

- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Check the Weekly E-pistle to sign-up for the 2025 Gospel In Life Advent Devotional

Sign up below for a free 4-week devotional emailed to you daily during this upcoming season of Advent : (November 30 - December 24). Each Sunday's email will include a previously filmed video meditation and Q&A from Tim & Kathy Keller.

Go to stpaulstx.org—Weekly E-pistle button on main page

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: *Bob Lloyd, Edward Haines*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, December 13, 2025

2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

The parish is cordially invited to join us for our annual Christmas Tea in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited!

RSVP to Rita Woods—903-521-3533 By December 7th

Hosted by ECW

Dec. 4, Thurs. - 8:00pm - Compline Service Via stpaulstx.org click on Facebook or Compline

Dec. 9, Tues.—School Board Meeting

Dec. 13, Sat.— 2-4pm—Christmas Tea, everyone welcome. RSVP by Sunday, Dec. 7 to RitaWoods 903-521-3533 with number attending.

Dec. 16, Tues.—Vestry Meeting

Dec. 20, Sat.—8:00am—St Joseph's Guild

9:00am DOK Daughter's of the King

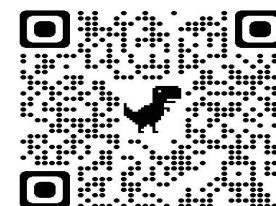
2025-2026 APNET Events - Opportunities to join with other small Episcopal churches for ministry and mutual edification. Please consider participating. Rural Churches play a important role in the fabric of the communities they serve. They are the outposts of the rural mission field for the Gospel. Often times these small missions and parishes struggle to remain viable having limited resources and small numbers.

- **December 17 – 6pm** Blue Christmas at St. Dunstan's, Mineola. Focused on those grieving the death of a loved on.
- **December 20 – 5pm** La Posada at San Marcos, Mt. Pleasant. It will include a meal.
- **January 3 – 4pm** Lessons and Carols at St. William Laud, Pittsburg.
- **January 21—5:30pm**—ALPHA Course: St. Philip's Episcopal, Sulphur Springs, TX

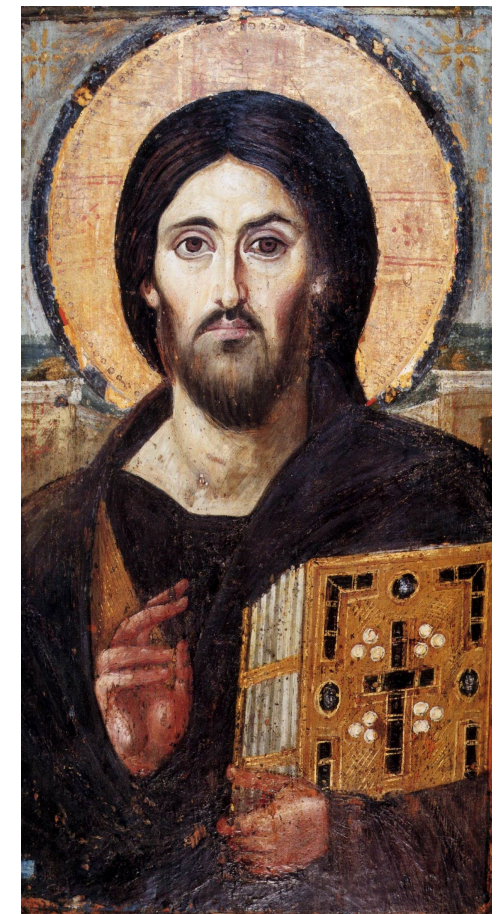
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First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025

Service Times at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m to 10:15 a.mADULT CATECHESIS
10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.NURSERY OPEN
10:30 a.m.HOLY EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m.MORNING PRAYER I
10:00 a.m.CHILDREN’S CHAPEL
10:30 a.m.MORNING PRAYER II
6:00 p.m.BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY

8:00 p.m.Compline Service (access St. Paul’s Facebook Page)

This Sunday, November 30th

Lector/LEM: Debbie Shaffer
Acolyte: Karen Smith
Vestry Person of the Day: Matt Wolff, Frank McKee
Intercessory Prayer: Nancy Wyant
Tech Team: Director-Jennifer Faunce; Titles-Jennifer Faunce; Audio-Jeff Faunce; Cameras-Jeff Faunce; Social Media-Georgianna Harrison

Next Sunday, December 7th

Lector/LEM: Jim Pence
Acolyte: Karen Smith
Vestry Person of the Day: Matt Wolff, Frank McKee
Intercessory Prayer: Elizabeth Porter
Tech Team: Director-Jennifer Faunce; Titles-Jennifer Faunce; Audio-Jeff Faunce; Cameras-Jeff Faunce; Social Media-Georgianna Harrison

Altar Guild: Laura Funk, Georgianna Harrison, Laurel Pence, Nancy Wyant

Morsels for Meditation

Don't fear failure. Fear being in the exact same place next year as you are today.
We often treat Jesus the way Saul treated David. We want him to slay giants and sing evil spirits away but we don't want him to be King.
-A.W. Tozer

The leisure of the monks is not the privilege of those who can afford to take the time; it is the virtue of those who give to everything they do the time it deserves to take.
-David Steindl-Rast

Peace if possible, truth at all costs.
-Attributed to Martin Luther

Cover Art

Unknown, *Christ Pantocrator* (Mt. Sinai, Egypt: St. Catherine's Monastery, 6th century), encaustic.

Holy Eucharist Rite I

The Word of God

Processional Hymn H #57
Lo He Comes (Helmsley)
Opening Sentence BCP 323
Collect for Purity BCP 323
Summary of the Law BCP 324
Trisagion H #S101
The Collect BCP 159
The Lessons
The First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5
The Psalm Psalm 122
The Epistle Romans 13:11-14
Gospel Hymn H #462
The Lord will come and not be slow York
Gospel Matthew 24:36-44
Sermon “The Past is not Past” The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk

The Nicene Creed BCP 358
Prayers of the People (Form I) BCP 328
The Confession BCP 331
The Peace BCP 332
Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn H #68
Rejoice! rejoice, believers (Llangloffan)
Offertory Anthem A3 #221
Doxology (Old 100th)
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer I) BCP 333
Sanctus H #S129
The Lord’s Prayer BCP 336
Agnus Dei BCP 337
Communion Hymns
All who are Thirsty A3 #5
Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord A3#131
Post Communion Prayer BCP 339
The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 339
Recessional Hymn H #74
Blest be the King (Valet will ich dir geben)

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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD’s house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.’
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Psalm 122 Psalm 122

Laetatus sum

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.