

# THE PALMER

*The latest news and updates from Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church*



## **VESTRY AND LAY DELEGATE NOMINATIONS**

The following eight people have been nominated to serve on the Vestry: Elizabeth Maynard, Andrew Kraebel, Jackie Campbell, Rob Vines, Peter Yacoe, Camille Emig, Richard Avant, and Scott Sublett. The parish will elect four of these people to serve. The following four people have been nominated as Palmer's representatives to Diocesan Council: Anne Stinson, Denise Zwicker, David Wallace, and George Thomas. The parish will elect two of these people to serve and the other two nominees automatically become alternate lay delegates. Thanksgivings for each of these candidates who are willing to serve our congregation. Read their bios at [palmerchurch.org/vestry](https://palmerchurch.org/vestry).

Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 1, at 11 AM (following the 10 AM service) and voting will be the initial piece of business. In-person absentee voting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 25. Online voting will be January 25 - 28. **There will be a Meet the Vestry Candidates forum on today, following the 10 AM service.**

## **PALMER NEEDS YOUR PLEDGE NOW**

The Vestry's Finance Council has prepared a draft budget for 2026 based upon the 2026 pledges received so far. Palmer needs the pledged support of every Palmer to cover inflation and fully support Palmer's mission to share the love of Christ. Make a pledge now in any of these ways: at <https://palmerchurch.org/stewardship/#Pledge> ; on the Palmer App by clicking "Pledging" on the bottom of the start page; return a pledge card found in the pews; or call Palmer's Financial Manager, Jessica Evans, at 713-529-6196, ext. 111, or email her at [jevans@palmerchurch.org](mailto:jevans@palmerchurch.org).

## **CARNEVALE AT PALMER FEBRUARY 15**

Christians the world over celebrate a season that begins with Christmas and ends when Lent starts on Ash Wednesday. The final festival may be called Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras, Fasching, Shrove Tuesday or, in Venice, Carnevale, each an opportunity to party and eat well before penitential Lent. In honor of Palmer's connection to Venice, home to the church on which Palmer was architecturally modeled, Santa Maria Dei Miracoli, Palmer will celebrate Carnevale following the 10 am service February 15 with Venetian food, masks, art, and music. Come join the fun.

# WINTER FORMATION



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

ADULT EDUCATION, 9:00-9:45 AM

- **January 18** - Anthony Pinn: Christian Nationalism
- **January 25** - Faces of our Faith: Lydia / Philemon

## SUNDAY MORNING PARENTING GROUP

Parenting Group meets from 9-10 AM in the Canterbury Room upstairs in the Autry House Building at Palmer. If you are seeking encouragement and community in your parenting journey, you are welcome here. For info contact [Roger Hutchison](mailto:Roger.Hutchison@cym@palmerchurch.org) at [cym@palmerchurch.org](mailto:cym@palmerchurch.org).

## HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

PreK (with school experience) to 5th grade, Sundays from 9 to 9:50 am in Holy Cross Children's Room. Questions? Contact Courtney Daniell-Knapp at [acourtneydaniell@gmail.com](mailto:acourtneydaniell@gmail.com).

## PALMER YOUTH GROUP

Palmer Youth Group meets Sundays 11:30 AM - 1 PM in the Youth Room. Contact [Roger Hutchison](mailto:Roger.Hutchison@cym@palmerchurch.org), Director of Children's and Youth Ministry.

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## THE ORDINATION OF WILL PARKER TO THE SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTS

The Rt. Rev. Hector Monterroso will ordain the Rev. William A. Parker to the Sacred Order of Priests at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 31, 2025, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Houston, TX. Reception to follow. All are welcome. Clergy: red stoles.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Outreach Council is working on the schedule for outreach events for the year. We are asking you to consider sharing some of your time working with us in our community. There are a variety of opportunities on various dates coming up. If you would like to receive more information as the events are scheduled-please send a quick note to Deacon Mary at [deacon@palmerchurch.org](mailto:deacon@palmerchurch.org) and she will put you on the list to receive notifications.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP AND WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

### Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

### Tuesday Men's Bible Study

meets at 7 AM in person and on Zoom. Contact The Rev'd Neil Willard [rector@palmerchurch.org](mailto:rector@palmerchurch.org)

### Tuesday Women's Bible Studies

meet at 7 AM in person and on Zoom and at 3:30 PM on Zoom. Contact [info@palmerchurch.org](mailto:info@palmerchurch.org)

### Wednesday Bible Study

(open to everyone!) meets at 12 Noon on Zoom and in-person in room A102. Contact The Rev'd Neil Willard at [rector@palmerchurch.org](mailto:rector@palmerchurch.org)

## OTHER WEEKLY MEET-UP GROUPS

- Women's Spirituality (Mondays 1 PM in A102)
- Meditation in St. Bede's Chapel (Wednesdays 6:00 PM)
- Meditation on Zoom (Mondays and Wednesdays, [palmerchurch.org/meetinglinks](http://palmerchurch.org/meetinglinks))
- Gentle Yoga Every Thursday (except Third Thursday) in St. Bede's at 9:30 AM
- Palmer Writing Group (On Zoom)
- Autry House Rice Student Ministry - Services Monday at 7 PM

**For Children's and Youth Ministries**  
contact [Roger Hutchison](mailto:Roger.Hutchison@cym@palmerchurch.org) at [cym@palmerchurch.org](mailto:cym@palmerchurch.org)

## MONTHLY EVENTS AND MEET-UP GROUPS

- Parish Potlucks or Community Meals
- Third Thursday Outing Hosted by the Older Adults Ministry (All are invited!)
- Social Hour with the Rector at Valhalla on the Rice Campus at 5 PM (Second Thursday of the month)
- Dinner and Discussion (One Friday of the Month)
- Downtown Lunch, Noon at Treebeard's in the Cloister (Fourth Tuesdays)
- Reel Theology Movie Discussion at 7 PM on Zoom (First Sundays)
- Creative Arts Community
- Photography Group
- Palmers Assisting Reentry (PAR)
- Daughters of the King Prayer Group
- Board Game Group (Last Wednesday of the Month)

**Palmer's Nursery** is located in the front office at the end of the staff hallway. You can also access it by the door in the breezeway that leads to the offices. It is open Sundays and for special events.