

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

## 1st Sunday after Christmas

### December 28, 2025



"And the Word  
became  
flesh and dwelt  
among us."

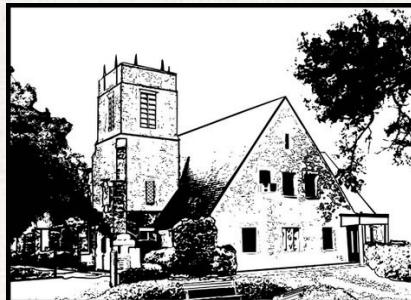
*John 1:14*

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  
Anne Breitenstein  
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Don Ball, Jr.  
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Liturgy of the Word 8:00am  
Holy Eucharist 10:00am  
Also shown Live Stream on Facebook.  
Office hours Monday-Thursday  
9:00-3:00pm  
Baptism, Confirmation or Wedding:  
Contact the Church office  
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## Liturgy of the Word

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*

We are glad that you are worshipping with us today!

"I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Ps 122:1  
Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.

**Officiant:** Rev. Margaret Light

**Homilist:** Rev. Margaret Light

### The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn

*Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

*The Hymnal 7*

**Opening Acclamation**

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 355*

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

OFFICIANT: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

OFFICIANT: 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.

All: **Gloria**

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### The Collect of the Day

OFFICIANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

OFFICIANT: Let us pray.

Collect of the day

**ALL: Amen.**

(See Readings Insert)

*Please be seated.*

Carol Sing

*Love Came Down at Christmas*  
*Away in a Manger*  
*What Child is This*

*The Hymnal 84*  
*The Hymnal 101*  
*The Hymnal 115*

### **The First Lesson**

READER: A reading from the Book of Isaiah

(See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm:**

READER: The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 147  
We will read responsively by whole verse.

(See Readings Insert)

### **The Second Lesson:**

READER: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Galatians

(See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

### **Gradual Hymn**

*O Word of God Incarnate*

*The Hymnal 632*

OFFICIANT: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

**The Gospel: John 1:1-18**

(See Readings Insert)

*After the Gospel*

DEACON: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **The Sermon**

#### **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

(See Readings Insert)

#### Confession of Sin

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 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.**

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

#### The Peace

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 360*

*(All stand. )*

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

### Announcements

#### The Offertory

**OFFICIAINT:** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

#### Offertory Hymn

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

*The Hymnal 82*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'n ly hosts: Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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

OFFICIAINT AND PEOPLE:

**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.

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 364

**The Closing Collects:**

OFFICIAINT: **A Collect for Sunday:** O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**The Closing Hymn:**

*Go Tell It On the Mountain*

*The Hymnal 99*

**The Dismissal**

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

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.





## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Sunday, Dec. 28</b>	1st Sunday after Christmas 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 30</b>	Breakfast Bunch will eat at 9:00am at IH –10 Dinner
<b>Wednesday, Dec 31</b>	No Art Class
<b>Sunday, Jan. 4</b>	2nd Sunday after Christmas 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice 9:15 a.m. Book Study with Mother Meg and Deacon Margaret Light 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II service with Mother Meg
<b>Save the Date:</b>	The Epiphany service is Tuesday, January 6 at 6:00pm.

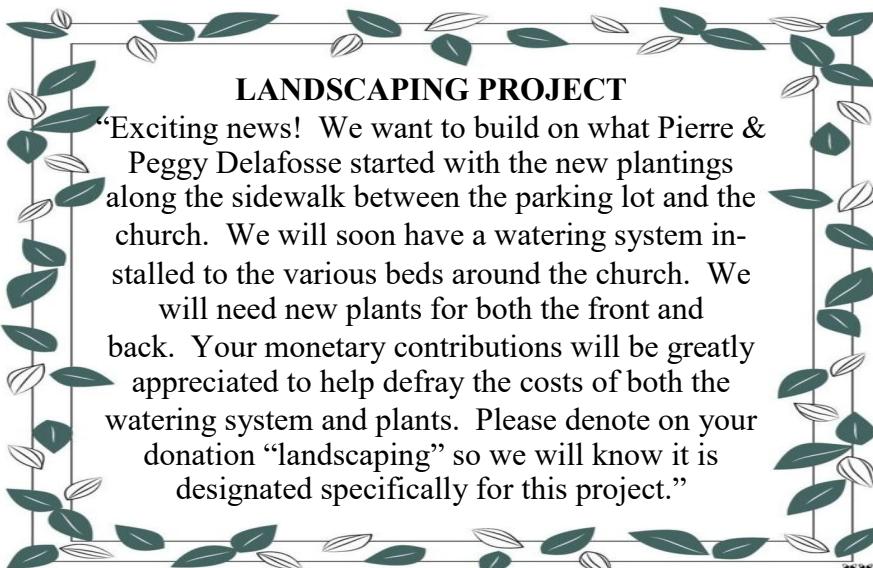
### Feast Days

<b>Dec. 28</b>	Holy Innocents
<b>Jan. 1</b>	Happy New Year

### 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](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com).



### LANDSCAPING PROJECT

"Exciting news! We want to build on what Pierre & Peggy Delafosse started with the new plantings along the sidewalk between the parking lot and the church. We will soon have a watering system installed to the various beds around the church. We will need new plants for both the front and back. Your monetary contributions will be greatly appreciated to help defray the costs of both the watering system and plants. Please denote on your donation "landscaping" so we will know it is designated specifically for this project."

**Welcome new visitors!  
Thank you for visiting St. Paul's.  
We hope you enjoyed the service.  
Please sign the visitors book located in the back of the church.**

### Happy Birthday

Houseman, Garrett	12/02
Gilbeaux, Mr. Troy	12/06
Jackson, Yolanda	12/06
Michaelis, Tomy	12/08
Darby, Craig	12/10
Cleaver, Jay Todd	12/15
Michaelis, Cedric	12/20
Geis, Mrs. Pat	12/22
Bean, Monica	12/23
Breitenstein, Robert	12/28
Delafosse, Pierre	12/28
Hagen, Mr. Matt	12/29
Hollier, Mr. Gavyn Edward	12/31

### Happy Anniversary

Reeves, Eric & Annie	12/31
Quebodeux, Bay & Keely	12/31

Prayer list will start over in the month of January. If you would like to add someone please contact me at [stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com) or 409-883-2969.

**2 Corinthians 9:7 - Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.**

Our annual stewardship drive is under way. Please prayerfully consider your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. You should be receiving your pledge cards soon. We will be blessing them on December 28 so please return them as soon as possible.

St. Paul's Epiphany Service is Tuesday, January 6 at 6:00pm. A light supper will be after the service. Everyone is welcome to come.

1st Sunday after Christmas December 28, 2025	2nd Sunday after Christmas January 4, 2025
Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers
10:00 AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading and Psalm Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 147 or Psalm 147:13-21 Sandy Bell	10:00 AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading and Psalm Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 84 or 84:1-8
EM 2nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7 Allison Maglothin  Gospel: John 1:1-18 Deacon Margaret Light	EM 2nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a  Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 or Luke 2:41-52 Or Matthew 2:1-12 Deacon Margaret Light Rev. Meg Lovejoy
Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Joseph Maglothin Ushers: Ray & Ruth Hancock Altar Guild: Ray & Ruth Hancock Bill Smith	Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Becky Rutledge Ushers: David & Myra Michaelis Altar Guild: Earl & Pat Geis Delores Sterling Peggy Delafosse
Flower Guild: Poinsettias	Flower Guild: Peggy Delafosse