The Tentmaker

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Daphne, Alabama

November 25, 2026

Message From Thack

Advent: A Season of Hope and Holy Expectation

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new Church year. Once again we start the sacred journey through the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Advent asks us to wait, to watch, and to prepare as people who believe that God has come among us and will come again.

The word Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming" or "arrival." Early Christians kept a time of prayer and fasting before Christmas, and by the sixth century Advent had become part of the Church's worship. It began as a penitential season, much like Lent. Over time it also became a season of hope and joyful expectation.

Advent looks in two directions. We look back to Bethlehem, where God entered our world as a vulnerable child. And we look ahead to Christ's promised return, when God's purposes for creation will be fulfilled. In between, we live in the present, watching for Christ in our daily lives. Our faith isn't only about remembering something that happened two thousand years ago. It's about trusting that God is still at work, bringing light into darkness and hope into a world that badly needs it.

Isaiah's words still speak to us: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:2). Our world knows conflict, division, and suffering. But Advent insists that darkness never has the last word.

To live an Advent life is to choose hope over despair, patience over anxiety, and generosity over self-interest. It means paying attention to people who are lonely, grieving, or forgotten. And it means remembering that preparing for Christmas is about more than decorations and gifts. It's about preparing our hearts to receive the greatest gift of all, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Perhaps the hardest part of Advent is learning to wait. Our culture wants everything right now, but God's greatest gifts often unfold slowly. Waiting faithfully isn't passive resignation. It is an active expression of faith.

So this year, let Advent become a way of life. Make time each day for prayer. Seek reconciliation with those with whom you are estranged. Show kindness to someone who feels forgotten. Look for Christ in ordinary moments. And remember that we never wait alone. We may not know what the coming year will bring, but we know the One who goes with us into it.

Let's begin this new year as Advent people: watching for the light, trusting God's promises, and preparing the way of the Lord.

Come, Lord Jesus. Come into our hearts, our homes, our Church, and our world.

Peace, Thack

"Advent: Preparing the Way of the Lord"

A Three-Week Advent Study at Great Wednesdays at Six

December 2, 9, and 16 | 6:00 p.m.

As we enter the holy season of Advent and begin a new Church year, I invite you to join us for a special three-week study exploring what Advent means and how we can live as people who are always watching, waiting, and preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ.

Advent is much more than a season of preparation for Christmas. It is a reminder that Christ has come into our world, continues to break into our daily lives through his grace and mercy, and will come again in glory. How do we prepare ourselves to receive him? How do we recognize his presence in our everyday experiences? And what does it mean to live faithfully while awaiting the fulfillment of God's promises?

These are the questions we will explore during our three Wednesday evening gatherings:

- **December 2: The Meaning of Advent: Preparing the Way of the Lord.** We will explore the history and significance of Advent and consider how repentance, renewal, and hope prepare our hearts for Christ.

- **December 9: Christ Breaking into Our Lives: Recognizing the Light.** We will consider how Christ continues to make his presence known, often through ordinary experiences, unexpected encounters, and acts of grace.

- **December 16: Living an Advent Life: Watching, Waiting, and Responding.** We will explore what it means to live each day in faithful expectation of Christ's coming, following the example of Mary and her willingness to trust God's promises.

Each session will last approximately 45 minutes and will include Scripture readings from the Revised Common Lectionary, a brief presentation, small-group table discussions, and opening and closing prayers. Our emphasis will be on connecting the biblical message of Advent with the practical realities of our Christian lives.

Each session will begin at 6:00 p.m. with supper and fellowship. Supper will be provided so your timely RSVP's are appreciated. The classes will begin at 6:30 p.m.

I hope you will join us for these three evenings of fellowship, reflection, and spiritual preparation. My prayer is that we will discover that Advent is not simply a season we observe, but a way of life we are called to embrace throughout the year.

Come and prepare your hearts for the coming of the Lord!

Peace, Thack

Message From Thack

The Iron Bowl

Next Saturday at 6:30 p.m., the annual clash of the titans takes place in Tuscaloosa as Auburn and Alabama square off in the legendary "Iron Bowl." For those unfamiliar with this sacred Alabama tradition, it is the one day of the year when otherwise reasonable, civilized Christians temporarily lose their minds!

There is one certainty about the Iron Bowl: Nobody knows what will happen! Rankings, records, statistics, and expert predictions mean absolutely nothing. The underdog can become the hero, and the favorite can go home wondering what happened. Meanwhile, half the state will be celebrating, and the other half will be seeking pastoral counseling.

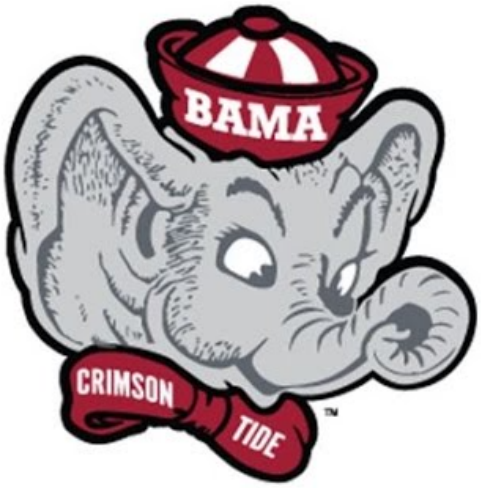
As your Rector, I encourage everyone to remember that Christian charity, forgiveness, and loving your neighbor are still required, even during the Iron Bowl. And while Scripture tells us to love our enemies, it says absolutely nothing about having to cheer for them!

Now, I realize that during the heat of battle, some of you may utter a few words or expressions that would be entirely inappropriate in polite company, much less in church. Should you experience one or more of these unfortunate lapses in vocabulary, please do not despair. During our worship next Sunday, the General Confession and my absolution following (not to mention God's amazing grace) should square you with God. After all, if ever there were an occasion when Episcopalians needed the assurance of God's abundant grace and mercy, surely it is the Iron Bowl!

May the best team win, may the referees have excellent eyesight, and may we all remember that God loves both Alabama and Auburn fans, although some may require a little more grace than others! **RTR! WDE!**

Peace, Thack





Financial Report

November to-date Operating Income:
$209,783.75

November to-date Operating Expenses:
$72,499.99

November to-date Operating Net Total:
$137,283.76

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Year to Date Operating Income:
$1,081,374.93

Year to Date Operating Expenses:
$1,026,992.62

Year to Date Operating Net Total:
$54,382.31

2027 Pledge Cards Received:

Operating Fund	$370,408.60	88 Pledges Received 22% of the Congregation
Building Fund	$ 98,543.31	42 Pledges Received 1% of the Congregation

The November to-date figures above are for the church's everyday operating expenses. This year we received several unexpected donations over and above pledges totaling $142,000. Without these donations we would have a deficit budget of $87,617.69. While we are so very thankful for the gifts, we cannot count on gifts such as these to be received every year to help us meet our budget. We must have pledges and pledge payments to make ends meet. As an idea of what is paid out, church utilities and property insurance alone cost $236,417 annually. That is $19,701 monthly. It does not include anything else. Please, if you have not done so, turn in your 2027 pledge card so we can prepare an accurate 2027 budget. Also make your 2026 pledge payments prior to December 31st to be included on your 2026 contribution statement. It would be a great help and very much appreciated.

Capital Improvement FUND

2026 Capital Improvement Fund

$233,763.74—*Received to Date*

$99,936.02—*Current Balance after expenses*

Capital Improvement Expenses to-date:

- $2307.00 - Door Repair
- $1200.00 - Door Mats
- $18,564.76 - Carpet and Flooring
- $59,700.00- painting, power washing, etc.
- $9268.45 - Brick Work & Stucco
- $161.80 - Paint
- $2,000 - Donation Correction - *Donation intended for Thrift Shop Scholarship*
- $10,000 - Donation Correction - *Donation intended for Church Operations*
- $8,027.70 - Light Fixtures and Installation
- $4728.00 - Trees and Tree Removal
- $17,870.00 - Parking Lot Resurfacing

Even though it was mentioned that the Capital Improvement Campaign would go through September 30th, we are still accepting donations. There is a lot more work needed on the campus and the funds are needed. All donations to the Capital Improvement Fund are used specifically for the improvements needed for our church. The money does not go to operations.

Thank you for your donations to the Capital Improvement Fund!

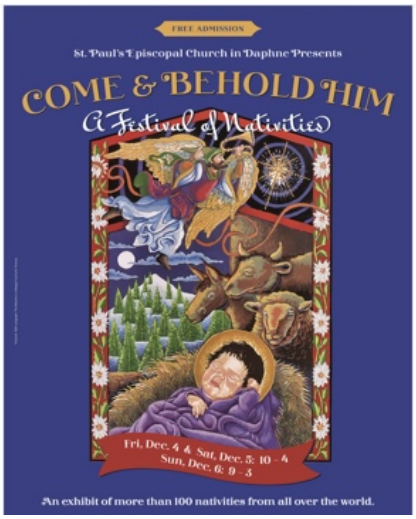
2026 Annual Meeting Minutes

The Annual Meeting of the Parish was held on Sunday, November 15 at 9:00 in Malone Hall. We heard reports from our Rector, Thack Dyson, our staff members, Elizabeth Faust, Hali Nestande, Christopher Conger, and David Kielek. Terri McMillan gave the financial report for Mike Sirmon, Church Treasurer. Additional reports were given by leaders of the parish, including the Senior Warden, Tom Walker, Junior Warden, Joe Cook, Thrift Shop Manager, Kathy Mallory and Garden of the Resurrection board member, Liz Cobb.

At this year's meeting four people were elected to serve on the vestry and five delegates and an alternate to serve at the 2027 Diocesan Convention in February. The four newly elected vestry persons are Gaye Wilson, Rhonda Jones, Mike Koepp and Clay Rankin. The newly elected delegates to the Diocesan Convention are Rhonda Jones, Terri McMillan, Michael Quinn, Tom Walker and Matt Thomason. Richard Foster was elected to serve as our alternate delegate.

Thank you to all the candidates who offered to stand for election and congratulations to those who were elected to serve.

We sincerely appreciate the four outgoing vestry persons, Judi Gulledge, Boyd Miller, Liston Jones and Elizabeth Thomason, for outstanding service to our parish.



Dear Saint Paul's,

The time of our Nativity event is here. Each time the parish prepares for this event, it warrants stepping out in faith and trusting that God will send Nativities to display plus the assistance required to prepare and execute. Thank you to those who have already signed up for this year's event. Details are falling into place beautifully!

To make this a special blessing, there are three opportunities for you:

1. You can invite someone to come. Beautiful cards have been printed. Giving one to someone serves as a personal invitation. You might be surprised how God uses that small act of kindness as a blessing for you both.

2. If you have a Nativity to display, please bring it to the Howard Wilson Life Center on November 29th between 9:00-3:00. You must have a registration form filled out with the history or story for EACH Nativity. These are available in the narthex of the church or ask Rebecca Dyson for one. This information you provide about your Nativity is printed in our guide book given to each visitor. If your Nativity is used, you must be present on December 6th at 3:00 to pack and take it. If you are unable to come, make arrangements for someone else to pack and pick it up for you.

3. Can you help David and the men's group set up the Howard Wilson Life Center on Saturday, November 28 from 9:00-12:00? Setting up tables and bringing crates and risers from the basement demands many hands. The life-sized wooden stable must also be built. Dismantling and moving the many props is another opportunity on Sunday December 6th at 3:30.

If you can help in any of these ways, it would be greatly appreciated! Thank you for your support and prayers.

Daughters of the King
Quiet Day
December 12, 2026

The Daughters of the King here at St. Paul's are excited to announce our Advent Quiet Day to be held here at our parish on Saturday, December 12 from 9:00 am-2 pm. We are inviting all of the women at St. Paul's to attend this spiritual offering as we ready ourselves for Christmas.

We will also be hosting the Diocesan DOK chapters for our Quiet Day and they will conclude their time here that day with their Fall Assembly business meeting and officer election after the Quiet Day. We are delighted that we can have these two events together.

Judith+, our chaplain, has arranged for Sisters Madeleine Mary from the Community of St. Mary, Sewanee to be our Quiet Day speaker. Her community is a Benedictine order, and Sr. Madeleine Mary will be helping us deepen our understanding of how we can live into a rhythm of prayer and service not only as individuals, but also as a faith community.

Sister Madeleine Mary comes to us as a seasoned retreat leader, spiritual director, environmental activist, ecumenical proponent, former Reverend Mother, Prioress, Formation Director, and a monastic for over 50 years. She holds an MDiv from the School of Theology, Sewanee. She will be accompanied by Sister Felicity who will be bringing some of the handmade items the sisters make and sell in their gift shop.

Our Daughters of the King here at St. Paul's hope many of you will join us for this Advent Quiet Day on Saturday, December 12. It will begin at 9:00 am, will include Eucharist, and will conclude with lunch, ending by 2 pm.

REGISTRATION FORM:
(YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER TO ATTEND QUIET DAY)

Where: Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Daphne, Alabama

28788 N Main St, Daphne, AL 36526

When: Saturday, December 12, 8:45 AM to 3:00 PM

Cost: $15 check, money order, or cash (to cover lunch from Chicken Salad Chick along with other costs) Checks made out to **Order of the Daughters of the King.**

Speaker: The Quiet Day reflections will be led by Sr. Madeleine Mary, CSM, of the Community of Saint Mary, Sewanee. She will speak on the Benedictine Rhythm of Life as it relates to the DOK commitment to prayer and service.

Registration due: **Friday, December 4**

Name:

Email:

Chapter (or DAL):

Church:

Lunch: Vegetarian or Chicken (Circle or highlight one choice)

Are you a member of the Order? Yes No

Please mail this registration form and check to Elizabeth MacWhinnie at 3238 Moss Point Ln, Cantonment, FL 32533. Or email to Elizabeth at biddyboop@gmail.com and bring payment to event.

Search Committee

With Thack announcing his retirement in July 2027 the process to find a new rector has begun. The Vestry met with Ashley Freeman who has given us guidelines to follow as we navigate our search.

Ashley Freeman is Canon to the Ordinary and Missioner for Discernment for the diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. Ashley works at the Duvall Center, office of Bishop Russell and staff, but is available to travel within the diocese when and where he is needed.

The Senior Warden (Tom Walker) and Junior Warden (Joe Cook) of the Vestry have chosen Michael Quinn to be the Chairman of the Search Committee. We appreciate Michael accepting this task. We ask for your prayers that these church leaders will do the work that needs to be done to get this mission accomplished.

The next step in the process is to select St. Paul's Church parishioners to be members of the Search Committee. Vestry members and their spouses are not eligible, nor are employees of St. Paul's Church.

Characteristics of an ideal committee member:

- Is a person of prayer and faithful living.
- Member in good standing who is faithful in regular attendance at worship.
- Has served in leadership capacities in various ministries at the church.
- Has financially pledged or given regularly to the mission of the church.
- Can collaborate with others in decision making and be part of consensus decision making.
- Has demonstrated mature commitment to the vision, mission, and values of the church.
- Has demonstrated the wisdom and capacity to hold in confidence sensitive information.
- Can commit to attendance at frequent meetings for a period of 12-18 months.
- Can travel on weekends to visit prospective candidate's churches.
- Willing to perform tasks as determined by the committee including some written work.
- Will commit to the work of this group and be accountable for assigned responsibilities.

If you would like for your name to be considered as a member of the Search Committee, please submit a short bio along with a reason or reasons that qualify you to be on the Search Committee. All of the submissions will be kept confidential.

Please submit these items to Tom Walker's email (twalker818@yahoo.com). The deadline for these submissions will be December 20, 2026. No late emails will be accepted.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ST. PAUL'S HAS A PRESCHOOL...

In the fall of 2026, St Paul's Preschool began it's 31st year of outreach ministry to young children and their families in this community. This school year, the program has 30 children enrolled, representing 26 families and 4 of those families attend St. Paul's regularly. The goal of the preschool is to offer excellent early childhood experiences within a loving, supportive, and Christian environment to our parish and community. The preschool provides 4 classroom hours from 9am - 1pm with extended operating hours to include before school care from 7-9 am and aftercare from 1-5:30pm to meet the needs of working parents. The preschool board supports the ongoing work of St. Paul's Preschool and employs a dedicated staff consisting of three teachers: Macie Gilmore, Lila Hearn, and Charlotte Patterson, along with Director, Elizabeth Faust, and Aftercare Assistants, Lila Hearn, and Georgia McKenna. Each school day the excitement and energy generated by this amazing group surges throughout McCann Hall!

The preschool is non-profit and operates on a separate budget from the church budget. The fees and tuition collected, plus fundraisers help to provide for payroll, resources, supplies, maintenance, utilities, field trips, outdoor and classroom equipment. The budget is very tight and limited so any donations would be very helpful and appreciated. Donations can be made to the church and marked for the preschool.

The preschool is so grateful for the support it receives from the parents, St. Paul's Thrift Shop, Father Thack, St. Paul's Church and the St. Paul's Vestry, St. Paul's Men's Group, and other gracious friends. This school year, the St. Paul's Men's Group made our dreams of a grassy play area come true, which has drastically reduced the amount of flood water entering the building from the playground, and repaired rotten posts on the breezeway. The prayers and gifts, as well as the donation of time and talents, offered by so many allow St. Paul's Preschool to continue reaching out to young children and their families in this place.



2026 Contributions and Pledge Payments

Reminder: All contributions must be received by December 31, or if mailed POSTMARKED by MIDNIGHT on December 31, 2026 to be posted for 2026 contributions. If you are considering a stock donation - it takes at least 2 weeks to process the sale and have funds delivered to the church. To get 2026 credit for your donation the transaction must be completed, the stock sold and St. Paul's must receive the funds by December 31, 2026 to post to your account. Annual Contribution statements will be mailed to you by mid January 2027. Please check your contribution statement and notify the church if any changes need to be made.

Thank you for your generosity and support to St. Paul's and our ministries!



St. Paul's Thrift Shop

A Ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church Since 1977

We're Hiring!

Paid Staff Position

St. Paul's Thrift Shop is seeking a dependable individual to join our team!

Competitive pay and up to 30 hours per week.

Primary duties will be outside receiving donations and helping move furniture.

If you enjoy working with people and being part of a ministry that serves others, we would love to hear from you!

Happy Birthday!



Congratulations to our staff members and volunteers celebrating birthdays in November!

Truett Harris
Laurie Simpson
Debi McClary
Gayle Robinson
Tim Op't Holt
Roxanna Carpenter
Patty Nelson
Viviene Wood

We appreciate the time, talents, and dedication each of you brings to our Thrift Shop family. Wishing you a wonderful birthday and a year filled with blessings!

Gift Cards Available!



Looking for a thoughtful gift that's a little different?

St. Paul's Thrift Shop Gift Cards make wonderful gifts for friends, family, teachers, and anyone who enjoys discovering unique treasures!

Give the gift of shopping while supporting a ministry that gives back to our community.

Thank You for Your Donations!



A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who has donated gently used housewares and home décor. Your generosity helps keep our shelves stocked and our ministry thriving!

We Need More!

We continue to have a special need for clean, gently used furniture, kitchenware, dishes, lamps, decorative accessories, artwork, pillows, throws, and other home décor items.

Store Hours:

Tuesday – Friday
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Saturday
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Volunteer Reminder

Our Christmas lunch is Dec 11 at noon in the shop. Bring something to share!

"Giving our hands to serve and our hearts to love."

St. Paul's Howard Wilson Life Center

The 2026 PorkFest was a resounding success! After staging in the Howard Wilson Life Center kitchen on Thursday evening, November 19th, our excellent team of volunteers coated the 26 cases of high-quality pork with excellent rub. They were then stored in coolers overnight. Early the next (Friday) morning, they were placed on four large smokers set up in the grassy area just south of the church, adjacent to Main Street. The butts smoked all day until, around 5:30 started to get pulled off, replaced in the cleaned coolers and stored back in the Life Center kitchen. Saturday was distribution day, with people coming by the Life Center parking lot to claim their delicious butts. Many also enjoyed pulled pork sandwiches prepared by Tim Michael and Marc Silliman. As always, the PorkFest was a labor of love, raising funds for various men's group projects. The camaraderie and fellowship among the volunteers was excellent. I hope you were able to enjoy the porky fruits of the men's labors, and a great big thank you to all our volunteers is in order. Remember to get your tickets early next year, as we had a sellout with several people expressing interest in wanting to purchase additional butts.

Just a reminder that the Exceptional Foundation is off this week for Thanksgiving break. They will return on Monday, November 30th.

Upward Basketball 2026-27 has begun! We are in our 21st year serving 3rd-7th grade boys and girls with a high-quality program designed to teach our participants multiple life lessons, about basketball yes, but even more importantly bringing them to Christ, and hopefully showing, through example, how to be better Christians.

Don't forget Come and Behold Him; we will be starting our setup next week; if you would like to volunteer for this wonderful event, please give myself or Tom Walker a call. There's plenty to do for anyone who wants to help.

This year's drive-through Nativity is approaching fast as well; it is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 20th. Volunteers are also always welcomed as this is a labor-intensive event. If you would like to help please contact our youth minister Hali Nestande.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving! God has blessed us abundantly this year, as every year. Be safe on the roads and don't eat too much turkey!

From the Howard Wilson Life Center

David Kielek, Sexton

A Message from Your Senior Warden, Tom Walker

As Advent is here and Christmas approaches, we want to take a moment to show our deep appreciation for Thack and the church staff who work tirelessly throughout the year to support our church and all its associated outreach programs. Their commitment and love make our church a welcoming and nurturing place for all.

If you would like to contribute to this Christmas fund please drop a check (marked staff Christmas gift) in the offering bowl on Sunday, mail a check to the church (28788 North Main St., Daphne, AL 36526) or come by the church office to make a donation (cash, credit cards or check accepted). Any donation, big or small, will be warmly received and greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Tom Walker



2026 Christmas Flowers and Greenery

To contribute toward the Christmas Flowers and Greenery which will decorate the church on Christmas Eve and Christmas, please complete this form and return it to the church office with your payment of **$30.00** each. Due to printing deadlines we must have your order in the office by **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11th.**

Please complete this information to be printed in the Christmas bulletin inserts:

1. Given to the glory of God in memory of/ in honor of/in celebration of/ in thanksgiving for:

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by_____

2. Given to the glory of God in memory of/ in honor of/in celebration of/ in thanksgiving for:

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by_____

3. Given to the glory of God in memory of/ in honor of/in celebration of/ in thanksgiving for:

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by_____

Check # _____ for $_____ is enclosed.

Name and daytime phone # of donor:

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Greetings fellow Parishioners!

First, thank you all so much for the kind words and positive support of the choir. It means a great deal to us.!! We work very hard to provide you with music that is meant to add to your worship experience.

So, we are heading into a very busy season for the church and the Parish Choir. Please join us for all the wonderful celebrations and worship coming up!

There will be a service on Thanksgiving Eve at 6:00PM. Please join us for a thankful service.

The choir will offer Advent Lessons and Carols at both services on Dec. 6th. Please come and add to your Advent worship as we prepare for the celebration of the coming of Jesus.

On Dec. 20th some of the choir will be singing carols at the Drive Through Live Nativity. Anyone who would like is welcome to join us. The carols will be simple ones that you all know and love! We also have a lot of fun!!!

On Christmas Eve the choir will sing at both services. Preludes will begin at 5:30 PM and 10:30 PM and the services start at 6:00 and 11:00. Please join us for one of these services as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!

And as always, if you are interested in adding your voice to the choir, you are welcome! We have rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. And we meet to warm up and polish our music at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.
Come make a joyful noise with us!

Happy Thanksgiving!

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE:

- Thursday, December 24 - 5:30 pm - Christmas Eve Service with Children's Pageant. Service begins at 6 pm
- Thursday, December 24 - 10:30 pm - Christmas Eve Midnight Service, Service begins at 11 pm
- Friday, December 25 - 10:00 am - Christmas Day Service
- Sunday, December 27 - 8:00 & 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist - 1 Christmas
- Monday, December 28 - Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday
- Tuesday, December 29 - Church Office Closed
- Wednesday, December 30 - Noon - Healing Service with the Holy Eucharist
- Thursday, December 31 Church Office Closes at 11:30 am
- Friday, January 1, Church Office Closed for New Year's Day Holiday
- Sunday, January 3 - 8:00 & 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist - 2 Christmas
- Wednesday, January 6 - Noon - Healing Service with the Holy Eucharist
- Wednesday, January 6 - 6 pm - The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ Holy Eucharist

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 am
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

Church Office Hours

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

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

St. Paul's Thrift Shop
Tuesday - Friday
9:00 am -- 3:00 pm

Saturday
10:00 -- 3:00 pm

Donations Accepted:
Thursday - Friday
9:00 am -- 3:00 pm

Saturday
10:00 am -- 3:00 pm
251-626-6102

St. Paul's Preschool
251-626-2774

BIBLE STUDIES

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

Wednesday
Adult Bible Study
Malone Hall
10:30 am
Everyone Welcome!

Great Wednesday
6:00 pm
Malone Hall

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult
9:15 am
in Conference Room A

Youth
9:15 am
5th - 12th Grades
in the Underground

Sunday Children's Chapel
8 a.m. and 10:30 am
in Children's Chapel
K-5th Grades

St. Paul's Vestry 2026-2029

Terms Ending

December 31, 2026
Joe Cook, Jr. Warden
Judi Gulledge
Liston Jones
Boyd Miller

December 31, 2027
Richard Foster
Donna Nolte
Marty Ollinger
John Sharp

December 31, 2028
Robert Jernigan
Elizabeth Thomason
Mike Turnipseed
Tom Walker, Sr. Warden

December 31, 2029
Rhonda Jones
Mike Koepp
Clay Rankin
Gaye Wilson

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Martha Lathan
Clerk of the Vestry

Mike Sirmon
Treasurer

Michael Quinn
Finance Committee

Clergy
The Rev. Thack H. Dyson
Rector
The Rev. Judith Comer
Priest Associate
The Rev. S. Albert Kennington
Priest Associate

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

December 2026 DATE	12/6/2026	12/13/2026	12/20/2026	12/24/2026 CHRISTMAS EVE	12/27/2026
TIME	**8AM**	**8AM**	**8AM**	**6PM**	**8AM**
Verger	Tina Erickson	Susan Hurst	Tina Erickson	John Sharp	Susan Hurst
Chalice	Bob Wakeman	Joe Cook	Elizabeth Thomason	Matt Thomason Elizabeth Thomason	Tim McTaggart
Chalice	Elizabeth Kaye	Court Hurst	Matt Thomason	Janet Norman	Leah McTaggart
Lector-Scripture	Linda McDowell	Bill Carr	Martha Lathan	Brett Nestande	Brett Nestande
Lector-Prayers	Sarah Beth Walker	Megrez Rudolf	Wayne Davis	Sue Ann Turnipseed	Bella Forrest
Server-Crucifer	Hali Nestande	Anne Collins Daniel	Anna Thomason	Mary Claire McTaggart	Emma McTaggart
Torch	Paul Thomason		Astrid Wetzel		
Torch	Conor Dimoff		Delia Wetzel		
Usher	Tim Michael	Davis Daniel	Josh Bond	David Kielek	David Kielek
Usher	Brad Hare	Gaye Wilson	Gary Lathan	Davis Daniel	Jim Jackson
Vestry	Joe Cook	Judi Gulledge	Elizabeth Thomason	John Sharp	Liston Jones
TIME	**10:30AM**	**10:30AM**	**10:30AM**	**11 PM**	**10:30AM**
Verger	Richard Foster	John Sharp	Judy Hale	Richard Foster	Donna Nolte
Chalice	Heather Barnard	Jamie Jernigan	John Sharp	Janet Norman	Becky Costlow
Chalice	Edith Henry	Robert Jernigan	Allen Simpson	Richard Foster	Clay Rankin
Chalice	Hayleigh Hamilton	Janet Norman	Jim Rivers		Richard Foster
Lector-Scripture	Vonnie Foreman	Albert Nennington	Betsy Leslie	Brett Nestande	Donna Nolte
Lector-Prayers	Arthur Oken	Robert Jernigan	Sue Ann Turnipseed	Bella Forrest	Kay Taylor
Server	Leah Hamilton	Olivia Jernigan	Mia Stephens	Mia Stephens	Lee Herrington
Crucifer	Allison Hamilton	Caroline Jernigan	Noah Pino	Mia Stephens	Leah Hamilton
Torch	Lily Wilson	Lucas Hoeb-Root	Lila Sharp		Dylan Loes
Torch	Vada Evans	Will Carico	Lilah Delgado		Kyle Loes
Usher	Mike Koepp	Bob Hoeb	Doug Stephens	Tom Walker	Dean Mosher
Usher	Diane Watson	Michael Taylor	Beverly Koepp	Meredith Portman	Meredith Portman
Usher	Shawn Alves	Dolores Jones	Phyllis Bruce	Doug Stephens	Coleman Wood
Vestry	Boyd Miller	John Sharp	Tom Walker	Marty Ollinger	Marty Ollinger
Altar Guild	Karen Thomason Holly Alves	Elizabeth Kaye Becky Spann	Freda McDonald Valerie Stickney	Anna Thomason	Elizabeth Thomason
Flower Guild	Sue Cody	Emily Rasinen	Phyllis Bruce	Christmas Eve	Refresh Christmas

If you are unable to serve on the appointed date, please find a replacement and then notify the verger, church office, and Tom Walker, giving them the name of your replacement.

	12/25/2026
	Christmas Day 10AM
Verger	Susan Hurst
Lector	Bella Forrest
Crucifer/Server	David Chavers
Chalice	Court Hurst
Chalice	Heather Barnard
Usher	Matt Thomason
Usher	David Kielek
Vestry	Elizabeth Thomason

Prayer Requests

Immediate Prayer Requests:

Becky Anthony, Ray Bing, Donna Brown, Jeff Brown, Tommy Burnett, Frances Coleman, Deanna Cook, Faith Cornett, Jody Davis, Wayne Davis, Jeanne Evans, Patrick Foster, Laura Ann Gibson, Glenda Gravley, Toni Gray, Jim Gulledge, Sharon Hoiles, Carl Hucke, Dave Johnson, Leslie Johnson, Susan Johnson, Thomas Kielek, Tracie Knight, Beverly Koepp, Pat Lieb, Marty Likos, Barry Longworth, Donelle McBride, Cecelia McCafferty, Michael McCollum, Leigh McKibbon, Bob McKnight, Marcie Morrow, Dorothy Moore, Lainey Owen, Cindy Patterson, The Rich Family, Phyllis and Stephen Schneider, Marie Schriener, Michael Schwarte, David Robert Scott, Avos Stickney, Cleighton Strickland, Karen Thomason, Nancy Walker, Julia Warren, Richard Weaver

Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Bobby Acosta, Christopher Blackwell, Betty Borroni, Dakota Burchett, Pat Cannon, Ana Maria Carrera, Janice Clifford, Jim Clifford, Jennifer Conner, Margie Cowart, Suzanne Damour, Tom Davidson, Nancy Dziubakowski, Sylvia Forbes, Dee Grantham, Kay Hardin, Terri Hare, Hannah Harper, Richard Hatchett, Eddie Hill, Susan Hill, Jossie Hurst, Shari Hyde, Shannon Kern, Alexander Kielek, Neil Magruder, Leigh Marsh, Angela Mason, Buddy Morrow, Bo Nichols, Sonny Nichols, Sam Pace, Mary Pace, Sara Patton, Janet Penry, Judy Reeves, Mary Rudolf, Marilyn Russell, Jesse Rutherford, Larry Rutherford, Kem Rudledge, Stephanie Sanchez, Pat Schlimmer, Marie Schreiner, Cathy Slagle, Ken & Genette Stephens, Vicki Thompson, Anna & Bill Waid, Ken Wallis, Bob & Beth Wickwire, Andy Wilson, Kern & Mary Wilson

For the Departed: Mary Haston Vest

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, Steven Grey, Matthew Harris, Adam Harrison, Rusty Henry, Karen Hubley, Walker Jackson, Jake Jerome, Matt Jones, Harrison Key, Daniel Lambert, Chris Lessard, Jackson May, Bryan Quinn, Holden Quinn, Madie Quinn, Neil Quinn, Justin Ramsey, Neil Sevelius, Michael Strohlein, Dan Strohlein, Aiden Walker, Brad Yonkers

For Those with Birthdays:

November 1-31: (01) Joe Cook, Mike Dasinger, (03) LeeAnn Collins, MacLain Rigdon, Grace Sanford, Ivy Wilson, (04) Brian Robicheaux, (05) Ana Maria Carrera, (06) Virginia Michaels, Bella Forrest, (07) Steve Lovell, Hayleigh Hamilton, (08) Jayne Sharp, Robert Edward Daniel, (09) Jennifer Conner, Bernell Dorrough, (10) Lynn Martin, Delia Wetzel, (12) Bud Wallace, Marian Harris, (14) Frances Clark, (15) Liz Cobb, (16) Pam Carlson, Laurie Simpson, Stefanie Patterson, (17) Bobbi Sue Ross, Camille Stephens, Tracy Godwin, (18) Elizabeth Kennington, Samuel Sanford, (19) Alicia Spencer, Davis Daniel, Bonnie Hindman, (20) Debi McClary, Megrez Rudolf, Luis Briones, William Erickson, (21) Julia Hobbs, Megan Dimoff, (22) Mary Ann Hampton, (23) Gayle Robinson, Nancy Walker, (25) Tim Op't Holt, (26) Vivian Rigby, (28) Ross Hobbs, Erika Mitchell, (30) Anne Smith, Susanne Johnson

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