



January 18, 2026  
The Second Sunday After the Epiphany  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
8:45 am

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude:** *Grace Greater than our Sin-* Towner, arr. Duncan

## **Processional Hymn: *Christ is the World's True Light***

H-542

*Christ is the world's true Light, its Captain of salvation,  
The Daystar clear and bright of every race and nation;  
New life, new hope awakes, for all who own his sway:  
Freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.*

*In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,  
The whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting:  
When Christ is throned as Lord all shall forsake their fear,  
To ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning hook the spear.*

*One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own thee;  
Cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee;  
The world has waited long, has travailed long in vain;  
To heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.*

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.      **BCP, p. 355**  
**People**      **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**  
*Celebrant*      Almighty God, to you... Through Christ our Lord  
**People**      **Amen.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*The people sit.*

## The First Lesson

### Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength-- he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 40:1-12 (*Spoken responsively.*)

BCP, p. 640

1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; \*  
    he stooped to me and heard my cry.

**2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \***  
    **he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; \*  
    many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

**4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! \***  
    **they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**

5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!  
    how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
    there is none who can be compared with you.

**6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \***  
    **but they are more than I can count.**

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
    (you have given me ears to hear you);

**8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \***  
    **and so I said, "Behold, I come.**

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
    'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'"

**10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \***  
    **behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.**

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
    I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
    I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

**12 You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; \***  
    **let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.**

## The Second Reading:

### 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*(During the singing of the Gospel Hymn, a wooden cross will be carried down the center aisle.*

*Children are invited to follow it to Children's chapel.*

*Children will rejoin their family at the Peace.)*

**Gospel Hymn: We the Lord's People**

**H-51, vs 1-3**

*We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting,  
Praise him who called us out of sin and darkness  
Into his own light, that he might anoint us a royal priesthood.*

*This is the Lord's house, home of all his people,  
School for the faithful, refuge for the sinner,  
Rest for the pilgrim, haven for the weary; all find a welcome.*

*This is the Lord's day, day of God's own making,  
Day of creation, day of resurrection,  
Day of the Spirit, sign of heaven's banquet, day for rejoicing.*

**The Holy Gospel**

**John 1:29-42**

**Celebrant** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

**Celebrant** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Monna Mayhall**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP, p. 358**

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: Form IV**

**BCP, p. 388**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy. *People:* Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy. *People:* Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

## Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 360

*Celebrant says:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**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 Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

*(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Anthem: *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*- Williams, arr. Bay

### Presentation Hymn:

H-375, vs 1 and 3

*Give praise and glory unto God, the Father of all blessing;  
His mighty wonders tell abroad, his graciousness confessing,  
With balm my inmost heart he fills, his comfort all my anguish stills.  
To God be praise and glory.*

*What God hath wrought to show his power he evermore sustaineth;  
He watched o'er us every hour. His mercy never waneth.  
Through all his kingdom's wide domain, his righteousness and justice reign.  
To God be praise and glory.*

### The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 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 him thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus:****Hymnal, S-130**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full, 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.*

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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

**The Lord's Prayer****BCP, p. 364**

**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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread****Fraction Anthem *Christ our Passover*****Hymnal, S-154**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Music During Communion**

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord-* Stebbins, arr. Duncan  
*The King of Love My Shepherd Is-* Baker  
*Bind Us Together, Lord-* Gillman

*We invite all who seek God, and are drawn to Christ by the Spirit, to join us at this Table.*

*If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will serve you in your pew.*

*If you need to receive a gluten-free host, please extend hands, crossed, palms down at the communion rail.*

**The Prayer after Communion****BCP, p. 365**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

**Blessing****Recessional Hymn: *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*****H-535**

*Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad his wonderful name.  
The Name all victorious of Jesus extoll:  
His kingdom is glorious; he rules over all.*

*God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
And still he is nigh: his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph will sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.*

*Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.*

*Then let us adore, and give him his right:  
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
And honor and blessing, with angels above,  
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love.*

#### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *Keep on the Sunny Side of Life*- Entwistle, arr. Duncan

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, *Bishop*

The Reverend W. R. "Rusty" McCown, *Rector*

The Reverend Monna Mayhall, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Ann Van Dervoort, *Assisting Priest, Retired*

Donna Stokes-Rogers, *Music Minister* • Holli Scholz, *Organist*

Libby Sullivan, *Children's Minister* • Brett Smith, *Youth Minister*

Maggie Gilchrist, *Nursery Coordinator* • Ashley Anderson, *Youth Intern*

Kristy Moore, *Finance Manager* • Shannon Buttrey, *Parish Administrator*

Paula Sherman, *Communications Manager*

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Philippa Mary Thurman.

## BIRTHDAYS:

**Sunday:** Christian Robinson, Rachel Zegley **Monday:** Jackson Mayhall, Janet Harris **Tuesday:** Garrison Horne, Alex Farmer, Olivia Russell **Wednesday:** Nick Johnson, Ashlyn Miniat, Sandy Dyess **Thursday:** Sophie Taylor, Art Creel

## PARTICIPANTS:

Usher: Ellen Kirk

Usher: Bill Phelps

Chalice Bearer: Katie Faulkner

Chalice Bearer: Mike Gengler

Crucifer: Mike Gengler

1<sup>st</sup> Reader: Dewees Berry

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: Chris Oberholtzer

Prayers: Bob Larson

Torch Bearer: Oliver Werner

Torch Bearer: Laura McCown

Altar Guild: Mindy Boggs

Vestry Person of the Day: Derek Pell, violin

Musicians: Kent Burnside, guitar

## St. Paul's Prayer List

Susannah Pierce, Dave Berexa, Jack Honeycutt, Terry O'Donnell, Glenn Trahan, Sarah Lauricella, Robyn Painter, Jim Lauricella, Eliot Williams, Joy Craig, Jim Gray, Judy Phelps, Virginia Callicott, Sharon Collins, John Nickerson, Phyllis Gray, Mary Suttle, John Looney, Andy McKinley, Cheryl Russell, Celia Skaggs, Bob Van Dervoort, Terry Cross, Debbie Sharp, Elmer White, Inez Rice, Mason Hart, Neil Atkinson, Abu-Ali Abdur 'Rahman, Chloe Hannah, Tom Stearns, Sam, Griffin, Richard, Michael, Martha, Fred, Meg and Fulton, Reed, Meg, Bob, Jim, Susan, Katie, Colton, Lynette, Bennett, John, Guy, JoAnn, Linda, Brittain and Strider, Beverly, Robin, Debbie, Pat, Kay, Benji, Victoria, Michael, Stanton, Wendi and Steve, David, Sara, Bill, Leda, Lance, Scott and Donna, Ellie, Jenn, David, Elizabeth, Madelinn, Mike, Ralph, Cheryl, David, Elizabeth, Theresa, Tim, Janelle, Tom, Rhoda, Dexter, Bob and Gloria, Wilma, Gary, Randy, and Linda

## Military

Currently deployed: Danny, Nick, Billy, Jacob, Roy, and Nicholas

Currently serving in the Armed Forces: Tyler, Leelee, Michael, Drew, Lee, Emily, Larry, Amanda, Gray, Zach, Jake, William, and Adria



## TODAY – January 18, 2026

Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am, & 6:00 pm

9:45-10:00	<b>Biscuit Minute</b> in Founders Hall
10:00	<b>Christian Formation</b> for Adults
12:00-12:30	<b>Coffee Minute</b> in Founders Hall

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER “News From the Pews”



**Including: Food Pantry List, a full Calendar, and so much more!**

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### Churchwide Events

#### Annual Parish Meeting • Sun, Jan 25 • 10:00 • Otey Hall

Join us to discuss Parish business! We will review the 2026 Budget and vote on our new 2026 Vestry. You won't want to miss it!

#### Gathering for Good: Jambalaya and Jeopardy • Wed, Jan 28 • 5:30 pm • Otey Hall

Dinner is \$5 per person or \$20 family max. The jambalaya will be available with and without shrimp. Let us know if you are coming by Tues, Jan 27th, 10 AM. Sign up for dinner here: <https://bit.ly/gathering-jan-2026>. Childcare will be available.

### Christian Formation Classes • Sundays • 10:00 AM

#### Adult Formation • Today • Otey Hall

The Apostle Paul is often considered the greatest influencer, after Jesus, in the history of Christianity. Using Peter Walker's book, "In the Steps of Saint Paul," along with other resources, we will explore and discuss St. Paul's wide-ranging travels. We will not only dig deeper into the places and the people, but also look at what motivated Paul to continue his missions. Grab a cup of coffee, a biscuit, and a friend, and come join us class to learn more about our parish namesake.

#### Young Adult Formation • Today • Conference Room - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Join the Young Adult Group at St. Paul's Episcopal Church for a Christian formation book study of What's So Amazing About Grace? Together, we'll explore how grace challenges, comforts, and transforms our lives and faith. All are welcome.

#### Youth Formation • Resumes Next Week • Barnabas

All 6th – 12th grade students are welcome!

#### Children Formation • Resumes Next Week • Godly Play Rooms

All children from 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome!

### Parish Life

#### Coffee Club • Wednesdays • 6:45 AM • Barnabas

The men's Coffee Club meets on Wed mornings to discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel. All men of the parish are invited. We look forward to seeing you.

#### Women In Theological Studies (WITS) • January • Thursdays •

#### 9:30-11:00 am • 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Space

To start the new year off right, WITS – will focus on our Mind, Body, and Spirit during the month of January. For the spirit we will engage in Lectio Divina - prayer practice of slow, meditative reading and reflection on Scripture to foster a deeper, personal encounter with God. If you have any questions, please contact Monna Mayhall at [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com).

These are the dates for this study: **Jan 22** - No WITS: Spring Street

**Jan 29** - Lectio Divina for the Spirit

### Pathfinders • Senior Adult Ministry • Navigating Eldercare • Tues, Jan 20 • Otey Hall

Event open to everyone - Lunch and Program:

**11:30 am** – Catered Lunch

**12:00 noon – 1:00 pm** Program on Navigating Eldercare

Whether you are caregiving, approaching caregiving, or wondering about your own aging journey, you will want to join us for this presentation on “Navigating Eldercare.” Tiffany Cloud-Mann with Eldercare and AgeWell Middle TN will offer valuable insight and information on how we can help those we love, and ourselves, truly age well. (\$10 for lunch --- RSVP by Thursday Jan 15). Note any dietary restrictions - Pay for lunch at the event RSVP to Monna Mayhall at [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com) or 615-790-0527

### Grief Support Group • Wed, Jan 21 • 10-11:00 am • Barnabas

**Beginning in December, the Grief Group will change its meeting time to 10:00 am, one hour later.** Grief of any kind can feel very lonely, even when you have loved ones around. Sharing your sorrow with others who have experienced similar losses can help. The key is not to isolate yourself. St. Paul's offers a morning Grief Support Group on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Questions: Contact Monna Mayhall at [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com)

### Young Adults Dinner Group • Thurs, Jan 22 • 6:30 pm • 2334 Bee Hive Dr, Columbia

College students and young adults in your 20s or 30s are invited to join us for dinner! Bring a dish to share and an item to stock the Little Free Pantry. RSVP to the young adults GroupMe event. Email [brett@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:brett@stpaulsfranklin.com) for more information or to be added to the GroupMe!

### Episcopal Youth Group • Sun, Jan 25 • Barnabas • 4:30-6:00 pm

All 6th - 12th grade students are welcome at St. Paul's Episcopal Youth Group! Our Spring Semester will kick off on January 25 with activities, small groups, and snacks!

### Bad Girls Book Club • Tues, Jan 27 • 6:00-8:00 pm • Founders Hall

Book Club will meet for a 2026 Planning Meeting. Please join us! Bring a sip or a nibble to share - we look forward to seeing you then. (Note: February 24 title is: Theo of Golden by Allen Levi.)

### Pickle Ball Anyone? • Interest Meeting • Sun, Feb 1 • 12:00 • Otey Hall

Great news...St. Paul's is in the process of forming a Pickle Ball Group. St. Paul's EpicklePilians invite you to join them for fun and fellowship. All levels of play (or no level of play) are welcome. There is an interest/organizational meeting in Otey Hall after the 11:00 am service on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in or have any questions about St. Paul's EpicklePilians, please contact Daniel Robicheaux at [robicheauxdaniel@gmail.com](mailto:robicheauxdaniel@gmail.com)

### 2026 Youth Confirmation Class • Sun, Feb 8 • 10:00 • Barnabas Conf. Rm.

Is your child in 8th grade? If so, it is a great time to consider Confirmation! The holy sacramental rite of Confirmation is a mature commitment to Christ and an important part of being a Christian and an active member of St. Paul's. Classes will consist of 10 sessions throughout the semester until the annual visitation of Bishop John Bauerschmidt on Sunday, May 17. Please email Brett at [brett@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:brett@stpaulsfranklin.com) if your child would like to participate.

### Seekers Class 2026 • Sundays, Feb 15- April 19 • 10:00 • Room TBD

Beginning Sunday, Feb. 15, our annual “Seekers” Class will begin. This is the class traditionally offered for those adults who wish to join the church through Confirmation or Reception. However, please know that all are welcome, especially current congregants of St. Paul's who would like a refresher course. We will look at church subjects such as worship, church history, and Episcopal theology. The course will last for eight sessions, with a couple Sundays off for various reasons. The diocesan bishop will then make his annual visit to St.

Paul's for Confirmation on May 17. If you have any questions please contact Rusty via email: [rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com) or by phone 615-790-0527.

### Final Week to Register for Youth Pilgrimage 2026 • June 8-14 • Montreal

All High School students are invited to join us on a Pilgrimage to Montreal and Quebec City! Register at [bit.ly/Montreal2026](http://bit.ly/Montreal2026) by January 23. Email [brett@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:brett@stpaulsfranklin.com) for more details.

### Mountain TOP Service Summer Camp • July 12-18, 2026 • Register by January 11

6th - 12th Grade students and adults are encouraged to join us for St. Paul's 28th year at Mountain TOP! Find out why we keep going back! Register at [bit.ly/StPaulsMTOP](http://bit.ly/StPaulsMTOP) by January 11. Email [brett@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:brett@stpaulsfranklin.com) for more details.

## Outreach

### Birthday Outreach Ministry • 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Every Month • Jan 13

If you like a party, and if you have a heart for visiting people, then we have an opportunity for you that combines the two. We will plan to meet there from 12:40 pm -1:30 pm giving us a chance to visit with residents, and eat cake too! Interested? Location: Charter Senior Living (105 Sunrise Circle, Franklin) Contact Monna at [monna@stpaulsfranklin.com](mailto:monna@stpaulsfranklin.com) or 615-790-0527.

### CITY (Church in the Yard – a Homeless Ministry) • 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Every Month • Jan 18

On the third Sunday of each month, a group from St. Paul's travels to the Church of the Holy Trinity in downtown Nashville to participate in Church in the Yard (a.k.a. "CITY"). We serve hot meals to 125-150 of our homeless brothers and sisters and provide them with a small ToGo bag of food that they can take with them to eat later. Throughout the year we also provide coats, scarves, gloves, socks and other essential clothing when we can.

There are many ways to help - If you have questions or want more information, please contact Ellen Kirk 615-545-8820/[ellenvkirk@gmail.com](mailto:ellenvkirk@gmail.com) or Gerald Hancock [615-604-9635/gwhancock44@gmail.com](mailto:615-604-9635/gwhancock44@gmail.com)

### Spring Street • Volunteers Needed • Jan 22

This month we will celebrate a new year and have fun with Bible trivia from Dewees Berry. Sign up to volunteer here: <https://bit.ly/spring-street-jan-25>

## Announcements

### Meet our 2026 Vestry Nominees

Pick up a copy of their bios in the Narthex or visit here:

<https://www.stpaulsfranklin.com/vestry-bios/>