

Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Pray for the Church and the Body of Christ
The Daughters of the King are dedicated to supporting the prayer needs of St. Paul’s. They are available in the west corner of sanctuary every Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for private prayer. You can also submit intentions in the prayer box in the narthex. To add names to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise renewed. Please pray for:
The victims and families of the more than 140 Christian Martyrs killed by Fulam Muslims on Christmas Eve; Jorn Jamison

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Dinner Circles are being reshuffled for February through May 2024. If you wish to join the Dinner Circle group, please contact Frank McKee at (903)454-4618.

- Jan. 23, Tues. 6:30 p.m.-Adult Education
A History of American Choral Music
- Jan. 24, Wed. 7:00 p.m.-Bible Study
- Jan. 25, Thurs. 7:00 p.m.-Community Choir Rehearsal

Morsel for Meditation

Morality cannot be legislated but behavior can be regulated. Judicial decrees may not change the heart, but they can restrain the heartless.
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle. And so we must straighten our backs and work for our freedom.
-Martin Luther King, Jr., *The Death of Evil upon the Seashore*, 1956.

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.
-Martin Luther King, Jr., *Strength to Love*, 1963.

The silence of the good people is more dangerous than the brutality of the bad people.
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Never, never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way.
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Cover Art:

Jacopo Bassano, *The Miraculous Draught of Fishes*
(Washington DC: National Gallery, 1545), oil on canvas.
143.5 x 243.7 cm (56 1/2 x 95 15/16 in.)

Vestry Highlights—At the January meeting, the Vestry:

- ◆ Thanked those who have finished their term on the Vestry: Jeff Faunce, David Kirklin, and Elizabeth Porter.
- ◆ Questioned continuing the Vestry Bible Study due to Vestry absences.
- ◆ Heard that the services on December 31th, when Fr. Nick did one at Holy Trinity Garland and then at St. Paul's, went well.
- ◆ Was reminded of the Annual Meeting on January 28th.
- ◆ Updated the Organizational Flow Chart
- ◆ Discussed going to one Sunday service at 10:30 on the first Sunday of Lent with a Catechism class at 9:30. The Rector approved this.
- ◆ Was encouraged to engage in face-to-face invitations to attend church and events.
- ◆ Heard that the Lenten Series beginning February 15th will be Philip Yancey's "Vanishing Grace: What Ever Happened to the Good News?"
- ◆ Discussed how not giving a cost of living adjustment to the Rector is projected to reduce his effective salary by almost \$28K since 2018.
- ◆ Adjusted the budget to give a cost of living adjustment to the Rector for 2024.
- ◆ Indicated that planning for the 50th anniversary of the church building will occur after the Annual Meeting and be headed up by David Gish.
- ◆ Heard that the Junior Warden has been winterizing the property and planning for the mowing season.
- ◆ Heard that the EFT Policy, and Document retention policy will come up at the February meeting.
- ◆ Thanked those who helped the homeless in our community during our recent cold snap.
- ◆ Was reminded of the Adult Education offering of “A History of American Choral Music” on January 23rd @ 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ Heard some of the planning for the Solar Eclipse events in Greenville in April.
- ◆ Heard that the Kitchen Renovation is going forward and there is an additional cost for the grease trap (\$10K-15K).
- ◆ Heard that currently we have one nominee for Vestry: Frank McKee, and one nominee as a Delegate: Emma Shasteen.
- ◆ Heard that the Memorial Fund Committee will propose funding the speakers in the Narthex at the February meeting.

DECEMBER FINANCIALS	Current Period	Year to Date
Total December Income	\$14,882.00	\$188,669.00
Total November Expenses	\$19,099.00	\$225,075.00
Profit and Loss	-\$4,217.00	-\$36,406.00

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January 14
Offering: \$490.00 - Attendance: 38



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The Rev. Gordon Miltenberger, *Assisting Priest*
David Gish, *Music Director*
Rebecca Shasteen, *Pianist and Organist*
Debbie McClain, *Parish Administrator*

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany: January 21, 2024

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist Rite I	
<i>The Word of God</i>	
Prelude	
Opening Sentence	BCP 323
The Collect	BCP 163
The Lessons	
First Reading	Jonah 3:1-5,10
Psalm	Psalm 62:6-14
Epistle	1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel	Mark 1:14-20
Sermon	The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk
The Nicene Creed	BCP 326
Prayers of the People	BCP 328
The Confession	BCP 331
The Peace	BCP 332
Announcements	
<i>The Holy Communion</i>	
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer I)	BCP 333
The Lord’s Prayer	BCP 336
<i>Agnus Dei</i>	BCP 337
The Presentation	BCP 338
Post Communion Prayer	BCP 339
The Blessing & Dismissal	BCP 339

Service Times at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

SUNDAY	
8:00 a.m.	HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	NURSERY OPEN
10:30 a.m.	HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
MONDAY—FRIDAY	
7:30 a.m.	MORNING PRAYER
WEDNESDAY	
10:00 a.m.	CHILDREN’S CHAPEL
10:30 a.m.	MORNING PRAYER
“ST. PAUL’S YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP-GREENVILLE, TX”: FOLLOW ON FACEBOOK FOR INFORMATION ON TIME AND LOCATION	

This Sunday, Jan. 21

Lector/LEM:	Debbie Shaffer (8:00 a.m.) Jacob Scoggins (10:30 a.m.)
Acolyte:	John Stachniak
Vestry Person of the Day:	Suzanne Taylor, David Gish
Intercessory Prayer:	Elizabeth Porter

Next Sunday, Jan. 28

Lector/LEM:	Debbie Shaffer (8:00 a.m.) John Shasteen (10:30 a.m.)
Acolyte:	Jacob Scoggins
Vestry Person of the Day:	Elizabeth Porter, John Stachniak
Intercessory Prayer:	Jo Dodson

Altar Guild:	Pat Bolick, Laura Funk, Georgianna Harrison, Nancy Wyant
Tech Team:	Jacob Faunce, Jeff Faunce, Jennifer Faunce, Georgianna Harrison, Dana Medford, Alex Stachniak, Chris Wolff

10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist Rite II	
<i>The Word of God</i>	
Prelude	
Processional Hymn	H #537
<i>Christ For The World We Sing (Moscow)</i>	
Opening Sentence	BCP 355
<i>Gloria in Excelsis</i>	H #S280
The Collect	BCP 215
The Lessons	
First Reading	Jonah 3:1-5,10
Psalm	Psalm 62:6-14
Epistle	1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel Hymn	H #660
<i>O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (Maryton)</i>	
Gospel	Mark 1:14-20
Children’s Sermon	
Sermon	The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk
The Nicene Creed	BCP 326
Prayers of the People (Form III)	BCP 387
The Confession	BCP 360
The Peace	BCP 360
Announcements	
<i>The Holy Communion</i>	
Offertory	H #550
<i>Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult (Restoration)</i>	
Offertory Anthem	A3 #221
<i>Doxology (Old 100th)</i>	
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)	BCP 361
The Lord’s Prayer	BCP 364
<i>Agnus Dei</i>	H #S157
Communion Hymns	
<i>Revelation Song (Jennie Lee Riddle)</i>	
<i>Take My Life and Let it Be (Hollingside)</i>	
Post Communion Prayer	Choir H #707 BCP 365
The Blessing & Dismissal	BCP 366
Recessional Hymn	H #381
<i>Thy Strong Word did Cleave the Darkness (Ton-y-Botel)</i>	

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Eucharist.

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (black)
H = Hymnbook (red)
A3 = Alleluia III (yellow)

The Collect	
Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.	
First Reading	Jonah 3:1-5,10
The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jo- nah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.	
When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.	
Psalm	Psalm 62:6-14
Nonne Deo?	
6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; * truly, my hope is in him.	
7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, * my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.	
8 In God is my safety and my honor; * God is my strong rock and my refuge.	
9 Put your trust in him always, O people, * pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.	
10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, * even those of low estate cannot be trusted.	
11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, * all of them together.	
12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; * though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.	
13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, * that power belongs to God.	
14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, * for you repay everyone according to his deeds.	
Epistle	1 Corinthians 7:29-31
I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.	
The Gospel	Mark 1:14-20
After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”	
As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother	