



St. Paul's Epistle

April 5, 2026

Word from Our Pastor

Happy Easter! He lives and so will we.

Of course, we don't have to wait to experience the love of God and the gift of eternal life because of Jesus.

Jesus death on the cross would forgive us for our thoughts, words and deeds that don't show love. That means all the sins we have and will commit are washed away. We, being human, will of course remember them and if we don't other humans will remind us of our mistakes. Jesus fortunately doesn't do this. He just showed how much he loved us by sacrificing himself.

Jesus words to the criminal on the cross next to him are important. Today you will be with me in paradise. The instant we close our eyes in death we are in heaven with loved ones who have gone before us and a God who wanted us back from the dead and imperfect world we exist in today.

So, our future is secure! We can live our lives with the knowledge that when the time comes, we will be okay with God.

My friend, Richard, called me today telling me that their dog Frisbie was near death. They were going to take him in to the vet's office late in the week to say goodbye. Frisbie is eighteen years old and I've known him since he was a baby. Dogs will course be in heave and I have said many times that "dogs are what God intended people to be." Many in the world could learn a lesson from a gift form God that only wants to love us in spite of our faults. Jesus showed that love and died for our faults and rose giving us Easter. Pjh

STATISTICS	ATTENDANCE	
03/01/2026	10:00 A	75
03/08/2026	10:00 A	79
03/15/2026	10:00 A	86
03/22/2026	10:00 A	96

STEWARDSHIP		OFFERING
03/01/2026	Current	\$ 5273.00
03/08/2026	Current	\$ 2,193.00
03/15/2026	Current	\$ 2,550.00
03/22/2026	Current	\$ 2,653.00

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St. Paul's Church Council Meeting on March 19, 2026

Council members present: President Joey Barnard, Craig Conaway, Chris Conway, Erin Foose, Kim Screen, Ricky Truluck and Donna Wall. Also present: Pastor Hartmann, Donald Martin, Richard Wolf. Absent: Alex Renelt. The meeting was called to order at 6:11pm with a prayer by Pastor and devotion by Kim.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor made the regular visits, held Lenten Services on Wednesdays, Confirmation classes at 9am on Sundays, officiated Miriam Fulton's funeral, attended the Annual Lent Fish Fry and St. Patrick's Day parking spaces sale. He's looking forward to Holy Week and Easter. He will be on vacation May 4 – 8, he will lead the final service at his 2nd calling, the Chicago Church Closing Service on May 17. Then continue vacation with his daughters through May 29.

Committee Reports

Worship & Music: Donald Martin Music Director

Church Service attendance is consistently 75 to a high of 89 per Sunday with 100+ watching on Facebook. The Savannah Men's Chorale was well attended with 90+. Thanks to our ladies for the reception. Donald and the Choir are preparing for Palm Sunday Cantata and Holy Week /Lent. Choir member students Allan Berry (Tenor) is on Academic Leave and Evelyn Thomas (Soprano) is transferring to August College in the spring. This year the Easter Brass is being donated by Robert Shuman and a Trust Fund he manages. Bill Wiggins and Donald will sub for Pastor in May. Monday May 4 is the Savannah AGO members' Recital in the Sanctuary followed by a light reception in the Narthex.

Treasury: Donald Martin CFO

BOA- Operations \$14,126
Truist Operations cash reserves \$13,495
Truist Endowment (1) Acct. - Unrestricted \$917,223
Truist Endowment (8) Acct.- Restricted \$917,442
Truist- Day Care Operations \$14,340*
Truist- Day Care Savings \$36,225**
WELCA Acct. \$10,298

*Includes full year and one-half tuition paid by 1 family
**Includes \$30,000 from Barnes Olliff Endowment as agreed by Council
2/26

Sunday Offering continues to fall significantly short of budgetary requirements. Deficit to date \$38, 492. Transferred \$10,000 to Operations from Cash Savings to meet 3/15 payroll.



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

WELCA

WELCA is collecting for The Fresh Air Home and animal shelters for the months of March and April.

For the animal shelter – heating pads, Fancy Feast kitten pate, non-scented baby wipes, kitten bottle feeding kits, dog treats, cat treats, catnip, cardboard egg cartons, Timothy hay, small animal bedding, rabbit and guinea pig treats, Kongs, Nylabones, nonfat yogurt, low sodium chicken broth, any type cat or dog food, metal cat bowls, and dog slow feeders.

For The Fresh Air Home – monetary donations, you can go to the Fresh Air Home website and check out their Amazon wish lists for the nurse, housekeeping, or recreation or check the Narthex for a list.

April Altar Guild

Pat Sparks and Mickey Waldhour
Easter – Charlie Schafer and ?

Communion Assistants

Alex & Kimberly Renelt
Easter Sunday-back of church
Bill & George Wiggins & Charlie Schafer

Lectors

Greeters

Apr. 02	Maundy Thursday – Kim Screen	
Apr. 05	Dave Fulton	Charlie Schafer
Apr. 12	Gene Henry	Tracy & Rich Williams
Apr. 19	Rick Gnann	Kimberly Renelt
Apr. 26	Ricky Truluck	Mickey Waldhour

Volunteers Needed

Altar Guild - help set communion up before services. If you are interested, please contact Betsy Martin @ 912-655-8155.

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.

Minutes con't

Preschool: Janet Gnann Chair (report submitted)

There are 40 children enrolled: Infant to Two Years 28; Preschool 12. Currently there are 14 staff members. New Enrollments include an infant March 23 and Crawler March 30. We are accepting applications for the 1yr old and older programs. We're looking for 2 teachers for the Preschool class.

Property & Maintenance Report: Richard Wolf Chair

The third-floor fire protection and improvements are underway. New fire detectors have been installed. The wallpaper in the men's restroom in Hoffner Hall has been removed and walls repaired. A new roof leak has been detected. Air conditioning controllers to replace the old 2008 ones are being priced. The elevator is back in service for freight only. The Work Day was huge success with regular quarterly maintenance done such as light bulb and AC filter replacement, the courtyard renovations with new globes installed and landscape cleanup, a new crib assembled for the Preschool, and crepe myrtles along 31st were trimmed.

Old Business: Air conditioning issues previously discussed in Committee report. There's still no report from the engineers about the steeple leaks.

New Business: Special cribs are needed for the Preschool. Discussed possibly contacting the Air Force Academy for a leak solution. Joey requested a list of all the ministries we have and who heads them up. There being no other business Pastor closed the meeting with Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Wall
Secretary

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 P Circle # 19 6:00 P Choir	2 9:00 A Craft Group 11:00 A Maundy Thursday service 6:30 P Maundy Thursday Service	3 11:00 A Good Friday Service 6:30 P Good Friday Service	
5 Easter 9:00 A Sunday School 10:00 A Holy Communion	6	7	8 6:00 P Choir	9 9:00 A Craft Group	10 12:00 Noon Etc/ Wayfarers	11
12 Easter 2 9:00 A Sunday School 10:00 A Holy Communion	13	14	15 6:00 P Choir	16 9:00 A Craft Group 5:30P Exec.Comm. 6:00P Church Council	17 * EPISTLE DEADLINE	18 * Articles for the Epistle must be in the Church Office to make the mail out.
19 Easter 3 9:00 A Sunday School 10:00 A Holy Communion	20	21	22 6:00 P Choir	23 9:00 A Craft Group	24	25
26 Easter 4 9:00 A Sunday School 10:00 A Holy Communion	27	28	29 6:00 P Choir	30	HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Jean Wise 4/13 Florence Brown 4/14 Cleve Roby 4/26	