

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

- “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

ANNUAL MEETING



**FEBRUARY 1st,
FOLLOWING
SERVICE IN
PARISH HALL**

Pray for the Church and the Body of Christ

The Daughters of the King are dedicated to supporting the prayer needs of St. Paul's. They are available in the west corner of sanctuary every Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for private prayer. You can also submit intentions in the prayer box in the narthex. To add names to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise renewed.

Please pray for: Suzanne Taylor, Amber Droll, Linda Massey

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Dinner Circles are being shuffled for the next four months (Feb thru May). If you would like to join a Dinner Circle and meet some of your fellow Parishioners please contact the Jr. Warden, Frank McKee.

2025-2026 APNET Events - Opportunities to join with other small Episcopal churches for ministry and mutual edification. Please consider participating. Rural Churches play a important role in the fabric of the communities they serve. They are the outposts of the rural mission field for the Gospel. Often times these small missions and parishes struggle to remain viable having limited resources and small numbers.

- **February 20-21** – APNET Conference

"Rose Garden Fund"

Donations are being accepted for maintenance to replace the landscape timbers around the rose garden. Your donations are deeply appreciated. Please write: "Rose Garden Fund" on your donation.—Jr. Warden

Tues., Feb. 17

To volunteer see Frank

St. Joseph's Guild



*Presents a
Shrove
Tuesday
Pancake
Supper!*

Wed., Feb. 18



Let today be the day you give up who you've been for you who can become.

Blessed Ash Wednesday

More Than Enough

Donate Digitally!

Open your phone's camera and aim it at this QR code. This will take you directly to our donation page at www.stpaulstx.org/giving where you can donate to our Giving Program.

Thank you for your support!



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Jesus Christ, *Head of the Church*
The Rt. Rev. Robert P. Price, *Bishop*
The Rev. Gary D. Hill, *Priest In Charge*
The Rev. Gordon Miltenberger, *Assisting Priest*
David Gish, *Music Director*
Cathy Hargrave, *Organist*

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026

Service Times at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

SUNDAY

10:30 am. HOLY EUCHARIST
11:45 am. FELLOWSHIP, CLARDY HALL

MONDAY

9:00 am. CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY

10:30 am. MORNING PRAYER II
6:00 pm. BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY

8:00 p.m. COMPLINE SERVICE (access St. Paul's Facebook Page)

This Sunday, February 1st

Lector/LEM: Matt Wolff
Acolyte: Jim Pence
Thurifer: Laurel Pence
Vestry Person of the Day: Elizabeth Porter, Frank McKee
Intercessory Prayer: Nancy Wyant
Tech Team: Director-Jeff Faunce; Titles-Jennifer Faunce; Audio-Brad Mathis; Cameras-Nick Stone Social Media-Georgianna Harrison

Next Sunday, February 8th

Lector/LEM: Jim Pence
Acolyte: Karen Smith
Thurifer: Laurel Pence
Vestry Person of the Day: Matt Wolff
Intercessory Prayer: Laurel Pence
Tech Team: Director-Jeff Faunce; Titles-Jennifer Faunce; Audio-Brad Mathis; Cameras-Nick Stone Social Media-Georgianna Harrison
Altar Guild: Laurel Pence, Nancy Wyant, Georgianna Harrison

Today's Stewardship Pearl

How appreciated, how glorified, it must make the Lord feel, when we use His gifts to make this world a little better!



Wherever, whenever, we volunteer our time and our talents, we are essentially thanking our Lord for such wonderful gifts!

So, find a way to use your gifts, time, talent, and treasure, here at church and in the community.

The rewards are far more than you ever expected! Surely, you know that!

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Word of God

Processional Hymn **Come Thou Almighty King** **H #635**
Opening Sentence BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis H #S280
Collect BCP 215

The Lessons BCP 84
The First Reading Micha 6:1-8
The Psalm Psalm 15
The Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel Hymn **Glorify Thy Name** **A3 #45**
Gospel **Matthew 5:1-12**

Sermon **The Rev. Gary D. Hill**

The Nicene Creed BCP 358
Prayers of the People (Form I) BCP 387
The Confession BCP 360
The Peace BCP 360
Announcements

The Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Eucharist.

Offertory Hymn **Lord I Lift Your Name** **A3 #10**
Lord Of All Hopefulness **H #482**

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) BCP 361
Sanctus H #S129
The Lord's Prayer BCP 364
Agnus Dei H #S157
The Presentation BCP 364

Communion Hymn **Alleluia 8 Fold** **A3 #6**
Amazing Grace **A3 #11**

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365
The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 366

Processional to the World **The Church Has One Foundation** **H #525**

BCP = Book of Common Prayer
H = Hymnbook (red)
A3 = Alleluia III (yellow)

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Micha 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Psalm

Psalm 15

Domine, quis habitabit?

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

