. Paul's Men's Group.*

*No charge for children.*



## **SOCK**tober ... a ministry of DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

DOK is once again excited to invite you to join in our **“SOCKtober”** ministry!

Fall is *not* the time for cold feet ... so bring SOCKS – new or clean “gently used” - for all sizes of ‘soles’ - men, women, children (toddler to teen) - during the month of October.

We will give socks to “homeless souls” through the Clothesline Ministry at St John’s in Mobile, Baldwin Family Village, Family Promise, St. Paul’s Thrift Shop, Veterans Home and so many others!!

This is a **“SOUL to SOLE”** ministry ... so please bring socks to warm the feet of those in need! Baskets and a collection rack, located in the Narthex (aka Lobby) of Church, will receive socks every time you come to Church throughout the month of **OCTOBER!**

**Bless you**, as through this ministry we can bless others!

Thank you from Julian of Norwich St. Paul’s Chapter of the Daughters of the King.

Individual  
Ticket  
\$50.00

## TICKETS ARE LIVE! EXCEPTIONAL ARTS 2025

Couples  
Ticket  
\$75.00



LOCATION  
THE VENUE  
105 S SECTION ST,  
FAIRHOPE, AL 36532

DATE & TIME  
**16 OCT 2025**  
5:30-8:00PM



**Link to Register:** <https://exceptionalevent.swell.gives/>



## COFFE HOUR AT THE THRIFT SHOP



**SUNDAY, SEPT. 28TH  
AFTER BOTH SERVICES  
ENJOY COFFEE, TREATS,  
MINGLE WITH FRIENDS  
AND SHOP!**

### HOW DOES NEIGHBORHOOD BRIDGES WORK?

- 1** An advocate (teacher, guidance counselor, social worker or school administrator) posts a student need in our system.
- 2** We share the need with the community via email and social media.
- 3** Someone wishing to help clicks to fill the need. Instructions are sent for drop-off.

**THE MORE ADVOCATES WE HAVE POSTING  
NEEDS, THE MORE KINDNESS WE CAN DELIVER!**

NEIGHBORHOOD BRIDGES is one of the Baldwin County organizations that St. Paul's Thrift Shop helps fund with the annual distribution of our profits. Please read about the great work they do, then go to their Facebook page and sign up to help children in need!

## **The Howard Wilson Life Center Update, by David Kielek, Sexton**

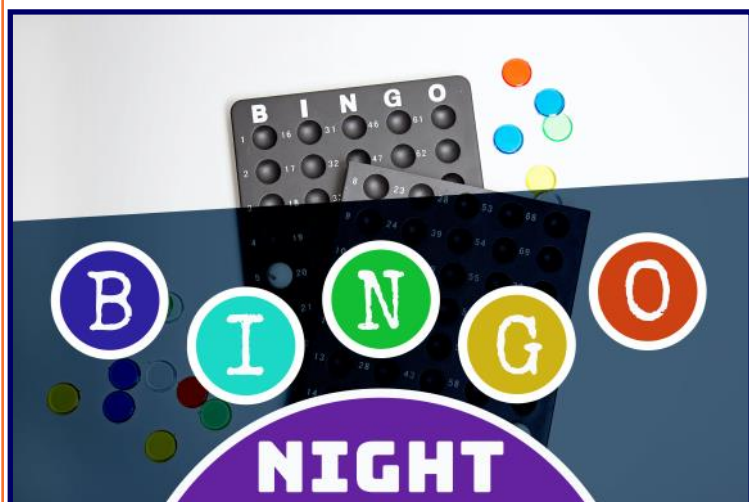
As we approach the first days of Autumn, I am pleased to report that Upward Basketball will be returning to St. Paul's this season. This is the 7th season that I have had the honor of coaching/directing the St. Paul's league, which is composed of 3rd and 4th grade boys and girls. My good friends Mike Parker and Jonathan Smith will be directing the other two segments; Mike has the K-2nd grade boys and girls at Bay Life Church on Fellowship Road, Jonathan, the overall director of the Daphne Upward program, will have the 5th and 6th graders at Eastern Shore Baptist.

If you don't know a lot about Upward, let me assure you it is a great program for young people, we are a Christ-oriented league who do not allow bad sportsmanship, either from players, parents or coaches, to be exhibited at our events. We are all about helping young people, teaching them teamwork, basketball skills, good sportsmanship, overall good citizenship, and, most importantly, a relationship with God and our savior Jesus Christ. I hope you will consider registering your child for one of these appropriate leagues, I have never had a parent or a participating child regret that they became part of our Upward family.

Bingo is coming up! A week from Friday, September 26th will be our next game. We had a good crowd last month, I counted 109 players. This activity raises money to help pay off the Howard Wilson Life Center mortgage; it's always fun! I hope you will consider making us part of your entertainment options! Only two more Bingo sessions, this month and in October, as we take a break for the last two months of the year in order to allow our players to enjoy the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Bingo is a great opportunity for interaction and fellowship with people who don't necessarily go to our, or any, church.

There are a couple of new groups that are meeting in the Howard Wilson Life Center; Baylor University Local Parent Prayer Group, hosted by Barbara Brousseau, meets the first Thursday of every month in Conference Room C from 1-2:30 PM. An African Bible Study, hosted by Frances Coleman, meets weekly on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM in Conference Room B. If you are interested in attending one of these events, please contact me for more details.

Thank you, one and all, for the wonderful support you give me, the Howard Wilson Life Center and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. I look forward to seeing you all soon.



### ***SPAGHETTI DINNER and BINGO ...***

Come join the fun in the  
**Howard Wilson Life Center**  
at St. Paul's

**Friday, September 26th & October 24th**  
beginning at **5:45 pm**

with delicious spaghetti dinner  
followed by 11 games of exciting **BINGO**  
fun ... food ... fellowship ...  
and cash prizes!  
supporting the ministries of St. Paul's.



Youth Group  
is  
6th-12th Grades

ST. PAUL'S  
**YOUTH**  
*Wednesdays*

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>  
5:30-6:30 PM

**YOUTH  
SCAVENGER  
HUNT**

SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> 5:30 PM  
THE UNDERGROUND

**trunk or  
TREAT**



**TRUNK OR TREAT  
IS FOR ALL AGES**



# CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

## WHAT IS CHILDREN'S CHAPEL?

Now that school is back in session, we are back to our usual routine! In children's chapel we have a worship service that mimics our services in church. This allows them to grasp a better understanding of what is happening when they transition into serving in church or following along with the services. Everyone shares a part in our worship service, whether leading in song, reading, acolyting, or leading in prayer. Our "sermon" is usually a Godly Play lesson that sometimes builds upon itself for several weeks at a time.

At the Peace, we join everyone in the service for Communion. Our lessons are tailored for ages 4-3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

## WHAT WE'RE LEARNING?

This September, we're in the Old Testament, learning about Ruth's faithfulness and friendship and God's reflection of faithfulness and relationship with us along with Young Samuel, and the importance of our diligence to seek God, and listen to God.



## GODLY PLAY

## REMINDERS

We can always use small snack donations, such as fruit loops, ritz crackers and butter cookies for special activities!



*For Our Enemies*  
*BCP p.816*

*O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love  
our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth:  
deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in  
your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

According to the *Merriam Webster Dictionary*, “an enemy is one [who] is antagonistic to another, especially one seeking to injure, overthrow, or confound an opponent.”

Notice, first, that in praying for our enemies, we are reminded that we are to love our enemies. We are to love everyone as Jesus loves us. Then we ask God to lead them **and us** from prejudice. STOP! Think about that for a moment. We’re not just praying that God will set our enemies straight, but also that we not harden our hearts toward them. I believe that therein lies the rub...it’s easy to say, “Dear God, forgive them,” not quite so easy to say — and mean it — “Dear God, help me to try to understand and forgive my enemy. Help me try to see my enemy as God sees him or her.”

In the next sentence, we are asking God to deliver them **and us**, from hatred, cruelty, and revenge. In this, we acknowledge that we, too, are not immune from acting as an enemy toward others, possibly even the ones for whom we are praying. Let us examine our own hearts, and let us feel and show compassion for our enemies.

Finally, God, let us all stand together before you, in all your love and mercy.

*Vivian Silliman*

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**ST. PAUL'S 17TH ANNUAL  
"PORKFEST"**

**Saturday, November 22, 2025**

at St. Paul's Episcopal Church ,  
28788 North Main Street, Daphne, AL

**251-626-2421**



**Boston Butts — \$45.00 Each**

**Pulled Pork Sandwiches — \$5 Each**

**\*\*Boston Butts can be picked up**

**between 10:00 a.m. — NOON**

**Contact Marty Ollinger for more information:**

**251-651-5902**



Join us for

**RALLY DAY**

Sunday, October 19th

**THERE WILL BE**

***ONE CHURCH SERVICE ONLY***

**AT 10:00 A.M.**

**IN THE CHURCH**

**THE SERVICE WILL BE**

**FOLLOWED**

**BY A DELICIOUS PICNIC LUNCH PREPARED**

**BY ST. PAUL'S MEN'S GROUP**

**IN THE HOWARD WILSON LIFE CENTER**

**Please bring a dessert to share at the picnic.**

**PICNIC SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE**

**IN THE NARTHEX.**

**PLEASE SIGN UP SO THAT WE HAVE A HEADCOUNT FOR THE MEAL.**



## **Prayer Requests**

### **Immediate Prayer Requests:**

Stephanie Barksdale, Townsend Bessonon, Ray and Rosemary Bing, Christopher Blackwell, Kit Caffey, Fletcher & Judith Comer, Deanna Cook, Diana Costlow, Mark Costlow, Linda Crissy, Wayne Davis, Lillian Deason, Sara DeWitt, Phyllis Dillow, Reid Dyson, Nancy Dziubakowski, Kay Fisher, Dana & Tommy Fletcher, Curran Foose, Jr., Richard and Patrick Foster, Allison Fuller, Laura Ann Gibson, Jim Gordon, Toni Gray, Mary Green, Catherine Greenslade, Leslie Greer, Stewart Hampton, Marian Harris, Jessica Head, Kelsey Henderson, Sharon Hoiles, Linn Hyde, Dave Johnson, Leslie Johnson, Phil Kelley, Doug Kinney, Tracie Knight, Beverly and Mike Koepp, Kay Loftin, Donelle McBride, Freda McDonald, Herb McDonald, Bob McKnight, Eileen McSpadden, Marcie Morrow, Lisa Nash, Tim Op't Holt, Josh Plotniak, Bob Powell, David Powers, Judy Reeves, Jerry Richardson, Kem Rutledge, Kevin Saucier, Marie Schreiner, Nick Shoultz, Fran Siemssen, Tim Smith, Lee Stassen, Bobbi Surgenor, Mark Taylor, Karen Thomason, Tim Turpen, Mary-Haston Vest, Anna & Bill Waid, Ken Wallis, Julia Warren, Bob & Beth Wickwire, Kern & Mary Wilson, Coleman Wood

### **Ongoing Prayer Requests:**

Marty Adams, Allison Badurak, Jim Blackwell, Betty Borroni, Dakota Burchett, Pat Cannon, Janice Clifford, Jim Clifford, Joe Cook, Sr., Faith Cornett, Jim Council, Margie Cowart, Suzanne Damour, Beth Dearmon Einig, Sylvia Forbes, Jim Gordon, Dee Grantham, Joyce Griffis, Terri Hare, Eddie Hill, Susan Hill, Jossie Hurst, Shannon Kern, Alexander Kielek, Matt & Penny Kratochvil, Jim Lonnergan, Neil Magruder, Angela Mason, Lou Morgan, Dorothy Moore, Buddy Morrow, Bo Nichols, Sonny Nichols, Sam Pace, Mary Pace, Sara Patton, Janet Penry, Mary Rudolf, Marilyn Russell, Jesse Rutherford, Larry Rutherford, Stephanie Sanchez, Terry Sandlin, Pat Schlimmer, Cathy Slagle, Ken & Genette Stephens, Kay Taylor, Albert Thompson, Vicki Thompson, Diane Young, Joe Young, Mike Young

**For the Departed:** Tunisia Smith, Tony Sexton, Rubye Turner

### **For Those Serving in the Military:**

Bradley Billingsley, Graham B'Wade, Ryan Bowman, James Cassebaum, Matthew Cheatham, Chase Clark, Jackson Deaton, Josh Dedrickson, Michael Duchesne, Christopher Dukarm, Dan Eshed, Chris Evans, Steven Grey, Matthew Harris, Rusty Henry, Karen Hubley, Walker Jackson, Daniel James, Jake Jerome, Matt Jones, Harrison Key, Daniel Lambert, Chris Lessard, Jackson May, Patrick Mong, Bryan Quinn, Holden Quinn, Madie Quinn, Justin Ramsey, Neil Sevelius, Michael Strohlein, Dan Strohlein, Aiden Walker, Brad Yonkers

### **For Those with Birthdays:**

**September 1-30:** (01) Barry Taylor, Cnnor Dimoff, (02) Sarah Walter, David Wetzel, Ford Turnipseed, (03) Bonnie Hebert, Shelley Haga, (04) Claudia Coleman, Michael Quinn, (05) Albert Kennington, David McMillan, Hayes Hare, (06) Marcie Morrow, (07) Robert Jernigan, (08) Christian McDowell, (09) Melissa Kielek, Bill Erickson, Blakeley Walker, (10) Mike Sager, Rebecca Dyson, Laura McFarland, (11) Mary Dunn, (12) Creighton Hoercher, (13) Sharon Wallace, Nicholas Kessler, (14) Jo Delgado, McKenzie Kiser, (15) Linda Stealey, Beverly Koepp, Luciano Briones, (16) Lane Faust, Owen Friedland, (17) Gary Borroni, (19) Lark Fleury, (21) Emily Smith, Olivia Smith, (22) Bob Hoeb, Janet Norman, (23) Randolph Kapeluck, Ryan Hinote, Bell Jackson, Walker Jackson, (24) Nancy Kennington, Thack Dyson, Jim Jackson, Elizabeth Thomason, (25) Susannah Jackson, (26) Dick Schmidt, Toby Norman, (27) Dylan Loes, Annalouise Hicks, (28) Anna Kate Meter, (29) Lily Wilson, Lilah Delgado, (30) Jennifer Doyle

## **ST. PAUL'S SERVICES:**

### **Sunday**

Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
10:30 am

### **Monday-Saturday**

Morning Prayer  
8:05 a.m.

*Live Streamed only on  
St. Paul's Facebook page*

### **Wednesday**

Healing Service with  
The Holy Eucharist  
NOON

*Church Services are live-streamed  
on our Facebook Page*

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### **Church Office Hours**

**Monday-Thursday:**  
8:00 am -- 4:30 pm

**Friday:**  
8:00 am -- 11:30 am

### **St. Paul's Thrift Shop**

Tuesday - Saturday  
10:00 a.m. -- 3:00 p.m.

**Donations Accepted**  
Thursday - Saturday  
10:00 a.m. -- 3:00 p.m.  
251-626-6102

**St. Paul's Preschool**  
251-626-2774

## **BIBLE STUDIES**

### **Tuesday**

Men's Bible Study  
7:00 am  
*ZOOM Meeting only*

### **Wednesday**

Morning Bible Study  
*All Adults Welcome*  
(Malone Hall)  
10:30 am

Great Wednesday  
6:00 p.m.  
Malone Hall  
Youth Group

5:30-6:30 pm  
Underground

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **Adult**

9:15 am  
in Conference Room A

### **Youth**

9:15 am  
6th - 12th Grades  
in the Underground

### **Children**

9:15 am  
K-5th Grades  
in the Children's Chapel

## **St. Paul's Vestry** **2025-2027**

*Terms Ending*

### **December 31, 2025**

Michael Quinn, Sr. Warden  
Cathy Slagle  
Gaye Wilson  
Tim Michael

### **December 31, 2026**

Joe Cook, Jr. Warden  
Judi Gullede  
Liston Jones  
Boyd Miller

### **December 31, 2027**

Richard Foster  
Donna Nolte  
Marty Ollinger  
John Sharp

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Martha Lathan  
Clerk of the Vestry

Mike Sirmon  
Treasurer

### **Clergy**

The Rev. Thack H. Dyson  
Rector

The Rev. Judith Comer  
Priest Associate

The Rev. S. Albert Kennington  
Priest Associate

### **Church Website**

[www.stpaulseasternshore.com](http://www.stpaulseasternshore.com)

### **Email Address**

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St. Paul's Eastern Shore

### **Phone**

251-626-2421

### **Church App**

<https://tithely.app.link/st-pauls-eastern-shore>

September, 2025

DATE	9/7/2025	9/14/2025	9/21/2025	9/28/2025
TIME	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
VERGER	Susan Hurst	Tina Erickson	Susan Hurst	Tina Erickson
CHALICE	Davis Daniel	Tim McTaggart	Elizabeth Thomason	Joe Cook
CHALICE	Elizabeth Kaye	Leah McTaggart	Matt Thomason	Bob Wakeman
LECTOR-SCRIPTURE	Court Hurst	Sarah Beth Walker	Wayne Davis	Megrez Rudolf
LECTOR-PRAYERS	Casey Williams	Bill Carr	Martha Lathan	Linda McDowell
SERVER/CRUCIFER	Anne Collins Daniel	Mary Clare McTaggart	Robert Edward McDaniel	William Erickson
TORCH	Astrid Wetzel	Emma McTaggart	Astrid Wetzel	.....
TORCH	Emma McTaggart	Paul Thomason	Paul Thomason	.....
USHER	David Kielek	Tim Michael	Davis Daniel	Matt Thomason
USHER	Jim Jackson	Gaye Wilson	Joe Cook	Gary Lathan
VESTRY	Cathy Slagle	Gaye Wilson	Liston Jones	Judi Gullede
TIME	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
VERGER	John Sharp	Avos Stickney	Donna Nolte	Richard Foster
CHALICE	Becky Costlow	Jim Rivers	Hayleigh Hamilton	Jamie Jernigan
CHALICE	Hayleigh Hamilton	Barry Taylor	Judy Hale	Robert Jernigan
CHALICE	Janet Norman	Bob Wakeman	John Sharp	Mike Turnipseed
LECTOR-SCRIPTURE	Vonnie Foreman	Anita Rankin	Christian McDowell	Sue Ann Turnipseed
LECTOR-PRAYERS	Arthur Oken	Clay Rankin	Reagan McDowell	Dean Mosher
SERVER	Allison Hamilton	Lee Herrington	Leah Hamilton	Olivia Jernigan
SERVER TRAINEE	*****	*****	Audrey Faust	Caroline Jernigan
CRUCIFIER	Mia Stephens	Eley Hetcher	Audrey Faust	Noah Pino
TORCH	Lily Wilson	Cooper Dalto	Lily Wilson	Eley Hetcher
TORCH	Lucas Hoeb-Root	Owen Dalto	Lila Sharp	Timothy Pino
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