

STATISTICS	ATTENDANCE	
11/02/2025	10:00 A	76
11/09/2025	10:00 A	90
11/16/2025	10:00 A	81

STEWARDSHIP		OFFERING
11/02/2025	Current	\$ 4,549.00
11/09/2025	Current	\$ 3,620.00
11/16/2025	Current	\$ 3,886.00

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# St. Paul's Epistle

December 7, 2025

## Word from Our Pastor

As most of you already know, I believe Christmas is an everyday event. That is because the gift of Jesus is with us in some way many times in each day.

My tree is up year-round and I love the instant reminder of Jesus in my life. If people walking by my house are not too distracted by the barking dog warning them to turn back, they may see the lights on the tree and perhaps wonder is this guy lazy or is there some other reason his tree is up in the summer.

Jesus came into a broken world where the people's relationship with God was scary at best. The thought of punishment for wrong doing was constant and harsh rule from Romans and other powers at be made life dismal and negative.

The Shepherds followed the star to a manger that changed their lives and the world. That baby born in a stable in Bethlehem would later die on a cross at Calvary forgiving us and then rising for the ultimate gift of eternal life.

The gift of Jesus is mor ethan a reference point in the world's history books. It is an everyday event of forgiveness and unconditional love sent by God to each of us.

**Merry Christmas pjh**

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### Important Phone Numbers

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## Announcements

Don't forget the Christmas Program is on Sunday 21 December during the normal 10am Service. All Children are invited to be Angels, shepherds, sheep, munchkins (yes munchkins).

Just show up for the service a little bit early and we will get you ready to go.

### **25-26 Seasonal Worship Offerings**

#### **Sunday November 23rd Christ the King Sunday**

10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

11:00 am Congregational Meeting

12:00 Noon - Thanksgiving Covered Dish Luncheon

#### **Sunday November 30th - Advent 1**

10:00 am Worship - Service of the Word

#### **Wednesday December 3rd, 10th & 17th - Advent Services**

11:00 am Advent Services in the Henry J. Black Chapel

#### **Sunday December 7th - Advent 2**

9:00 am-10:00 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

#### **Sunday December 14th - Advent 3**

9:00 am-10:00 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

4:00 pm 64th Annual Tri-Church Christmas Festival & Reception

#### **Sunday December 21st - Advent 4**

9:00 am-10:00 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Sunday School Christmas Play

5:00 Annual Family Advent Night - Soup & Sandwich Dinner

#### **Wednesday December 24th - Christmas Eve Services**

6:30 & 10:00 pm Candlelight Communion Services

w/ Organ, Piano, Choirs & Brass

#### **Sunday December 28th**

9:00 am-10:00 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Lessons & Carols Service with the Choir

#### **Sunday January 4th - 2026**

9:00 am-10:00 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

## *Prayer Requests*

**Our Prayers are requested for:** Kristin Aspaas, Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Alice Ann Duggar, David Fennell, George Flathmann, Mike Frederick, Miriam Fulton, Frances Graff, Louise Grotheer, Mike Hatfil, Gene Henry, Don Kennedy, Diane Martin, Mario Morin, Sydney Oetgen, Al Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Isabelle Shearouse, Charlie Smith, Debbie Sonnenschmidt, Barbara & Tim Tyson, Melissa Waller, Michelle Ward, Joe Whitaker and Alan Wyatt.

## WELCA

WELCA collected enough donations that they were able to fill 28 boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

### **CHRISTMAS OUTREACH TO BENEFIT PARK PLACE OUTREACH INC.**

Park Place provides emergency shelter, meals and counseling to at risk youth and their families. Park Place Outreach provides a safe, secure and loving temporary home for teens who are homeless, runaways or victims of abuse, and also for youth in DFCS and DJJ custody as a preferable alternative to foster care detention. Park Place Outreach is the only facility in the area where homeless or runaways can self-report without an agency or family referral. They work closely with Greenbriar Children's Home when longer term placement or transitional living services are needed. They play an important role with the Savannah Chatham Metro Police Department to reduce juvenile crime. They are collecting \$25 gift cards for these young people. If you can help, please take a tag from the Christmas tree and return tag and gift card under the tree by December 9, 2025.

**Thank you!!**

## December Altar Guild

Natasha Smith, Lisa Neville, Donna Wall

### Communion Assistants

Michelle & Jim Ward  
Christmas Eve

6:30 - The Ward and Hadden Families  
Choir – John and Sherill Martin  
10:00 – Bill Wiggins and Janet Gnann

### Lectors

### Greeters

Dec. 7	Chuck McCallar	Robert Shuman
Dec. 14	Hunter Hadden Tri-Church	Donna Wall Lisa Neville
Dec. 21	Christmas Play	Gene & JoNell Henry
Dec. 24	6:30 10:00-Bill Wiggins	Candy Green McCallar Family
Dec. 28	Lessons and Carols Kim Screen and Charlie Schafer	Charlie Schafer

### Volunteers Needed

**Altar Guild** - help set communion up before services. If you are interested, please contact Becky Truluck at 912-655-6196.

**Lectors/Communion Assistants** - anyone interested please contact Janet Gnann @ 912-656-5771

**Ushers** – anyone interested please contact Ricky Neville @ (912)355-1601

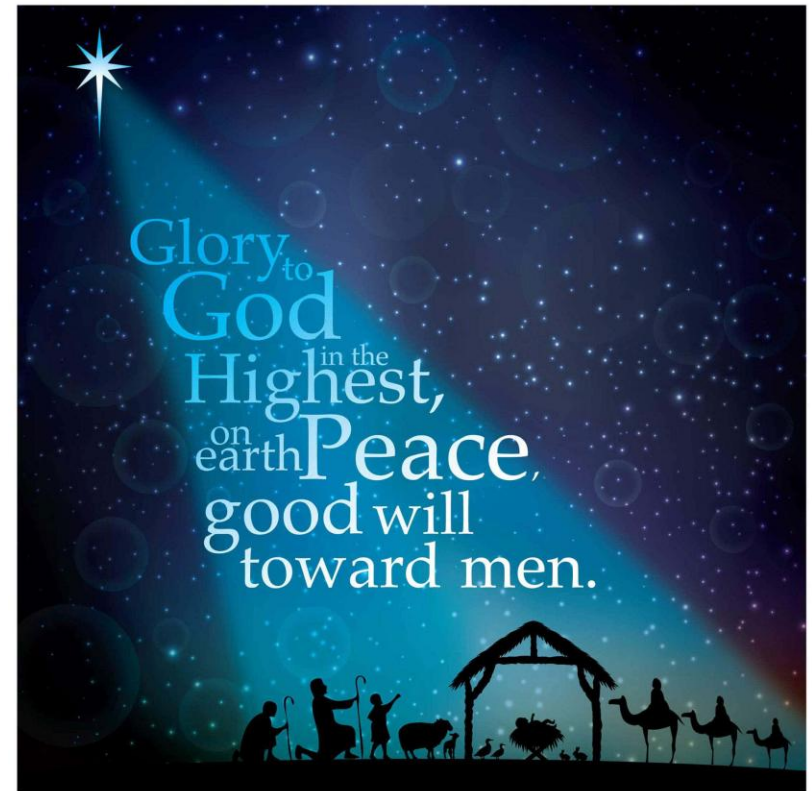
**Acolytes & Crucifers** – interested youth should contact Debra Barnard at 912-228-0200

**Altar Flowers** Sandfly Flower Shop will now be handling our altar arrangements. If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar, please contact Sherill Martin, 912-677-6115. If the date is available, the donor will be responsible for calling the florist prior to the date and making the payment.

**Greeters** – anyone interested should contact Donna Wall at 912-604-0511.

### *St. Paul's Christmas Angels*

*As we approach the End of the Year, I once again am looking for "Angels" to offer an extra \$1,000 Gift above their regular levels of giving to help me close the year in the "positive." However, any gift is accepted and no one will ever know the amount of your additional sacrifice. Thanking you for another Great Year of Blessings! Donald*



*Merry Christmas to all!*

# December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 6:00 P Circle 19 6:00 P Choir	4	5	6
<b>7 Advent 2</b> 9:00 A Sunday School 10:00 A Holy Communion	8	9 6:00 P Choir	10	11 9:00 A Craft Group.	12 12:00 Etc/Wayfarers	13 <b>* EPISTLE DEADLINE</b>
<b>14 Advent 3</b> 9:00 A Sunday School 10:00 A Holy Communion 4:00 P Tri Church Festival	15	16	17 6:00 P Choir	18 9:00 A Craft Group 5:30 P Executive Comm 6:00 P Church Council	19	20
<b>21 Advent 4</b> 9:00 A Sunday School 10:00 A Christmas Play 5:00 P Family Advent Night Soup, Sandwich, and Salad	22	23	24 6:30 P Candlelight Service 10:00 P Candlelight Service <b>Church office closed</b>	25 <b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Church office closed</b>	26	27
<b>28 Christmas 1</b> 9:00 A Sunday School 10:00 A Lessons & Carols	29	30	31 <b>New Year's Eve</b>	* Articles for the Epistle must be in the Church Office to make the mail-out by the following Wednesday.		<b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!</b> Dottie Kraft 12/1 Ronnie Boatright 12/1 Nancy Brown 12/9 Dudley New, Sr 12/15 Pauline Dyches 12/27 Sarah McCord 12/29



**ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA ....**

We would like to give all members an opportunity to place a Poinsettia in the church this Christmas in honor and/or in memory of loved ones.

The plants will be ordered through the church at a cost of **\$15.00** each. This price includes tax and delivery.

If you would like to place a Poinsettia, please complete the form below and return to the church office no later than **December 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**PLEASE ATTACH YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO:  
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

I wish to donate a Poinsettia which will adorn the Chancel for the services of Christmas, to the Glory of God and be:

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please list exactly as you would like it shown in the Bulletin and use the back for additional space.)**

\_\_\_ I will pick up my plant after the 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Service or during the following week for my own enjoyment, or I'll take to a neighbor or a shut-in.



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