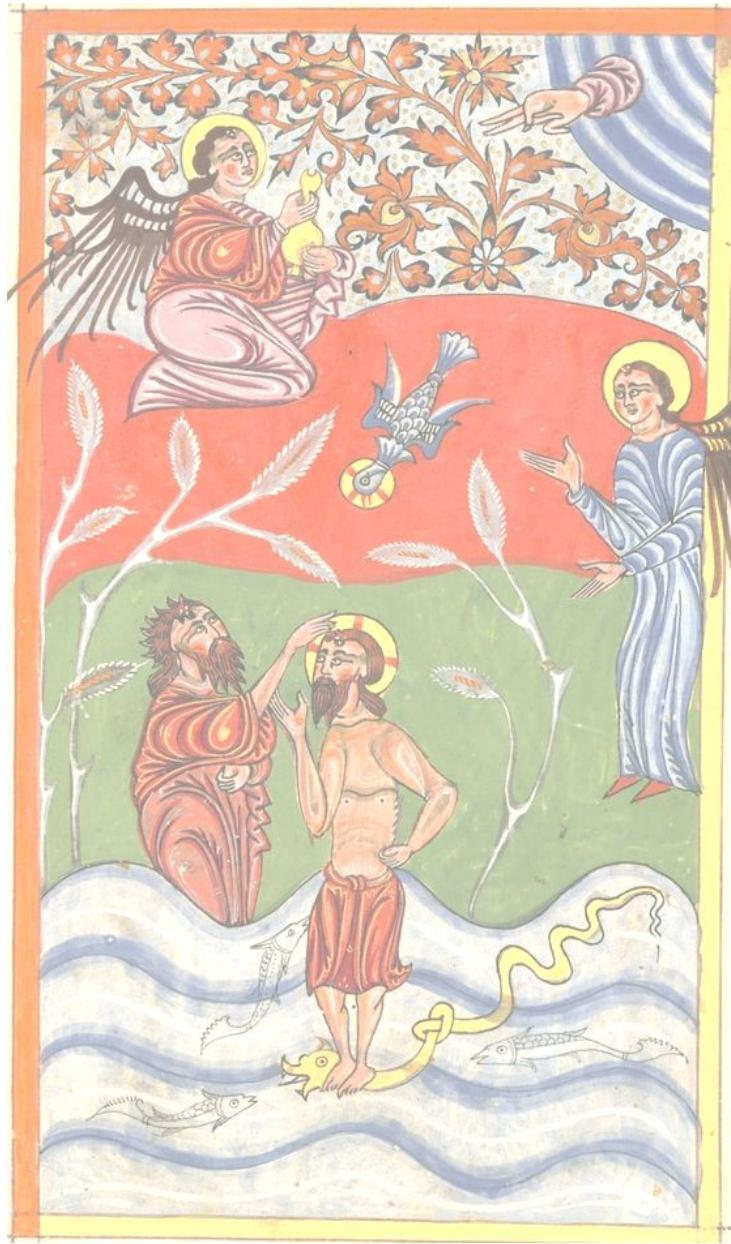


# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



## THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 9, 2022

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Holy Baptism

*OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.*

*WE WILL WELCOME ALL TO LIVE GOD'S MISSION, TEACH CHRIST'S LOVE AND  
TRANSFORM OUR COMMUNITY BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.*

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8 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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*Our worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).*

*We ask that you please wear a mask while in the building.*

*Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

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# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## 10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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*The hymns can be found in the blue 1982 Hymnal. Other hymns will be marked accordingly.*

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**Voluntary**

*Antiphonal V: How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou*

Marcel Dupré

**Processional Hymn 525**

*The Church's one foundation*

Aurelia

### THE WORD OF GOD

**The Acclamation and Response**

**BCP 299**

- Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People:** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.  
**Celebrant:** There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**People:** There is one hope if God's call to us.  
**Celebrant:** One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**People:** One God and Father of all.

**The Collect of the Day**

- Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** And also with you.  
**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

**The First Reading: Isaiah 43: 1-7**

- Reader:** A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

- Reader:** The Word of the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 29

### *Afferte Domino*

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
    ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;  
    worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
    the God of glory thunders;  
    the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
    the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
    the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
    and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
    the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
    the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
    and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord  
    all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
    the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
    the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

### The Epistle Reading: Acts 8: 14-17

**Reader:**       A reading from the Book of Acts

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Reader:**       The Word of the Lord.  
**People:**       Thanks be to God.

### Gradual Hymn 76

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

Winchester New

### The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**People:**       Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him

in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

**The Reverend Caleb J. Lee**

*This morning we welcome Corbin Davis Almonte into Christ's Church by Holy Baptism.*

## Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

**BCP 301**

## The Baptismal Covenant

**BCP 304**

## Prayers for the Candidate

**BCP 305**

## Procession to the Font

*Like the murmur of the dove's song*

Bridegroom

1. Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
Like the challenge of her flight,  
Like the vigor of the wind's rush,  
Like the new flame's eager might:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
2. To the members of Christ's body,  
To the branches of the vine,  
To the church in faith assembled,  
To her midst as gift and sign:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
3. With the healing of division,  
With the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
With the power to love and witness,  
With the peace beyond compare:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

## Thanksgiving over the Water

**BCP 306**

## The Baptism

**BCP 307**

## The Peace

## Announcements

## Offertory Anthem

*God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

Gerre Hancock

## Presentation Hymn

*Doxology with Alleluias*

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

**BCP 361**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.  
**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus and Benedictus S125**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **Fraction Anthem**

**Hymnal S154**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Celebrant:** The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Agnus Dei***O Lamb of God*

St. Botolph

O lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world  
 Have mercy on us, have mercy on us, and grant to us your peace.

**Communion of the People****Communion Hymn 304***I come with joy to meet my Lord*

Land of Rest

**Communion Hymn 516***Come down, O Love divine*

Down Ampney

**The Post Communion Prayer**

BCP 365

*The people stand or kneel.*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Blessing****Processional Hymn 690***Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

Cwm Rhondda

**The Dismissal****Celebrant:** Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of the newborn Christ.**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**Voluntary***Fugue in G major, S541*

J. S. Bach

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**Service Participants at 8:00 a.m.****Celebrant and Preacher**

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

**Server and Lector**

Merry Ann Wright

**Greeter/Usher**

Angela Green

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**Service Participants at 10:30 a.m.****Celebrant and Preacher**

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

**Verger**

Herb Gant

**Crucifer**

Cabe Lee

Hazel Lee

**Altar Server**

Jeffrey Hughes

**Gospel Book Bearer**

Carol Field

**Lectors**

Katie Rose Sanders-Park

Lindsay Joines

**Intercessor**

Dawn Wilson

**Greeters**

John and Denise Sheehan

**Ushers**

Brad Van Amberg, Beth Van Amberg

Kenny Harkness, Jane Harkness

Royster Hedgepeth

**Flower Guild**

Beth Richards

Marie Ashworth

**Altar Guild**

Cheryl Wagoner

Margaret Haughey

## ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

### In our parish

Earl Craig	Tammy Pollock
Fr. John Cawthorne	Lyle Sullivan
Anne Laudati	Pat Baker
Judy Farri	William Murphy
Joe Farri	Sherry Mulhollen
Alice Calder	Peggy McCaleb
Rus Kirk	Jenny DuBois
Larry Wright	Lynda Miller
Elaine Francis	Catherine Powell +

### People requesting prayer

Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti	Bryce Harrelson
Tammy Tilghman	Michael Justice
Sharon O'Rourke Berry	Ken Crawford
Richard O'Rourke	Gina Lewis
Glenda Snowa	Carol Findlay
Kim Brafford	Chervonne Miller
Velma Farrior	Ann & Rodney Strickland
Michelle Miller	Eugenia Gretz
Alice Meeks	Anna Humphrey
Wes Gubitz	

### For the departed

Helen Worthy

### About the Prayer List

Included in our prayers are the names of those for whom prayer has been requested by a parishioner or family member. The reason for being listed is kept confidential. If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list please reach out to Fr. Caleb Lee or make a prayer request online at our website, [www.spechurch.com](http://www.spechurch.com).

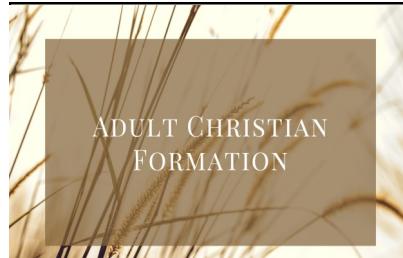
### Hospitalization or Pastoral Issues

Please notify us if you or a family member is hospitalized and/or in need of a pastoral call or visit. Please speak with Fr. Caleb or call the church office at 910-762-4578.

### Sharing Holy Communion

If illness prevents you or a loved one from joining us for regularly scheduled services, Fr. Caleb or a Lay Eucharistic Minister can share Holy Communion either in your home or at a health care facility. Please speak to Fr. Caleb or contact the church office at 910-762-4578.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S



### Today

Adult Ed:

A Rector's Forum  
What is this season of Epiphany, really?  
9:30-10:15 am in the Parish Hall



### Children's Sunday School

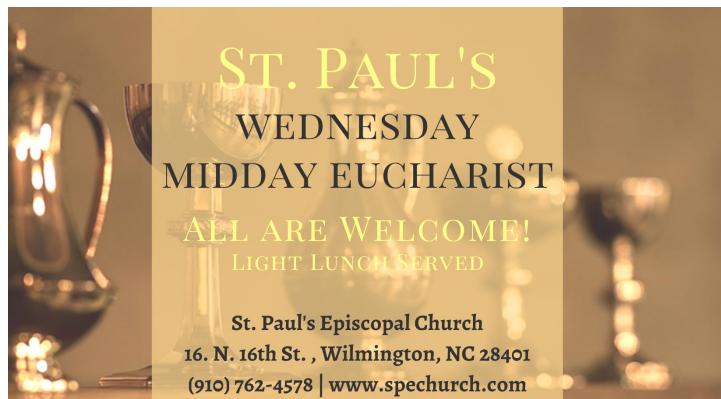
### Today

9:30-10:15 am ~ up the red stairs



### Today

9:30-10:15 am  
Parish Library  
6th grade and older



### Wednesday



### Thursday

## ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 23rd at 9:00 AM. We will thank our outgoing

Vestry members as well as elect four new ones for a three-year term. We will hear all about the good things happening at St. Paul's and more about Fr. Lee's vision for 2022 and beyond, as well as get a highly anticipated update from the Facilities Committee, including our architect Gray Hudson..

The Vestry Nominating Committee, consisting of the outgoing members of the vestry, is presenting the following members of the parish to stand for election: *Bill Anlyan, Chip Carter, Ashley Eason, and Anne O'Dell.* Any member of the parish may nominate additional qualified nominees, provided that the nomination is received by the Chair of the Nominating Committee (Joan Rosko Miller) at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

Child care will be available during the Parish Meeting.

The nursery will open at 9am for ages 0-4. K-5 will meet all together 9-10:15am for a special Sunday School event. Students in grade 6-12 are invited to attend the Parish Meeting with their parents, to learn more about how the church functions. If you have questions, please reach out to Martha Whitesides

[speckids@spechurch.com](mailto:speckids@spechurch.com).

### Sunday, January 23

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

9:00 AM Annual Meeting in the Church

10:30 AM Choral Eucharist for the Feast of the

Conversion of St. Paul

*Festive reception to follow*

### A New Year's Resolution:

To avoid setting off a false security alarm  
with the WPD:

If you unlock any of the outside doors, please don't forget to lock it before you leave.

*Thanks and a Happy New Year from Keith, the 2 Dons, and Spencer: your friendly 24/7 security alarm response team.*

### Calling all lovers of flower arranging!!

The Flower Guild needs your help. We would like to add your name to the Sunday schedule for altar flowers. If you feel that a little instruction would help you make up your mind please get in touch and that will be provided.

This call is for ladies AND gentleman.

Marie Ashworth

910-762-2051 [marie.ashworth@tvc.com](mailto:marie.ashworth@tvc.com)

### Happy New Year St. Paul's!

With sincere thanks and appreciation, we celebrate you, our beloved St. Paul's family. Your faith in God's abundant generosity and your support of the 2022 Annual Stewardship Campaign have been incredible.

As of December 31, 2021, we have received 139 pledges and raised \$484,728, exceeding last year's totals of 131 pledges equaling \$425,374. Thank you for your amazing generosity.

While the formal portion of the pledge drive is now over, pledges are accepted throughout the year. Please contact Karen Day at (917) 913-3609

or [karencday@aol.com](mailto:karencday@aol.com) with questions. Pledge forms and the online pledge portal are also available at <https://spechurch.com/annual-pledge-giving/>

The transformative power of God's love is all around us. Let's embrace it and continue to share it actively and generously. With God's help, the possibilities are endless. Happy New Year St. Paul's!

With love and thanksgiving,  
Your Stewardship Team

### Beat the Winter Blues Dinner and Bingo

St. Paul's Beat the Winter Blues BINGO and dinner is sure to be an evening of fun for everyone.

The evening begins at 5:30pm on January 19th with a simple supper of hoagies and chips being served. After the food and fellowship, we will serve up some fun for everyone with rousing games of BINGO. Game winners will be able to choose from a bank of prizes.

### Vanco Online Giving Platform



## ST. PAUL'S WELCOMES YOU

**We are glad you are with us today.**  
If you are new to St. Paul's, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter or an usher. Here are some quick facts that may be helpful.

**Welcome:** All are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer not to receive, you can remain seated, or come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. If you are allergic to wheat products, gluten-free communion bread is available. Please let your request be known to the priest as you approach the altar rail.

**Help:** Please see any of our ushers for assistance when you enter the worship area.

**Handicapped Parking:** Our facility is handicapped accessible with multiple handicapped parking spaces available in the lot off Market Street and the lot off Princess Street. Handicap ramps serve both parking lots.

**Live-Streamed:** Our service is live-streamed on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Please subscribe to St. Paul's on YouTube to view live-streamed services and concerts.

**Masks:** Please wear a mask while in the building.

**Worship:** St. Paul's follows the services outlined in the Book of Common Prayer 1979. The services include Old and New Testament readings, a reading from the Gospel, a sermon and traditional communion.

**Children:** All children are welcome and encouraged to attend any of our services.

**Worship Kits:** Bags and boxes are located in the back of the church for different ages to use in the pew, including our children's worship bulletin, *The Sunday Paper*. Please return when church is over.

**Nursery:** The nursery is open every Sunday from 9:15 a.m. to Noon upstairs in the Children's wing. The nursery is for infants to age 5.

**Sunday School:** Most Sundays from 9:30-10:15 a.m. upstairs in the Children's Wing for ages 4-11.

**Episcopal Youth Community (EYC):** Most Sundays from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the library for 6th grade and older.

### Welcome to St. Paul's!

We are delighted that you have joined us to worship and have expressed an interest in St. Paul's. Please fill out this card.  
You may drop it in the offering plate or give it to one of our greeters.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Greeter: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr: \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Children/Youth Names and Ages:

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#### Please check all applicable spaces:

First-time Visitor     Returning Visitor     A Newcomer's Ministry Member may call me

Add me to the mailing list



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The Reverend Caleb J. Lee, Rector

The Reverend Catherine Powell, Priest Associate

Ronnie D. Wise, Director of Music and Organist

Richard Rhoads, Assistant Director of Music and Organist

Diane Matz-Kane, Bookkeeper

April Cook, Parish Administrator

**St. Paul's Vestry**

Layne Dupree      Sally Pope

Ruth Gates      Teresa Singer, Sr. Warden

Angela Green      Tom Sramek, Jr. Warden

Matt Langley      Rhonda Stroud

Steve Martin      Meaghan Thomas

Joan Rosko Miller      Merry Ann Wright

Denise Sheehan, Clerk

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