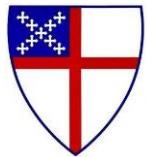


# Grace to You and Peace

## St. Paul's Episcopal Church



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## Epiphany

**We will celebrate Epiphany on January 6 at 5:30 with Evening Prayer in the chapel.**





# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH<sup>®</sup> IN MISSISSIPPI

THE RT. REV. BRIAN R. SEAGE  
*Bishop*

December 27, 2022

Dear Friends,

Serving in the Diocese of Mississippi is an amazing blessing. Whether serving as Bishop or parish priest you filled me with your love while faithfully being the Body of Christ. As a Diocese, we've weathered many storms including a life changing pandemic. Thank you for your faith and perseverance throughout. Personally, you saw me through the death of both parents. Your generous prayers and outreach during that time meant so much.

I remain grateful for the ministry we practice and the ways we are adapting to meet the challenges in front of us. Incredible change has enveloped the church since I entered ordained ministry in 1997. My first church didn't have a website, mobile phone or even an email address. Today, we livestream services and communicate using video platforms! All around us life looks and feels different. I believe God is giving us an Easter moment with beautiful possibilities and profound hope.

At the end of October, I wrote to announce the acceptance of a new call by my wife, the Rev. Kyle Seage, at St. Stephen's Church in Belvedere, CA. It was also announced that I would begin the process of wrapping up my ministry as your Bishop. With this letter, I am formally calling for the election of my successor, the 11th Bishop of Mississippi.

Our Standing Committee and the Presiding Bishop's Office for Pastoral Development have met and are working on the next steps of a search process to elect the next Bishop of Mississippi. They look forward to sharing a timeline and further information as soon as possible. It is estimated that it will likely take 18 or more months to complete the search and ordain the new Bishop.

When I was elected in 2014, I accepted saying, "I accept this call that you extend as the Body of Christ on behalf of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." You have been a vibrant and loving example of the body of Christ throughout my time. I am grateful for your patience, support, and love. This time of transition will not be a "lame duck" session in our ministry. The work of solidifying programs and initiatives is incredibly important and still in front of us. I look forward to working with you as we prepare the table for the next Bishop.

Peace be with you,  
  
Brian

BRS:pj

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## *From the Sr. Warden*

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St. Paul's finished our year with magnificent services and sounds. The Christmas Pageant, with more than 30 children, thanks to Deacon Pam Rhea and her helpers, was a huge success. Lessons and Carols was attended by parishioners and many others to enjoy the service which Ellen and our choir worked so hard to prepare. Amazing effort! Both Christmas Eve and then Christmas morning in the chapel were well attended. The church looked beautiful thanks to Charon Hardy and Beth Callaway and Altar Guild. Many thanks to all involved.

A new format for readers, acolytes, LEMs, and ushers is being put into place. Each team will have a specific leader. Each team will be given directions to sign up online for a date that is convenient to you to serve. A more detailed description will follow.

There will be, in the month of January, Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:30 in the church with Deacon Pam officiating. Exceptions are Sunday, January 1, with one service at 9:30 in the chapel; and the last Sunday of the month, January 29, with Morning prayer at both services due to the Annual Council.

No breakfast during January due to kitchen remodeling. Vestry will meet at 5:30 on January 16. Our Annual Meeting will be in the Parish Hall between services at 9:00 on January 22. We will vote to amend the bylaws, vote on new Vestry members, delegates for the 2024 Council, and hear various reports.

A Search Committee for our new priest was selected by the Vestry at our December meeting. Those selected, and willing to serve, are Shaula Hailey, Robert Ivy, Will Sanders, John Brady, Matt Legg, Martha Kirkley, and Katie Windham. When the group meets after the first of the year, they will select a chairman. Fr. Josh Shipman of Corinth will be our diocesan reference and advisor during the transition period. A parish survey will be sent out shortly to get your opinions, thoughts, and questions about qualities you desire in our new priest.

This is a time for St. Paul's to unite and work together. My prayer, going forward, is to leave negativity and criticisms in 2022 and continue the amazing feeling so many expressed after Lessons and Carols...that "St. Paul's is BACK!"

Happy New Year!

Marian Hazard, Sr Warden

## **SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES**

### **The Work of Christmas**

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among others,  
To make music in the heart.

+ Howard Thurman

8:00 am—Eucharist

10:30 pm— Eucharist

All services are recorded and  
may be found online at

[https://stpaulscolumbus.dioms.org/  
Sermons/sermons.html](https://stpaulscolumbus.dioms.org/Sermons/sermons.html)

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# Parish News

## Outreach for January



We will collect diapers this January in honor of Mary and Joseph, who only had swaddling bands for Jesus. All sizes of diapers are needed. Please place your contribution in the shopping cart in the hallway outside the church office.

## Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes needs **30 - 35** packages of Bear Creek Soup to serve one meal. There is an **urgent need** for **Vegetable Beef Soup** and **Minestrone Soup**. Your assistance is needed as we continue our mission to help feed those in need. To volunteer, contact Ann Sparkman at **662.328.2133**.

St. Paul's serving days are **January 9 and 11**. St. Paul's served 291 lunches during December.

## St. Paul the Apostle

We will celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle with Evening Prayer in the Chapel on **January 25 at 5:30**.



## Annual Meeting

St. Paul's Annual Meeting for 2023 is scheduled for **January 22, 2023, at 9:00**.

## Diocesan Council

The 196th Annual Council of the Mississippi Episcopal Diocese will be held **January 27 – 29, 2023**, in Natchez at the Natchez Convention Center.

## Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee has recommended the following for consideration by the parish for senior warden and vestry: Tom Whitaker, senior warden; John Davis, Becky Scott, and Ralph Winton, vestry. Biographies of nominees were published in the December newsletter.

## Men's Group

Our Men's Group needs hosts for the next meeting, which will be held in **February 2023**. The duties of the hosts include providing the main dish for the meal; volunteers will assist by providing sides, desserts, and drinks. Please contact Will Sanders or Quinn Brislin with any questions.

## Music News

Thank you to all who worked to provide us with lovely music during Advent and Christmas. We appreciate all who share their musical talents with us!

## Preschool News

Due to the generosity of the parish and our preschool parents, we collected **\$2425** for gift cards for our preschool staff. Thank you so much!

## February Newsletter

The deadline for submissions for the February edition of the newsletter is January 26, 2023. Please email your information to [officeadmin@stpaulscolumbus.com](mailto:officeadmin@stpaulscolumbus.com).

# January Observances

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## *Birthdays*

3	Edwina Williams
4	John Crowell
	Ellen Hawkins
	Jesse Sparkman
5	Vana Brislin
	Mary Ellen Sumrall
6	Dawn Barham
7	Margaret Mauldin
8	Andy Mayberry
	Kirby Smith
9	Tom Whitaker
11	Dan Bryan
	Sheri Lipsey
13	Laurel Yarborough
14	Jeannie Cofer
16	Robert Whitaker
	Nan Wycoff
19	Harriet Doyel
	Ann Sparkman
21	Matt Legg
22	Cindy Rood
26	Mary Lee
27	Paul Bolton
28	Mary Frances Brady
	Eric Dawson
30	Al Benglen
	Karen Frye
	Teresa Searcy

## *Anniversaries*

6	Jerry and Kathy Hodson
22	Eddie and Janice Mauck
28	Bill and Annis Cox



# Intercessions

Family of Katherine Horton	Jean Floore	Vernon Gregory
Pam Sams	Pat Jones Kinder	Steele Family
Sue Hunt	Axel Durr	Teen Stallworth deRoode
Tommy Tate	Bobby	John Simpson
Randy Jones	Family of Colby Waldon	Matt and Alice Parker
David and Sarah Lee	Lynne Rosamond	Rusty Holleman
The W.B. and Hazel Russell Family	Chip Billups	Patsy McDaniel
Joe Smith and Family	Rose Loftis	Bruce Howell
Doug Crowe	The Kemp Family	Juanita Trimuel
Mary Clopton	Peggy Gentry	Wink Wright
Dalana Chandler and family	Richard Thomas	George Richards
Carole Moss	John David Hardy	Kim Sanders
Brittani Devore	Jacob Davis	Nancy Smith
David Pridmore	Jan Ballard	Mallory Caissie
Herb Blakeney	Beth Rice	Allison Whitaker
Dave White and family	Samantha Turner	Dot Breland
Sherri Fairley and family	Paulette Frank	Eddie Mauck
Anna Myers Bolton	Linda Horn	Emily Hayden
Ann and Jesse Sparkman	Kevin Alexander	Eugene Blaine and Family
Katharine McClanahan	Linda G.	Jamie McCollum
Harriet and Cleatus Doyel	Tammie Damron Dolan family	Martha
Carmen and BJ Montgomery	Faye Tabor	James and Ann Masinelli
Dan Waldrop	Betty Lou Jones	Jeana L. Whitacre
Sue Monesmith	Mollie Hamblin	John Barron
Taylor Fields and family	Valerie Gonzolaes	Lee Ann Dorn
Eric Niebuhr	Carole Knie	Brenda Caradine
Don Callaway	Kevin Hogan	<b>Nursing Home Residents:</b>
Gina Swartz	Sandra Mims	Trey Atkins
Carolyn Laster	Myra Rowzee	
Doug Phillips and family	Marquita Kirk and Yvonne Sanders	

We'll never forget your  
support and kindness  
shown to us during the  
Holidays.



Janine Foster

Carol H. Rice

Willa

Bethany

Jen Jen

Jazza Caldwell

Joromeia Monaz

Britney  
Turner

Chelsea  
Billups

St. Paul's School Staff

Victoria Woods

Love,

Angela Carter

Laurel Evans

Janet Hostatt

Urs Bette

## SPES Pictures

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# January 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 No Sunday School One Service – 9:30 in Chapel	2	3	4	5	6 Epiphany Service 5:30 in Chapel	7
8 Services at 8:00 and 10:30	9 Loaves and Fishes	10	11 Loaves and Fishes	12	13	14
15 Services at 8:00 and 10:30	16 Vestry 5:30	17	18	19	20	21
22 Services at 8:00 and 10:30 Annual Meeting at 9:00 in Parish Hall	23	24	25 Evening Prayer 5:30 in Chapel The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	26	27 Annual Council begins in Natchez	28 Annual Council
29 Morning Prayer at 8:00 and 10:30 Annual Council ends in Natchez	30	31				