



Sunday, December 21st, 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina
Parish Mission: "Growing in Christ, Serving God's People"
Diocesan Vision: "Making, Equipping, Sending Mature Disciples of Christ"

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Interim Rector, The Reverend Edmund Pickup, Jr.
Director of Christian Education and Family Ministries, Jane Kilpatrick
Interim Organist Steven Aycock
Parish Secretary, Brenda Vale

Office Hours for the Week of December 21st

The Office will be open December 23rd and 24th from 9:30AM-1:30 PM.
The Office will be closed on Christmas, December 25th and Friday, December 26th

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, December 21st
Sunday at 8:00 AM
Sunday at 9:15 AM
Sunday at 10:30 AM
Wednesday at 4 PM
Wednesday at 7 PM

Angel Tree Gifts and Groceries are due!
Rite I Holy Eucharist
Bible Study with Father Ed
Rite II Holy Eucharist
Christmas Eucharist for Children
The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

St. Paul's Prayer List

*May God the Father bless you; May God the Son heal you; May God the Holy Spirit give you strength.
May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to His
heavenly country, where He lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.*

**In the event of a pastoral emergency,
contact
The Reverend Edmund Pickup, Jr. @ 757-650-0982**

Those in need of prayer:

Shelly Artello, Sally Beyer, Henry Carter, Dan Centea, Marianne Clark, Russell Hawes, May Hennessy, Robert Krychiw, Libby Justice, Mary Ann Saint, Michele Erickson, Rachel Joiner, Ron Covington, Keira Esposito, Rita, Jan Arnold, Linda Anderson, Craig, Douglas Devanney, Kevin Meyer, Margaret Smith, Mike Craven, Rich Russell, Page Pisapia, Heather Hovde, Don Peeler, Joe Monza, the King family, James Martin, Rick Smith, Blaine Walker, Pat Malchak, Josh Gabriel, Cora Miller, Zoe Lloyd, and Chris Hage.

Please pray for those who have died.

If you need to be added or have someone that we need to pray for, please email the church office at stpaulsfortmill@gmail.com or call 803.547.5968 and leave a message. Unless requested, each name will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks.

Reminder: Please wear your name badges especially during this transition time with our Interim Rector and Interim Organist.

Check the coat hooks in the Narthex for your completed name tag. Name tags are in alphabetical order by last name. You may need to check a couple hooks to find your new tag.

Please let Brenda know via email @stpaulsfortmill@gmail.com or phone 803-547-5968 if you need a name tag.

Countdown for Stewardship Pledges!

Many thanks to everyone who has turned a pledge card! A last reminder to turn in those cards so the budget planning for 2026 can begin. We are within 15% of our 2025 budget numbers. Follow your heart and pledge what you can. If you can't find your pledge card, reach out to Brenda at stpaulsfortmill@gmail.com and let her know the amount you can pledge. She will make sure your information is added to the budget.

Many thanks for your continued support of our awesome parish!!

Many of our Google reviews are aged. We encourage members to leave a review based on their experience at St. Paul's.

Instructions

On a Desktop/Browser

1. Go to Google Maps: or Google Search and search for the business.
2. Click on the business's profile: on the right side of the search results.
3. Find the Reviews section, click the stars, then click "Write a review".
4. Rate and write your review, add photos if desired, and click "Post".

On a Mobile Device (App)

1. Open [Google Maps](#): and search for the business.
2. Tap the business name, then scroll down to the "Reviews" section.
3. Tap the stars: to select your rating (1-5).
4. Write your review: and add photos if you like, then tap "Post".

Bible and Book Studies

The Weekly Bible Study with The Reverend Ed – This morning, we will discuss John 1:1-17, the prologue of John. On Sunday, December 28th, we will discuss Matthew 2:1-12, the Wise Men.

Tuesday Book Study will take a break until January 6th. We will meet on the following Tuesdays. January 6, 13, 20, 27...

“How do we live compassionately in a time of violence and despair? What can we do with our private disappointments and the anger we feel over an unjust world? In his most personal book yet, Richard Rohr turns to the writings of the Jewish prophets, showing how some of the lesser-read books of the Bible offer us a path forward today.” Review from Goodreads

Please be in touch with Jane (704-968-2902 or stpalseducator@gmail.com) for additional information. We look forward to seeing you!

Christian Education

In addition to volunteers, those welcoming and leading our children and youth are:

Nursery: Aiyana (Miss Flowers) Flowers, Nursery Coordinator (2016), has a Masters in Literacy from Winthrop University and is a third-grade teacher.

Kids' Corner and Youth Groups: Jane (Ms. Jane) Kilpatrick (2015), Director of Christian Education and Family Ministries, has a Masters in Christian Education and has served in Episcopal churches for over 20 years.

Youth Groups: Phoebe Arthur Connor (MS), Stephanie and Chris Krafft (HS) are experienced in teaching children and youth. There are five boys between the two families.

Kids' Corner (K-4), Sunday mornings beginning at 10:15 – we explore the lessons through stories, scripture, discussion and a variety of crafts, experiments, puzzles, and art.

December Christian Education

Advent: Each of the four Sundays of Advent represents a theme: Hope, Peace, Joy and **Love**. In Kids Corner, we will focus on theme of each Sunday in anticipation of The Christ Child.

Nursery and Kid's Corner begins at 10:15 AM, both located in Homan Hall.

Book Suggestions

As the saying goes, "Don't judge a book by it's cover." The messages are uplifting no matter the reader's, or listener's, age. Enjoy!

- *All the Things I Say to God* by Tanner Olson
- *Images of God for Young Children* by Marie-Helen Delval
- *Mostly What God Does is Love You* by Savannah Guthrie
- *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, and the Horse* by Charlie Mackesy
- *The World Needs Who You Were Made to Be* by Joanna Gaines
- *There's No Wrong Way to Pray* by Rebecca Ninke and Kate E. H. Watson
- "Twas the ..." Series ZonderKids
- *What Is A River?* By Monika Vaicenaviciene
- *What is God Like?* By Rachel Held Evans and Matthew Paul Turner
- *What You Do Matters* by Kobi Yamada
- *Where is Wisdom: A Treasure Hunt Through God's Wondrous World Inspired by Job 28* by Scott James

A Request from Jane – The Youth had so much fun making their Advent Wreath that Jane is planning to repeat next year. While you are decorating for Christmas, if you have any items (such as garland, flower picks, etc) that you are no longer using, please bring them to Jane.

God is Always with You and God Always Loves You. No Matter What.
Be in Touch! Jane Kilpatrick, Director of Christian Education and Family Ministries
stpaulseducator@gmail.com 704-968-2902

Serving Our Parish

Communications committee - St. Paul's is looking for some volunteers to help develop and maintain a presence on social media. Anyone interested in helping should email Laura Daly at lrurich@yahoo.com or Janet Jandron at jjendronjanet@gmail.com.



Serving Our Neighbors 2025



Angel Tree Ministry for Fort Mill Care Center - We are sponsoring 2 families which include 6 children, between the ages of 6 and 14. **Please bring your wrapped gifts and groceries for the families by Sunday, December 21st.** Grocery items do not need to be wrapped.

There are still some openings. Please use the QR code or the link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D49ABAB23A2FB6-60745014-2025> for the Sign-up

Genius page for both families. Sign Up Genius includes the wish list for all the children and grocery items for both families

Fort Mill Care Center –Their warehouse is fully stocked with non-perishable food! They do have a need for perishables, especially butter, cheese, eggs and frozen chicken breasts/thighs For December the needs are, liquid laundry detergent (65 oz or smaller), all-purpose cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, glass cleaner, disinfectant spray, deodorant, lotion, shampoo & conditioner, razors & shaving cream and tissues. . They also have posted an Amazon wish list on their website fortmillcarecenter.org **Please drop off non-perishable items in the grocery cart outside by the main door. Please do not leave Perishable items in the grocery cart.**

If you're able to make financial donations, please consider:

Please do remember that cash donations are always welcome at the organizations we help to serve:

<https://bethelshelters.org/services>

<https://www.fortmillcarecenter.org/monetary-donations/>

www.FoodForThePoor.org www.SAMS-USA.org (the Vivanco Family)

The Historic Paradise Foundation, 1001 Steele Street , Fort Mill, SC, 29715.

www.educationequalshope.org

<https://www.defendthefatherless.org/donate>



Notes from the Office

In an effort to eliminate scam texts, etc, from now on, the office will use only your email address that is currently on record. If you need to update your email information, there is a form on the Church Secretary's office door to notify the office of the change.

Please continue to be alert and cautious if you receive any suspicious emails or texts. Do not respond to them. If any doubt, please contact the Church Office. Remember, Father Ed will not ask for money or gift cards!

Please observe the speed limit in the entire neighborhood but especially on Pine Street and Springs St. We want to be good neighbors in this community. The neighbors help keep watch over the church, and we want to respect the neighborhood.



December Birthdays

1 st	Ruth Smith	15 th	Joyce Griffin
3 rd	Corey Paule	17 th	Ellen Frank
4 th	Kelly Lovejoy	18 th	Carole Finn
10 th	Jennifer Vickery	18 th	Jack Hennessy
11 th	Megan White	21 st	Holly Russell
11 th	Matthew Kirkland	21 st	Mike Warren
13 th	Frank Justice	30 th	Mary Artello-Kneidel
13 th	Ben Madej	31 st	Rebecca Ruchardson



December Anniversaries

3 rd	Frank & Libby Justice	20 th	Frank & Lynda Stewart
6 th	Ryan & Catherine Lindgren	21 st	Wayne & Robin Barschow
16 th	David & Amanda McRell	22 nd	David & Donna Dudley
19 th	Pat & Carole Finn	27 th	Henry & Mary Carter



2025 Vestry members

Senior Warden: Ellen Frank- ellenatthebeach@gmail.com

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Treasurer: Dennis Edwards- jded@comporium.net

Finance Committee: Kent Weymouth

Contributions Secretary: John Connor- stpaulsfinance710@gmail.com

December 2025

	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2 Book Study 11 AM	3	4 Father Ed is in the Office	5 Father Ed is in the Office	6 CE Family Party 3:30-5:30 PM
7 Annual Meeting/ Breakfast 9:15 AM	8 Father Ed is in the Office	9 Father Ed is in the Office Book Study 11 AM	10 Office Closed	11 Office Closed	12 Office Closed	13
14 Youth meet at 10:15 and 12:15	15	16 Book Study 11 AM	17	18 Father Ed is in the Office Memorial Flower Dedication deadline Zoom Vestry Meeting 7 PM	19 Father Ed is in the Office	20 Angel Tree gifts and groceries due
21	22	23 Father Ed is in the Office Office Open	24 Father Ed is in the Office Office Open Children's Service 4 PM Christmas Eve Service 7 PM	25 Office Closed 	26 Office Closed	27
28	29	30	31			

Date		Dec 7th	Dec 14th	Dec 21st	Dec 28th
	VOD	Carolyn Line	Sue Craven	David Dudley	Ellen Frank
	Counter 1	Dennis Edwards	Donna Dudley	Diane Lawton	Barbara Bartell
	Counter 2	Dee Hodnett	Libby Chambers	Niall Paule	Mary Luzzi
	Flower Guild	Kelly Lovejoy	Libby Chambers	Pam Farley	Barbara Bartell
8 AM Service	Altar Guild	Clare Hawes	Carolyn Line	Leah Abraham	Betty Allegretti
	Eucharistic Minister	Leah Abraham	Carolyn Line	Leah Abraham	Betty Allegretti
	Lector 1	Leah Abraham	Carolyn Line	Leah Abraham	Betty Allegretti
	Lector 2	Sally Weymouth	Carolyn Line	Clare Hawes	Clare Hawes
	Usher	Holly Russell	Chris Lombard	Dee Hodnett	Leah Abraham
10:30 AM Service	Altar Guild	Donna Dudley	Pam Centea	Mary Luzzi	Janice Hage
	Eucharistic Minister	David Dudley	Pam Centea	Mary Luzzi	Dan Bartell
	Lector 1	Diane Lawton	Janice Hage	Mary Luzzi	Dan Bartell
	Lector 2	Jennifer Dickson	Steve Lovejoy	Laura Verastegui	Amanda Riker
	Usher	Dennis Edwards	Laura & Sean Daly	Barbara McQueen	Barbara Bartell
	Acolyte 1	Ben Madej	Ben Madej	Ben Madej	Ben Madej
	Acolyte 2	Brandon Polan	Brandon Polan	Brandon Polan	Brandon Polan
	Acolyte 3	Vanessa Polan	Vanessa Polan	Vanessa Polan	Vanessa Polan
	Acolyte 4	Cassie Polan	Cassie Polan	Cassie Polan	Cassie Polan

Date		December 24th
Children's Eucharist 4 PM	VOD	Sue Craven
	Altar Guild	Donna Dudley
	Eucharistic Minister	David Dudley
	Lector 1	Laura Verastegui
	Lector 2	Amanda Riker
	Usher	
	Acolyte 1	Brandon Polan
	Acolyte 2	Vanessa Polan
	Acolyte 3	Cassie Polan
Christmas Eve 7 PM	Altar Guild	Leah Abraham
	Eucharistic Minister	Dan Bartell
	Lector 1	Dan Bartell
	Lector 2	Leah Abraham
	Usher	Chris Lombard
	Usher	Barbara Bartell
	Acolyte 1	Dee Hodmett
	Acolyte 2	Ella Madej
	Acolyte 3	Ben Madej
	Acolyte 4	Brandon Polan