



Sunday, February 22, 2026

The First Sunday of Lent

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 Organist Steven Aycock
Parish Secretary, Brenda Vale

This Week's Schedule

Sunday at 8:00 AM	Rite I Holy Eucharist
Sunday at 9:15 AM	Bible Study with Father Ed
Sunday at 10:30 AM	Rite II Holy Eucharist
Tuesday at 11:00 AM	Book Study

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.*

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, Mike Craven, Heather Hovde, Don Peeler, Joe Monza, the King family, Rick Smith, Blaine Walker, Pat Malchak, Josh Gabriel, Zoe Lloyd, Chris Hage, Paul Kanute, and Elizabeth Howard.

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.

**In the event of a pastoral emergency,
contact
The Reverend Edmund Pickup, Jr.**



A big THANK YOU to all who supported our youth during the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and Youth Fundraiser. Among those assisting were, decorators Barbara and Dan, Chris, Elliott, Phoebe, Sarah, Sam, and Stephanie; master chefs - Ben, Chris, Ed, Elliott, Sam; cleaners - Kent, Sally, Sarah. Great appreciation to all those who quietly assisted in the background. All came together to make this a successful pancake dinner and fundraiser.

The funds raised will help defray the costs for our youth (5 - 12) to attend: March 13-15, Happening #94 (9-12); Apr 10-12, Bridge Retreat (6-8); June 21-26, Mission Trip (7-12) .

Please keep our youth and their leaders in your prayers. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 1st 9:15 AM Monthly Parish Breakfast. Please bring a breakfast dish to share or just yourself and join in the food and fellowship.

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday March 4th for our next Bethel Men's Shelter Dinner. Please use the SignUpGenius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D49ABAB23A2FB6-62141355-bethel> or QR code to sign up to donate food and/or volunteer.



Bible and Book Studies

The Weekly Bible Study with The Reverend Ed – On Sunday, February 22nd we will discuss John 3:1-17, Nick @ Night. The Bible Study will not meet on Sunday, March 1st so that everyone can join the Parish Breakfast.

Tuesday Book Study will meet on February 24th, we will discuss chapters 9 & 10 of *The Tears of Things* by Richard Rohr. We will begin a new book, *The Dream of God* by Verna Dozier, on March 3. If you would like a copy of the book, speak to Jane. We look forward to seeing you!

“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 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 (Middle School), Stephanie and Chris Krafft (High School) 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. On Sunday, January 25th we will discuss the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle.

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

Youth Groups

Feb 21st-22nd High School Winter Retreat at St. Matthew, Spartanburg

March 1st – 10:15 AM 5th grade and Middle School meet in Close Hall for Sunday Morning Thoughts

March 8th – 10:15 AM High School meet in Close Hall for Sunday Morning Thoughts.

March 13th-15th – High School Happening

April 4th- 11:00 AM Stuff and hide Easter Eggs.

April 10th-12th – Middle School (6th-8th grade) New Beginnings Retreat at Camp Gravatt.

April 19th – 10:15 AM 5th grade, Middle School and High School for Sunday Morning Thoughts.
12:15 PM Fifth grade, Middle School and High School Laser Tag.

God is Always with You and God Always Loves You.
Be in Touch! Jane Kilpatrick, Director of Christian Education and Family Ministries

Serving Our Parish



The Breakfast Brigade is forming. Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up for the First Sunday of the Month Breakfast. Duties include starting coffee, putting out utensils, setting up tables, etc. For questions or to volunteer, please contact Dee Hodnett.

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".



Serving Our Neighbors 2025



Fort Mill Care Center –February needs include pineapple, fruit cups, shelf stable milk, brown and granulated sugar, salad dressing, ramen, collard and cornbread. Perishable items needed are fresh hams, cheese, eggs, frozen chicken breasts or thighs. At the current time, they do not need peanut butter, green beans, corn or macaroni and cheese. 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, 105 Lestina Court, Fort Mill, SC, United States, 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.



Altar Flower Sign up.

The 2026 flower chart is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. You may sign up to donate the altar flowers and your dedication will be in the Sunday bulletin (**please email the church office with the dedication so that Brenda may add it in the bulletin before Wednesday**). Flowers are \$50 and checks can be made out to St. Paul's with "altar flowers" in the memo line.

The flowers this month are given to the glory of God and

February 1st – Available

February 8th – Available

February 15th – Available

February 22nd - Lent

February Birthdays

2 nd	Peggy Artello-Kneidel	14 th	Chris Krafft
5 th	John Abraham	21 st	Scottie Chastain
7 th	Barbara Bartell	25 th	Kyle Vickery
11 th	Purvis Anderson		
13 th	William Hage		



Note: There are no February Anniversaries on the calendar. Please let the office know if you have a February anniversary so records can be corrected.

2026 Vestry members

Senior Warden: Chris Masoomian

Jr. Warden: Dee Hodnett

Clerk: Amanda Riker

David Dudley

Stephen Lovejoy

Carolyn Line

Ben Madej

Chris Lombard

Treasurer: Dennis Edwards

Finance Committee: Kent Weymouth

Contributions Secretary: John Connor



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Book Study 11 AM	4	5 Father Ed is in the office	6 Father Ed is in the office	7
8 Parish Breakfast 9:15 AM	9	10 Book Study 11 AM	11 Father Ed is in the office	12 Father Ed is in the office	13 Father Ed is out of the office	14
15 Vestry Meeting	16	17 Book Study 11 AM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast 5:30 -7 PM	18 Ash Wednesday Father Ed is in the office Services at Noon and 7 PM	19 Father Ed is in the office	20 Father Ed is in the office	21
22	23	24 Book Study 11 AM	25	26 Father Ed is in the office	27 Father Ed is in the office	28

2/18

	Date	2/1/2026	2/8/2026	2/15/2026	Ash Wed.	2/22/2026
8 am service	VOD	Amanda Riker Dennis Edwards	Ben Madej Donna Dudley Libby	Chris Lombard Barbara Bartell		Carolyn Line Dee Hodnett
	Counter 1					
	Counter 2	Diane Lawton	Chambers	Niall Paule		Marry Luzzi
	Flower Guild	Barbara Bartell	Pam Farley Leah	Sally Weymouth		LENT
	Altar Guild Eucharistic Minister	Clare Hawes Carolyn Line Sally Weymouth	Abraham Abraham Sally Weymouth	Clare Hawes Carolyn Line Sally Weymouth	Clare Hawes	Carolyn Line Carolyn Line Clare Hawes
	Lector 1					Betty Allegretti
	Lector 2	Clare Hawes Kent Weymouth	Clare Hawes	Carolyn Line		
	Usher		Holly Russell	Chris Lombard		Kent Weymouth
	Altar Guild Eucharistic Minister	Donna Dudley	Pam Centea	Mary Luzzi	Donna Dudley	Janice Hage
	Lector 1	David Dudley Jennifer Dickson	Pam Centea	Mary Luzzi		Dan Bartell
10:30 am service	Lector 2	Amanda Riker Dennis Edwards	Steve Lovejoy Diane Lawton Laura & Sean Daly	Dee Hodnett Sam Kraft		Janice Hage Sam Kraftt
	Usher			Laura & Sean Daly		Barbara Bartell
	Acolyte 1	Ben Madej	Ben Madej	Ben Madej		Ben Madej
	Acolyte 2	Brandon Polan		Brandon Polan		Brandon Polan
	Acolyte 3	Vanessa Polan		Vanessa Polan		Vanessa Polan
	Acolyte 4	Cassie Polan		Cassie Polan		Cassie Polan