



The Tentmaker

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Daphne, Alabama

January 12, 2022

Message from Thack

Happy Epiphany Season! The season of Epiphany lasts from four to nine weeks, from the Feast of the Epiphany (Jan. 6) through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Our season will last eight weeks this year. The length of the season varies according to the date of Easter (April 17, 2022).

The gospel stories of this season describe various events that manifest the divinity of Jesus. The coming of the Magi is celebrated on the Epiphany. The Baptism of our Lord is observed on the first Sunday after Epiphany. The gospels for the other Sundays of the Epiphany season describe the wedding at Cana, and various miracles and teachings of Jesus. The Last Sunday after the Epiphany is always devoted to the Transfiguration. Jesus' identity as the Son of God is dramatically revealed in the Transfiguration gospel, as well as the gospel of the baptism of Christ. We are called to respond to Christ in faith through the showings of his divinity.

The Incarnation—God with us in the flesh—transforms every aspect of our human experience into a place of encounter with the Holy One. To have these experiences requires us to be present to every moment we can. That's why a seminary professor once said, "This is the season of paying attention."

That said, should we take this season in the Church year seriously? I ask that because some people find themselves in an emotional slump after the intense waiting of Advent, which culminates with Christmas, and then is followed immediately by celebrations associated with the chronological New Year. This let-down is understandable given the fast pace of the holidays. It can feel like everything we looked forward to is now behind us and all that lies ahead is getting back to work.

This year, it's still hard to know what to feel. Most of us are grateful to have left 2021 behind but we are still in the midst of the pandemic. The Omicron variant is the mutation du jour and as this virus mutates it will most likely be something else in a couple of months. The specter of the coronavirus is ever present and will probably be a part of our existence long after 2022.

Even so, the celebration of Epiphany is important with its emphasis on how God reveals the mystery of God's divine presence in the midst of our ordinary lives. So yes, we should take the season of Epiphany seriously. Take advantage of this season to deepen your awareness of God's presence and pray to God daily that you don't miss out on anything, especially close encounters with the Divine.

Peace, Thack

Confirmation Classes

Adult and Youth Confirmation classes will begin in a couple of weeks. Confirmation is the sacramental rite in which the candidates “express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop” (BCP, p. 860). Those who were baptized at an early age and those baptized as adults without laying on of hands by a bishop are expected to make a mature public affirmation of their faith, recommit themselves to the responsibilities of their baptism, and receive laying on of hands by a bishop (BCP, p. 412). Adults baptized with the laying on of hands by a bishop are considered to be confirmed.

The Prayer Book rite for Confirmation includes forms for Reception and the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows. Those who have already made a mature Christian commitment in the ELCA Lutheran, Roman Catholic and Orthodox traditions are recognized as members of the one holy catholic and apostolic church, and received into the fellowship of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. Those who have returned from a time of religious inactivity to an active practice of faith may publicly reaffirm their baptismal vows. Others who have experienced a renewal of faith or desire to renew their Christian commitment may also reaffirm their baptismal vows. Reaffirmation may be repeated, depending on the pastoral needs of the person.

Youth Confirmation classes will begin on Tuesday, January 25 at 4:00 p.m. in Malone Hall. These classes will be held on Tuesday afternoons through April 5, 2022. Adult Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday January 23 at 2:00 p.m. in Malone Hall and run through April 3, 2022. Bishop Russell’s annual visitation will be on Sunday, April 24, 2022, and he will conduct Confirmations, Receptions, and Reaffirmations that morning during the 10:30 a.m. service.

If you and/or your child would like to be Confirmed, Received or you would like to Reaffirm your baptismal vows on April 24, please contact the church office and register for the classes. Please call Terri McMillan at 251-626-2421 to reserve a place in the classes. The subjects to be presented at these classes will include the Anglican Way of Christianity, the Sacraments and Sacramental Rites, Church History, *Book of Common Prayer* and Church hymnody, Church Calendar and Liturgical Year, Holy Scripture, Creeds, Vocation, and Church Etiquette.

Please know anyone may attend these classes even if they have been Confirmed. Regardless of status, everyone must preregister in advance to insure we order enough study materials. Thank



Thank You! Thank you! Thank You!

The Parish Staff would like to thank you, the congregation and St. Paul’s Vestry for your generous Christmas gift to us. It is humbling to be so appreciated by such wonderful people. It is a reminder to all of us that we are so blessed to be serving such a loving and thoughtful community.

Prayer Requests

Please let us know if someone needs to be added or removed from the prayer requests.

Immediate Prayer Requests:

Donna Brown, Ann Chase, Sally Clark, Janice Clifford, Fletcher and Judith Comer, Deanna Cook, Robbin Fowler, Ross Hobbs, Sharon Hoiles, Linn Hyde, Dave Johnson, Theresa Johnson, Dolores Jones, Ed & Brenda Kirby, Beverly Koepp, Mike Koepp, Mary Lucas, Donelle McBride, John McClendon, Joan McKnight, Linda McNamara, Jeremy Meehan, Dale Miley, Jo Moran, Charmein Moser, Reed Myers, Ida Nolte, Kim Nolte, Delane Pruitt, K.W. Rantz, Liz Ray, Judy Reeves, Billie Jo Robertson, Bennie Savage, Nick Shoultz, Leon Snipes, Frieda Ward, George Warren, Brian Zorman

Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Marty Adams, Dave Baldock, Christopher Blackwell, Pat Cannon, Jim Council, Margie Cowart, Suzanne Damour, Puddy Dyson, Dee Grantham, David Grey, Carol Hafner, Susan Hill, Barbara Holmes, Jossie Hurst, Ann Kenney, Alexander Kielek, Lance Monley, Lou Morgan, Buddy Morrow, Elsie Mosher, Sara Patton, Mary Rudolf, Zera Roussel, Kem Rutledge, Stephanie Sanchez, Pat Schlimmer, Cathy Slagle, D'ana Snow, Albert Thompson, Jack Vuyovich, Justin, Vuyovich, Julia Warren

For the Departed:

For Those Serving in the Military:

Bradley Billingsley, Ryan Bowman, Matthew Cheatham, Chase Clark, Jackson Deaton, Michael Duchesne, Christopher Dukarm, Chris Evans, Landis Fouts, Deron Fralie, Steven Grey, Matthew Harris, Rusty Henry, Karen Hubley, Walker Jackson, Daniel James, Matt Jones, Shane Kennedy, Daniel Lambert, Chris Lessard, David McMillan, Patrick Mong, Bryan Quinn, Justin Ramsey, Neil Sevelius, Kaleb Sharpless, Derek Siegel, Brad Yonkers

For those with birthdays:

January 1-31

(01) Mary Miley, (02) John Graham Parker, (04) Linda Monley, Jimbo Cassity, Sarah Santa Cruz, (05) Joyce Pierce, Merrill Rigby, (07) Glen Currie, Colton McKenna, (08) Jane Shoultz, Anita Rankin, (09) Wendi Jackson, (10) Mary Michael, Kris Mullins, (11) Laura Anne Gibson, (12) Mac Parker, (14) Walker Hendricks, (16) Ben Leininger, (17) Ben Whitehurst, Leslie Talbert, (20) George Cotten, (22) Mary Richardson, Evelyn Walker, Lilah Nagel, (23) Shad James, Ford Taylor, Timothy Pino, (24) Deanna Cook, (27) Donna Brown, William Johnson, Emma Talbert, (28) Christopher Dedrickson, (30) Samuel Collier, Nick Shoultz, (31) Glenn Robinson

Tracts Talk! Writing for Spiritual Growth

This tract, **Writing for Spiritual Growth**, is written by a man who knows his stuff - our own Dick Schmidt, who is an exceptional writer. But don't let that intimidate you. After a brief introduction, the pamphlet describes a number of methods and reasons for spiritual writing: journaling, writing with scripture, spiritual autobiography, and writing to find your way. It also lists some helpful tools and techniques.

I've heard it said that "singing is praying twice," and I would add that writing is praying twice. When you are asked to pray in public, you are praying for God to hear and for those listening to hear. When you are praying in private, it's just between you and God. The same is true for writing: you may write for an audience, or just for you and God. Whether you're a good writer or not really doesn't matter at all, especially if it's just between you and God. It's a way of articulating your thoughts, and it helps you focus. You can just jot down thoughts as they come to you, and by writing them, you can go back and look at them, and maybe expand on them - or not, as it suits your needs.

Grab your favorite pen, pencil, or *colored pencil!*, a notebook or just a piece of paper, or even your phone, tablet or laptop, and give it a whirl!

Thrift Shop



We would like to thank our **out going**
Chair Jane Shoultz,
Vice Chair Arvis Leininger,
Board Members: Kathy Lovell,
Judy Ollinger, for all their hard work.
Well done good and faithful servants.

Officers for 2022
Chair Gaye Wilson,
Vice Chair Edith Henry,
New Board Members:
Becky Costlow, Janice Miles,
Tim Op't Holt, Vivian Silliman.

Thank you for your Service,

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 on
St. Paul's Facebook page**

Sunday-Thursday

Compline
8:00 p.m.

**Live Streamed on
Judith Comer's Facebook page**

Wednesday

Healing Service with
The Holy Eucharist
Wednesday
NOON

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

**ADULT BIBLE
STUDIES****Sunday**

Christian Education
Adults
9:15 am

ZOOM Meeting**Tuesday**

Men's Bible Study
(Malone Hall)
7:00 am

ZOOM Meeting**Wednesday**

Morning Bible Study
(Malone Hall)
10:30 am

St. Paul's Vestry
2022-2024

Terms Ending

December 31, 2022

Joe Cook, Jr. Warden
Donna Nolte
Jim Green
Tim Michael

December 31, 2023

Necie Borroni
Alyson Jackson
Michael Koepf
Vivian Silliman

December 31, 2024

Edith Henry
Matthew Thomason
Sue Ann Turnipseed
Tom Walker

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Martha Lathan,
Clerk of the Vestry

Janet Norman, Treasurer

Clergy

The Rev. Thack H. Dyson,
Rector
The Rev. John K. Talbert,
Curate

Church Office Hours

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

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

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251-626-6102

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251-626-2774

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251-626-2421

Church App

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

Greetings from St Paul's Youth!

I can't tell you how grateful Elizabeth and I are for all of you who made our drive thru nativity so special. I gleamed with pride as I saw all of the photos many of you shared of our incredible children and youth! They represented our parish well in sharing the hope, peace, and love of Christmas to our community! I am very grateful Tina Erickson created this special tradition during the dark year of 2020, which I hope will be a legacy to continue for years to come. What a special light in the darkness we all felt in 2020. I want to specially thank her for helping us plan, prepare and set up all of the scenes. The event would not have been possible without her help. I want to give a special thank you to Howard Wilson, David Chavers, David Kielek and Peter Morlock for setting up the beautiful nativity scene and for Howard lending us equipment for the event. We are truly grateful for all you do for us! I also want to thank Dave Hale and Judy Hale for allowing their animals to be a special part of the nativity. Our youth program is blessed by the support of our wonderful parish! I look forward to getting feedback from you on how together we can continue to make this event special in years to come.



As we begin the new year, we are back to our regular youth program times of Sunday evenings 4:30-6:00 junior and 5:30-7:00 senior high. We also meet for Sunday school weekly 9:15-10:15. I am looking forward to a great year for our youth! Much love! Bonnie



January

Service Schedule

- Sunday, January 16, 8 and 10:30 a.m. 2 Epiphany , Holy Eucharist
- Sunday, January 16, 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School - Zoom Meeting ONLY
- Sunday, January 16, 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour in Malone Hall
- Monday, January 17, 6:00 pm Vestry Meeting
- Wednesday, January 19, Noon Healing Service with the Holy Eucharist
- Sunday, January 23, 8 and 10:30 a.m. 3 Epiphany, Holy Eucharist
- Sunday, January 23, 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School - Zoom Meeting ONLY
- Sunday, January 23, 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour in Malone Hall
- Sunday, January 23, 2:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation/Inquirer's Class, Malone Hall
- Tuesday, January 25, 4:00 p.m. Youth Confirmation Class, Malone Hall
- Wednesday, January 26, Noon Healing Service with the Holy Eucharist
- Sunday, January 30, 8 and 10:30 a.m. 4 Epiphany, Holy Eucharist
- Sunday, January 30, 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School - Zoom Meeting ONLY
- Sunday, January 30 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour in Malone Hall
- Sunday, January 30, 2:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation/Inquirer's Class, Malone Hall
- Tuesday, February 1, 4:00 p.m. Youth Confirmation Class, Malone Hall
- Wednesday, February 2, Noon Healing Service with the Holy Eucharist



Christmas Pageant

Thank you so much to everyone who was a part of our Christmas Pageant either behind the scenes or "On Stage". We had great participation with volunteers Christmas Eve night, and there is no way we could pull it off without your help! A big thank you also to Christopher, John Matson, and the choir for all of your help with the music this year!



Sunday Night Live

Our 3rd-5th grade group will begin meeting again for SNL regularly every other week beginning January 16 from 4-5:30PM! Weekly details will come out the week we meet.

You can join our Remind app group for information and updates with code @62k4c8

Children's Chapel

In chapel on Sunday Mornings @ 8:00 and 10:30 services, we will be learning about parables, as we do every winter leading up to Lent. We will not only be listening to the parables told by Jesus, but what they are and why Jesus used them to teach us. This is a sweet time of year for us to keep the excitement of the life of Jesus going! We will be changing up our schedule to optimize our short time together.



**JOIN US FOR
Children's Chapel**

It's not too late to turn in your 2022 Pledge Card.

2022

For the Ministry and Operations of St. Paul's Episcopal Church:

In thanksgiving to God for many blessings,
I/We pledge to St. Paul's **OPERATING FUND** for 2022:

an ANNUAL amount of \$_____

I/We will pay the amount on a

\$ Weekly Monthly Quarterly Annually BASIS (please check one)

and in addition

I/We would also like to pledge to
St. Paul's **BUILDING FUND** for 2022:

an ANNUAL amount of \$_____

I will pay the amount on a

\$ Weekly Monthly Quarterly Annually BASIS (please check one)

Name _____

Address: _____

Telephone Numbers: _____

Email: _____

Would you like Offering Envelopes? Yes No

Would you like information about becoming a member of St. Paul's?

Yes No

Please fill out this form and return it either by:

- Placing it in church offering plate or
- Mailing it to 28788 North Main Street, Daphne, Alabama 36526 or
 - Emailing it to officespaulsdaphne@gmail.com or
 - Contacting the church office at 251-626-2421

PLEDGES DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY RENEW EACH YEAR.

PLEDGE CARDS MAY ALSO BE FILLED OUT AND SUBMITTED ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE:

WWW.STPAULSEASTERNSHORE.COM

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Elizabeth Faust, *Christian Education & Preschool Administrator*

Bonnie Hindman, *Youth Leader*

David Kielek, *Life Center Sexton*

John Matson, *Choirmaster*

Joan McKnight, *Staff Assistant*

Terri McMillan, *Administrative Assistant*

Office Hours 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (Monday-Thursday)
8:00 a.m. — 11:30a.m. (Friday)

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*We worship together as we seek God, serve God,
and share God with love and acceptance for all.*