

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church
2nd Sunday after Christmas
Holy Eucharist
January 5, 2025**

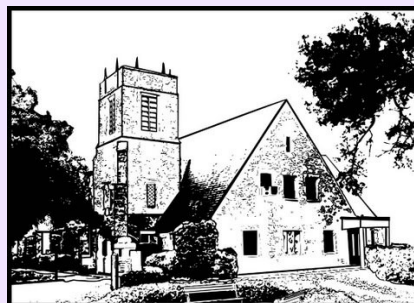


**To All who are weary and need rest;
To All who are lowly and want friendship;
To All who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray and all who do not, but ought;
To All who sin and need a Savior, and to whomsoever
will come...**

**The Church opens the door and says in the
name of the Master**

Welcome to St. Paul's

**The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle,
Bishop of Texas
2025 VESTRY
Senior Warden –
Rebecca Rutledge
Junior Warden – Ray Hancock
Clerk - Bill Smith
Arlene Howland
Jay Todd Cleaver
Joe Maglothin
Organist/Choir Director–
Don Ball, Jr.
Parish Administrator
Kelly Guillot**



WELCOME VISITORS!

We are glad you are here! Please sign the visitor's book located in the back of the sanctuary. Let us know how we can make your experience at St. Paul's more joyful. You can call our office at 409-883-2969 or e-mail us at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com.

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Liturgy of the Word 8:00am
Rite II (Family Service) 10:00am
Also shown Live Stream on Facebook.
Office hours Monday-Thursday
9:00-3:00pm
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Holy Eucharist; Rite Two

The service is in the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), a blue book.
Hymns are in *The Hymnal*, a maroon book. Hymn numbers beginning with "S" are at the front of *The Hymnal*.
Or LEV, Lift Every Voice and Sing II Hymnal Or Renew Hymnal

Celebrant: The Rev. Meg Lovejoy
Deacon: The Rev. Margaret Light
Preacher: The Rev. Meg Lovejoy

Hymn

The First Nowell

The Hymnal 109

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

The Book of Common Prayer p. 355

CELEBRANT: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE; **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

CELEBRANT: 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.

Glory to God

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

Collect of the day

(See Readings Insert)

ALL: Amen.

Hymn:

We Three Kings

The Hymnal 128

Please be seated.

The First Lesson:

READER: A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah (See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm:

READER: The Psalm appointed for today is the Psalm 84 (See Readings Insert)
We will read responsively by whole verse

The Second Lesson:

READER: A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians (See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for the Sequence Hymn

Sequence Hymn (Vv. 1,2) *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* *The Hymnal 87*

Please remain standing for the Gospel reading. (See Readings Insert)

CELEBRANT: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

The Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 (See Readings Insert)

After the Gospel

DEACON: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn (V. 3), *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* *The Hymnal 87*

The Sermon

Following the Sermon, all stand and say **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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LEADER: Holy One of Israel, you have struck the spark; the refiner's fire is kindled in the darkness; an ember glows in the silent night. In the night of our lives, a baby cries, and that cry is our hope. The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of our world. He has been born not among the mighty, but among the lowly; not among the ruling, but among the ruled; not among the rich, but among the poor; not among the favored, but among the outcast.

PEOPLE: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

LEADER: Lord, infuse our souls with your powerful word that we may stand in your grace before the earthly powers of our world, our nation, and our community, to renounce worldly passions. Let us sing to all a new song of hope and great joy as we proclaim and model your Gospel of peace, love, and mercy for all creation.

PEOPLE: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

LEADER: Lord, we pray for all members of your Universal Church and for its mission. We especially give thanks for our Shepherds: our Presiding Bishop Sean; our own bishops, Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Hector; and our priests, Mark and Meg. Give them wisdom to speak your word with power as they keep watch over us and guide us in the paths of love and service that will bring your kingdom on earth to reality.

PEOPLE: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

LEADER: Lord, send healing and renewed hope to all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit; surround all grieving hearts with the solace that brightens the darkness; and comfort all those who give support to those in trouble. Give them the assurance of your constant love and protection that their hearts may truly join the angels' chorus.

PEOPLE: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

LEADER: Lord, we commend to your mercy all who have died, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom, where we will sing with all the heavenly host:

PEOPLE: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

CELEBRANT: CONCLUDING COLLECT

AMEN.

Confession of Sin

BCP, 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says .

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Leader 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen

The Peace

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

(All stand.)

CELEBRANT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

The Hymnal 105

Doxology on the First Nowell



Praise God from Whom all bless - ings flow. Praise Him, all ye crea- tures here be- low.
Praise Him a - bove, ye heav- en- ly hosts. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A- men.

The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer B

The Book of Common Prayer p. 367

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

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:

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

CELEBRANT: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Memorial Acclamation, Prayer B

The Holy Eucharist II **S 138**
Memorial Acclamation: Prayer B

Celebrant
Therefore, according to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People
We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

Setting: McNeil Robinson II (b. 1943)

CELEBRANT: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

The Lord's Prayer
People and Celebrant

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.

Fraction Anthem

Alleluia, Christ, Our Passover

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(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.)

The Breaking of the Bread

CELEBRANT: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*We joyfully invite all baptized Christians to join us at the table of our Lord.
If you prefer to receive communion in the pews, please let the ushers know.
If you do not wish to receive communion, but instead wish to receive a blessing,
come forward and stand or kneel at the altar, crossing your arms over your chest.*

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **(Amen.)**
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **(Amen.)**

Communion Music:

<i>As with Gladness, Men of Old</i>	<i>The Hymnal 119</i>
<i>What Star is This?</i>	<i>The Hymnal 124</i>
<i>Lully, Lulay, Thou Little Tiny Child</i>	<i>The Hymnal 247</i>

Post Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer p. 365

All: 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

Sending Forth

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!

The Hymnal 107

The Dismissal

DEACON: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Organ

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, Jan. 5 2nd Sunday after Christmas
 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Mother Meg

Monday, Jan. 6 The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ Service is at 6 00pm.
Thursday, Jan. 8 Game group at 10:00am with Teri Duos

Sunday, Jan. 12 1st Sunday after the Epiphany
 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Father Mark

Feast Days

January 1 The Holy Name Feast Day
January 6 The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ
January 18 Confession of St. Peter
January 25 Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

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Happy Birthday

Houseman, Janson	1/14
Cheek, Mackenzie Rae	1/15
Peterson, Donna Kay	1/15
Quebodeux, Keely	1/15
Howland, Mrs. Arlene	1/16
Hooker, Delmos	1/18
Hall, Mr. Miles, III	1/19
Geis, Clayton	1/24
Jones, Allen	1/25

Happy Anniversary

Duos, John & Teri	1/17
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Prayer List: Betty and Karen Ball, Hal Bean, Anne Breitenstein, Doris Byrd, Carolyn, Chris and Chrystal, Kayla Cheek, Robert Cheek, Ian Cheek, Jay Todd Cleaver, Judy Cole, Zakeria Daniels, Diane, Dominique, Martin & Hannah (Breitenstein) Dugas, John & Teri Duos, Shawn Fitton, Tim Fading, Tom & Marsha Freeland, John & Gail Griffith, David Haley, Shaun Hallman, Delmos Hooker, Heather, Rosie Hurst, Ester Jeans, Allen Jones, Jerry Jones, Jeremy, John, Barbara Klein, Kim, Peggy Lane, Leah, Madeline, Marie, Kenric Marshall, Frankie Melder, Bruce and Roxanne McGraw, Justin Morvant, Nora, Paul, Rosemary Schoolfield, Debbie Reed, Becky Scott, David Silk, Ronnie Sonnier, Pete & Delores Sterling, Ken Slaughter, The Trevino Family, Nancy Walker, Dennis Walton

2nd Sunday after Christmas January 5, 2024	1st Sunday after the Epiphany January 12, 2024
Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers
10:00 AM 1st Reading and Psalm Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 147 or 147:13-21 Annie Reeves Aiden Reeves	10:00 AM 1st Reading and Psalm Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Ruth Hancock
EM 2nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7 Bill Smith Gospel: John 1:1-18 Deacon Margaret Light Rev. Meg Lovejoy	EM 2nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice Acts 8:14-17 Allison Maglothin Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Deacon Margaret Light Rev. Mark Wood
Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Bill Smith Ushers: Ray & Ruth Hancock Altar Guild: Becky Rutledge Eric & Annie Reeves	Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Arlene Howland Ushers: David & Myra Michaelis Altar Guild: Earl & Pat Geis Delores Sterling Peggy Delafosse
Flower Guild: Poinsettias	Flower Guild: Peggy Delafosse



The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ service is Monday, January 6 at 6:00pm.