

Happy Advent and Christmas Message to St. Paul's, Batesville

Beloved in Christ at St. Paul's,

Grace and peace to you in this holy season of Advent and Christmas. As we await the coming of our Savior with hope and joy, I give thanks for the light that already shines among you, the light of Christ made manifest in your worship, fellowship, and witness.

This season reminds us that God's love breaks into the world in unexpected ways, renewing our hearts and calling us to walk together in faith. As I prepare to join you as your rector in the new year 2026, I rejoice in the promise of what God is doing through St. Paul's family. I look forward to sharing in your life of prayer, service, and celebration, and to discerning together how Christ's light may shine ever more brightly in Batesville and beyond.

As St. Paul's Batesville family, I pray that you embrace this season with open hearts. May your worship be filled with song and silence, with scripture and story, with prayers that lift up both your joys and your sorrows. May your homes and your lives reflect the light of Christ, shining with compassion and generosity.

This Advent and Christmas, I invite you to join in the rhythm of waiting and rejoicing. Come to the table, come to the manger, come to the community of faith where God's love is made known. Together, let us proclaim the good news: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

May the coming of the Christ Child fill your homes with peace, your hearts with joy, and your community with hope. I hold you in prayer during this blessed season and eagerly anticipate the journey we will begin together in the new year.

Happy blessed Advent and Merry Christmas to you all.

In Christ's love,

Carolynne

Incoming Rector.