

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



## THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 21, 2024

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

*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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### 8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

#### THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity **BCP 355**

#### The Kyrie

**Celebrant:** Lord, have mercy.

**People:** Christ, have mercy.

**Celebrant:** Lord, have mercy.

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#### SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 8:00 AM

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<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Altar Server &amp; Lector</b>	<b>Greeter &amp; Usher</b>
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee	David Tousignant	Linda Collette

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# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON

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

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Other hymns will be marked accordingly. Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

Voluntary	<i>Andante tranquillo</i>	Felix Mendelssohn
Introit	<i>Jubilate Deo</i>	Michael Praetorius
Processional Hymn 522	<i>Glorious things of thee are spoken</i>	Austria

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### The Acclamation and Response

BCP 355

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Collect for Purity *(said together)*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### Gloria

St. Thomas Mass

*The Gloria can be found on page 11.*

#### The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

#### The First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

**Reader:** A reading from the book of the prophet Jonah.

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
truly, my hope is in him.  
He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.  
In God is my safety and my honor; \*  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.  
Put your trust in him always, O people, \*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.  
Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \*  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.  
On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \*  
all of them together.  
Put no trust in extortion;  
in robbery take no empty pride; \*  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.  
God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \*  
that power belongs to God.  
Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \*  
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

**The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

**Reader:** A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

**Gradual Hymn 535**

*Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim*

Paderborn

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 1:14-20.**

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

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Caleb J. Lee**

*Please stand.*

## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

**Celebrant:** As God is moved by the sincerity of our repentance, so too God is pleased by the faithfulness of our prayers. Let us offer our prayers to God saying: In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

**Intercessor:** You have called us, O God, to follow you. give us the grace to listen to your call, to lay aside the things of this world, and to follow you. In your mercy,

**People:** hear us, Lord.

**Intercessor:** You have sent us, O God, into the world to tell the story of your love and faithfulness. Give us a holy zeal for the proclamation of the gospel in this place and in all the world. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. James in Belhaven, and St. Mary's in Burgaw. In our Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of South India (United). In your mercy,

**People:** hear us, Lord.

**Intercessor:** You have called, O God, persons of varieties of gifts to serve your church. Bless, we pray, the ministries of musicians and artists, scholars and writers, pastors and teachers, that their work enrich our common life and offer us a glimpse of the life to come. In your mercy,

**People:** hear us, Lord.

**Intercessor:** You gave life, O God, for us and for all people. We remember before you those who are sick, especially *(the intercessor prays the names of those in our parish who need our prayers)*, We remember before you those who have died, especially Alan Wayne Teachey. We remember those who mourn, and those who rejoice. As you have reached out to us in love, so inspire us to be present to those we have named before you. In your mercy,

**People:** hear us, Lord.

*The Celebrant may add other petitions and then pray:*

**Celebrant:** As we are faithful in prayer, O God, so make us faithful in following you, that loving and serving you all the days of our lives, we may know the joy of the resurrection and may look with longing for your coming in power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



**Celebrant:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.*

## The Peace

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## Announcements

### Offertory Anthem

*How lovely are the messengers*

Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

*Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. If you would like to give electronically, please turn to page 12 for the QR code.*

### Presentation Hymn

*Doxology with Alleluias*

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all, creatures here below. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia. 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 the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

*The people stand or kneel.*

**Moderato** *mf*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,

Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na

in the\_ high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name\_ of the\_

Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho- san - na, Ho - san - na\_ in the\_ high - est.

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:

**All:** 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 Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem

St. Thomas Mass

Adapted by Nigel Potts

*f*  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

*mf*  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

*ff*  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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

## Invitation to Communion

## Preparation Hymn 333

*Now the silence*

Now

Now the silence. Now the peace. Now the empty hands uplifted.  
 Now the kneeling. Now the plea. Now the Father's arms in welcome.  
 Now the hearing. Now the power. Now the vessel brimmed for pouring.  
 Now the Body. Now the Blood. Now the joyful celebration.  
 Now the wedding. Now the songs. Now the heart forgiven leaping.  
 Now the Spirit's visitation. Now the Son's epiphany.  
 Now the Father's blessing. Now. Now. Now.

## The Communion of the People

*Communion stations are available at the altar rail and in the baptistry. To receive the consecrated Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please assist the chalice as it is offered; or, having consumed the Bread, you may return to your seat. We believe Christ fully present in either element. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please speak to a priest when you come forward for Communion.*

*If Eucharistic Visitors are being sent forth today to take the Sacrament to people at home, the following prayer is said after Communion.*

**Prayer for Eucharistic Visitors**

**Priest:** In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**People:** We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee,  
 who in Thy sacrament art pleased to be;  
 both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail.  
 Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.  
 O blest memorial of our dying Lord,  
 who living bread to men doth here afford!  
 O may our souls forever feed on Thee,  
 and Thou, O Christ, forever precious be.  
 Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,  
 cleanse us, unclean, in Thy most cleansing flood;  
 increase our faith and love,  
 that we may know the hope and peace which from  
 Thy presence flow.  
 O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,  
 may what we thirst for soon our portion be,  
 to gaze on Thee unveiled,  
 and see Thy face,  
 the vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.

*The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns.*

**Communion Hymn 661**

*They cast their nets in Galilee*

Georgetown

**Communion Hymn 550**

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult*

Restoration

**The Post Communion Prayer** *(said together)*

**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 680**

*O God, our help in ages past*

St. Anne

**The Dismissal**

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Voluntary**

*Toccata in F-Major*

Dietrich Buxtehude

**Moderato** *ff*

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.

*f*

Glo-ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,

*f*

Heav'n - ly King, Al migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

*f*

praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the

*mf*

High- est. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa-ther. Lord God,

*f*

Lamb of God, you take <sup>3</sup> a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

*f*

You are seat-ed at the righthand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

*f*

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est. For you a-lone are the

*f*

Ho - ly one, You a - lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the most high,

*f*

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the Glo-ry of God the

*ff*

Fa - ther. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est.

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## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30AM

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### Celebrant

The Reverend A. Michael  
Singer

### Preacher

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

### Gospeller

Kay Swindell

### Verger

Leon Tillery

### Crucifers

Zoë Frederiksen

Hazel Lee

### Torchbearers

Mary Jeffreys Nipper

Charlie Nipper

### Gospel Book Bearer

Katie Rose Sanders-Park

### Altar Server

Zoë Frederiksen

### Eucharistic Ministers

Dot Erway

William Smith

John Fonda

### Lectors

Allen Lee

Lisa Sanders-Park

### Intercessor

Kathryn Hedgepeth

### Greeters

Maryelle Jones

Valerie DeJarld

### Ushers

David Fowle

Al Cannon

Tori Cannon

Merrilie Crafts

Paula Waterfield

### Flower Guild

Brian Sanders-Park

Louise Joyner

### Altar Guild

Dot Erway

Carolyn Demorest

Lynda Miller

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## ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

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### In Our Parish

Earl Craig

Alice Calder

Eileen Searle

Dawn Wilson

Lloyd Olsen+

Tammy Pollock

Dale Curran

Scotty Galganowicz

Alix Dorr

Bill Petry

Lyle Sullivan

JoAnn Summey

Barbara O'Rourke

Katherine Ramsey

Renée Patrick

Carroll Joines

Janet Dillon

Karen Day

Spencer Weig

Carla Ortiz

Linda Morgan

Jane Carey

### People Requesting Prayer

Cheryl McKinney

Christin Harward & baby

Cory Smith

Tom & Andrea Shafer

April Harvin Powell

Tessa Roberts

Dick Hill

Lisa Wilson

Irma Cardiello

Wilford Davis

Sarah Spillane

Geoffrey La Salle

Susan Frederick

Nickea Stalter

Sherry Herman

Hile Rutledge

Ryan Stanfield

David Webb

Todd Plocharczyk

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## OPPORTUNITIES TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS

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### The Blessing Box Ministry

The Blessing Box Ministry is expanding our resources to include SOCKS! Therefore, we ask for a contribution of a pair of warm socks. Donations and supplies for the Blessing Box ministry are especially needed during this season for our supplies are quickly depleted. We are grateful to you for your continued generosity. Thank you.

- Bob & Judy

### The Departed

Alan Wayne Teachey

### 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. All parish prayer requests are listed on the prayer list for one month. ***The complete list of those in need of our prayers are remembered weekly at our 12:10 pm Wednesday Eucharist with Healing Prayers.*** 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.**

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## VANCO ONLINE GIVING

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

**Today, Sunday, January 21**

**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**8:00am** Holy Eucharist (*Breakfast to follow in Parish Hall*)

**9:15am - 12pm** Nursery open

**9:30am** Adult Faith Formation (*Parish Hall*)  
*Topic: The Gospel According to Memes*

**9:30am** Children's Sunday School (*Upstairs*)

**9:30am** EYC (*Downstairs*)

**10:30am** Choral Eucharist (*In-person and live-streamed on YouTube; Reception to follow in the Parish Hall*)

**12:45pm - 2:45pm** Ice Skating - SPEC Children, Youth, & Families (*Polar Ice Skating Rink*) | Sign up & pay online at [polaricewilmington.com](http://polaricewilmington.com) | Questions? Contact Meaghan Thomas at [speckids@spechurch.com](mailto:speckids@spechurch.com)

**Monday, January 22**

**1:00pm** Flower Guild Meeting (*Parish Hall*)

**Tuesday, January 23**

**9:00am** Morning Prayer

**6:15-8:30pm** EfM

**Wednesday, January 24**

**12:10pm** Midweek Eucharist (*Lunch to follow in Parish Hall*)

**7-8:30pm** Adult Choir Rehearsal (*Music Wing*)

**Thursday, January 25**

**8:30am** GNP & St. Fiacre Garden Guild Meeting

**11:00am** Rector's Bible Study<sup>1</sup> (*Parish Hall*)

**Friday, January 26**

**8:00am** Mensgroup

**Saturday, January 27**

**10:00am** Fiber Artists Meeting (*Parish Hall*)

**Next Sunday, January 28**

**The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle**

**8:00am** Holy Eucharist (*Breakfast to follow in Parish Hall*)

**9:00am** Annual Meeting (*Sanctuary*)  
*There will be an All-Ages Sunday School activity upstairs in the Children of the Good Shepherd room during the annual meeting. EYC youth are encouraged to attend the annual meeting to learn more about the workings of the church.*

**9:15am - 12pm** Nursery open

**10:30am** Choral Eucharist (*In-person and live-streamed on YouTube; Reception to follow in Parish Hall*)

<sup>1</sup>Join Fr. Lee in the Parish Hall for a look at the upcoming readings from our Sunday lectionary. Bring your lunch, your perspective, and your Bible.

## COMING UP AT ST. PAUL'S

**Lenten Inquirers' Class**

Are you interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church and St. Paul's? What differentiates us from other denominations and churches in the area? What similarities do we have? Why do we use the Book of Common Prayer? Join Father Lee in the Chapel during the Formation Hour in Lent to learn all about the Episcopal Church and St. Paul's. Those interested in Confirmation, Reception, or Renewal of Baptismal Vows, should register at

<https://forms.gle/zVLpG3Z1J1Lg75KT7>.

Stay tuned for more information about a **possible** visitation in Eastertide from our Bishop for these purposes. Questions? Contact Father Lee at [rector@spechurch.com](mailto:rector@spechurch.com).

**Artists Needed for Stations of the Cross Project**

Last year we were given the gift of reflecting on Barb Scalia's artwork for Holy Week. People from our parish and the community came to experience "Meditations on the Cross." This year we are expanding the project. 14 people/groups are needed to create an artistic representation of one of the fourteen stations. Artwork will need to be delivered on Palm Sunday and available for viewing Monday - Thursday of Holy Week. Various artistic mediums are welcomed. Your art will need to fit within a 48" x 60" vertical wall space. Intrigued? Interested? Inspired? If so, please contact Father Lee.

**Save the Date: July 21-26, 2024**

The Glory Ridge 2024 Youth Mission Experience

**Parish Retreat 2024! Let us know of your interest.**

**Where:** Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores

**When:** Friday, August 30th - Sunday, September 1st

**Who:** St. Paul's Episcopal Church

IT'S BACK! Trinity Center, an unforgettable venue tucked between the sound and the sea, will host our retreat as in past years. Please join us for a few days of fellowship and spiritual, recreational and personal renewal. We need to start figuring out who is planning on going so we can reserve space at Trinity Center. Be sure to mark your calendars and sign up at the link provided to reserve your spot.

<https://forms.gle/YJeH28QRBEeWj6HN9>



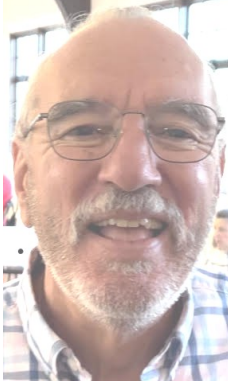
**Nominees announced for service on the Vestry**

In preparation for St. Paul's Annual Meeting on Sunday January 28, 2024 the Vestry has appointed a Nominating Committee for the election of new members to the Vestry. According to the bylaws of the parish, the Nominating Committee shall consist of the Rector and the outgoing members of the vestry. The members of the Nominating Committee are Layne Dupree, Tom Sramek, the Reverend Caleb J. Lee, and (in the absence of two vacancies in the outgoing class of the Vestry) the Wardens, Bill Anlyan and Anne O'Dell. We are grateful for the work of the Nominating Committee in securing candidates for service on the Vestry. The following are duly qualified and have accepted nomination:



**Barbara Ellington-Banks**

I am a cradle Episcopalian which provided both a spiritual and educational base on which I've built a compassionate and service driven life. We began our local journey with St. Paul's in 2009 when we moved to the area. I have been involved on the Altar Guild, with community outreach with Mother Hubbard's Cupboard and as an office volunteer as needed. I look forward to the opportunity vestry membership offers to expand my service to this vital community.



**Steve Bucci**

I am pretty much a lifelong Episcopalian, as I started attending an Episcopal Church at age 3. My wife Barbara and I have been married for 42 years and moved to the area from NJ in 2012 settling in Brunswick Forest, in Leland. We have 2 children and 2 granddaughters, one each in California and New Jersey.

I have a B.A. in History and Education and an MBA in Management and spent the bulk of my career in education, purchasing, and franchising. After some church shopping, we joined St. Paul's in August of 2012. Since that time I have been involved in many areas of church life, including singing in the choir for almost 10 years, being a Chalice Bearer, member of the Thursday morning workers, and a breakfast chef for various amounts of time. I was a member of the Vestry from 2014 to 2017 and was involved in Parish Life, Outreach, and served a year as Junior Warden. Since 2017 I have chaired the Community Ministries Committee, attempting to focus St. Paul's on both neighborhood and wider range outreach. Along with Barbara, I have been very active in Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, serving on the Board, Nourish NC, and Snipes Academy, St. Paul's adopted local elementary school. Since coming to St. Paul's, I have experienced and been a part of the great growth and change of this parish and its family. We are now in the midst of a new era of exciting growth and change and I look forward to being an integral part this inspiring time in the life of St. Paul's.



**Scott Sheble**

I have been attending the Episcopal church since I was 12 years old. I was formerly a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal church in Richmond, VA where I attended for four years until my wife and I moved to Leland in November of 2022. Additionally I served as a eucharistic minister/chalice bearer the last 2 years before moving. I began attending St. Paul's in December of 2022. In the year I have been here, I have served on one of the hospitality teams, served as a lay eucharistic minister, and most recently became a member of the finance committee. Outside of the church, I owned and operated a business for 24 years overseeing daily operations, financial and accounting procedures, and marketing concepts and implementation. If chosen, I look forward to bringing my experiences and perspective to this exciting and pivotal time at St. Paul's, and to work diligently to help to build the way forward.





### **Phillip Weiss**

As a lifelong believer in Christ, I was raised in a non-denominational church with a strong emphasis on Scripture. My family, including me, was always very involved. In my earlier years I attended a Presbyterian (PCA) seminary thinking I was called to the ministry. Eventually, I pursued a rich Human Resources career. I came into the Episcopal church over 26 years ago in Houston, Texas where I found a broader liturgical and theological tradition. Music has always been part of my life, singing in choirs and as an organist and pianist. More recently, at our church in Colorado, I served on the Vestry during a challenging transition for the Parish. This and other roles have allowed me to work in various leadership roles. My faith in Christ has always been a significant part of my life. In the past 20 years I have enjoyed engaging the Christian mystics and have appreciated the contemplative practices they encourage. Supporting this has been involvement in the Community of Hope with its emphasis on pastoral care and Benedictine spirituality. My partner, Dewitt, and I are very supportive of St. Paul's as a beacon and resource in the community for all of God's people to worship with beautiful liturgy, community, and the breadth of God's full embrace.

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*There will be an All-Ages Sunday School activity upstairs in the Children of the Good Shepherd room during the annual meeting. EYC youth are encouraged to attend the annual meeting to learn more about the workings of the church.*

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## ST. PAUL'S WELCOMES YOU

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**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 [@st.paulsepisopalchurchilm](https://www.youtube.com/@st.paulsepisopalchurchilm) on Sundays at 10:30 am Please subscribe to St. Paul's on YouTube to view live-streamed services and concerts.

**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. Please return when church is over.

**Nursery:** The nursery is open most Sundays from 9:15 am to Noon upstairs in the Children's wing. The nursery is for infants to age 5.

**Sunday School:** Sunday School meets from 9:30-10:15 am upstairs in the Children's Wing for ages 4-11.

**Episcopal Youth Community (EYC):** EYC meets Sunday from 9:30-10:15 am in the conference room for 6th grade and older.



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