



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.*



Online Bulletin

## Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 23, 2022 at 10:15 a.m. Service offered both in-person and online

*Welcome! Thank you for your patience and faithfulness as we continue to work our way through this global pandemic. All are welcome to join us either in-person or online at 10:15am on Sunday mornings. If you have difficulty accessing our online services, and would like assistance, please let us know. There are a variety of ways we can help. Services are available online at: [www.StPaulsVentura.org/live](http://www.StPaulsVentura.org/live), [www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura](http://www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura), and [www.Facebook.com/SaintPaulsVentura](http://www.Facebook.com/SaintPaulsVentura).*

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*Again, welcome! We're glad that you're worshipping with us. If there's anything we can do to help, please let us know. Also contact us if you have any questions, prayer requests or need the services of a priest. We are always glad to hear from you. Meanwhile, know that you are in our prayers. We wish you all a very safe and blessed week.*

*Today's flowers were given through the generosity of your pledge.*

*If you'd like to arrange for flowers given in memory or thanksgiving, please contact the church office. Thank you!*

## Holy Eucharist *Liturgy of the Word*

**Prelude** The Spirit Sings *Collin Curtis*  
A trumpet Chorale *J.S. Bach arr. Van Denman Thompson*

*Please stand as you are able at the sound of the bell.*

**Entrance Hymn** **O Christ, the Word Incarnate** **Hymnal 632**  
*Today's Cantor: Daniel Smithson*

**Opening Salutation** Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise** **Let all the world in every corner sing** **Hymnal 402**

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.**

*Please be seated.*

*As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.*

## **First Reading**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

A reading from the Book of Nehemiah.

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

***People***        **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 19**

The response appointed for today is from Psalm 19. We will read it responsively, breaking at the asterisk.

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
**and the firmament shows his handiwork.**

2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
**and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
**and their voices are not heard,**

- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
**and their message to the ends of the world.**
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
**it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
**nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
**the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.**
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
**the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; \*  
**the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
**sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
**and in keeping them there is great reward.**
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
**cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; \*  
**then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.**
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
**O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## **Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn**  
*All stand as able.*

**My God, accept my heart this day**

**Hymnal 697**

**Holy Gospel**

Luke 4:14-21

*Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

Drew Darby

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

*Please stand or kneel as is your custom.*

*Server*

As God's chosen and priestly people, let us pray for the needs of the church and the world, saying: O gracious Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the people of God, loved wholly by God and sent to be light in the world. O gracious Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of nations, and for those who serve us in governments, that all people may work for peace and justice, O gracious Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are persecuted, shunned, neglected, or rejected because of prejudice, that they may find welcoming love in our community of faith, O gracious Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For all members of our community, that we may recognize the gifts we have received from the Spirit and use them freely for the good of all, O gracious Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer, for the sick and infirm, *especially... (the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*, and for those affected by violence, storms, fires, and floods, O gracious Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the faith of Christ, *especially... (the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*, and for the promise of resurrection to be fulfilled, O gracious Lord, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*

Into your mercy we commend ourselves, and for peace at the last we pray, that all your creation may give you praise and worship, through your son, Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

## Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.  
*A period of silence is observed.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*All remain standing as they are able.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
***People* And also with you.**

## Announcements

*Please be seated.*

**Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries.**

## *Liturgy of the Table*

### Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*



*Thank you for your donation, and for your pledge.  
Your generosity is appreciated!  
We look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ  
with whatever you are able to give.*

### Offertory

The Heavens Rejoice

*Beatrice Miller*

### Presentation Hymn

**I come with joy to meet my Lord**

**Hymnal 304**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
***People* And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
***People* We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
***People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord**

Hymnal S125\*

*\*Hymns numbers that begin with "S" are designated as Service Music and found at the beginning of the Hymnal*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please stand or kneel as is your custom.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."  
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Joseph, Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **Spiritual Communion**

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

**Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot all be together in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.**

### **The Invitation**

This is the Banquet of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him in this holy way.

*For in-person worshipers: Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer. Cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish a blessing.*

*Suggestion: Before or after Communion, see the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) pp. 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there. Online worshipers can find it at [www.bcponline.org](http://www.bcponline.org)*

### **Communion Music**

When Morning Gilds the Skies  
Jesu, Word of God Incarnate  
Joyful Hymn of Praise

*arr. Sandra Eithum  
W.A. Mozart, arr. Austin North  
Faye Lopez*



## Post Communion Prayer

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

May God give you grace to never sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but Love. The Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you this day and always. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn                      Christ for the world we sing

**Hymnal 537**

*Please stand and face the cross as we process.*

## Dismissal

*Celebrant*      Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

## Postlude

*Instrumental*

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## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of January 23, 2022***

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury	Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Dick Swanson
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop	President Joseph Biden, Congress, Federal Courts
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### ***HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:***

Mary, J, N, Devyn, Marilyn, Joan, Lisa, Connie, Rebecca, Ann, Maria, Phil, Audrey, Judy, Bob, Fermin, Olie, David, Michele, Clara, Fatima, Isabella, Jay, Leta, Lorriane, Jackie, Joe, Baby Z, all first responders, those on the frontlines of the pandemic, and everyone affected by COVID-19.

### ***THOSE ENDURING A LONG-TERM ILLNESS:***

Kay, Brian, Mary, Dave, Penny, Virginia, Susan, Michelle, Jeanice, Sheila, Carol, Rachel, Kim, Amelia, Liz, Maria, Linda, and Jan.

### ***IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY:***

Drew and Anna Darby, and their family.

### ***FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:***

- + The ministry of Family to Family; all who volunteer and/or give financially to feed Ventura's hungry
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home

### ***GIVE THANKS FOR:***

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles Deanery One in Ventura County: *St. Columba's*, Camarillo; *Trinity*, Fillmore; *St. Andrew's*, Ojai; *All Saints'*, Oxnard; *St. Paul's/Emmanuel*, Santa Paula; *St. Francis'*, Simi Valley; *St. Patrick's*, Thousand Oaks
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiaoso*, Ghana
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *First United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, Our Lady of the Assumption churches and the Salvation Army*

### ***IN MEMORIAM***

Roy Kyle, Liz McEwan, Larry Boeing, *and all those we love but see no longer.*

*Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month but can be renewed if needed. Please contact the church office to add or extend a prayer request and to let us know how things are going.*



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# St. Paul's Announcements January 23, 2022

Thank you for joining us today! We'll continue to hold you in our prayers.

Please contact the church office for more information. God bless you!

**We invite you to join us again next Sunday!**



## Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

Whether you're new, visiting or have been a member for years, we're so glad you joined us today. **A warm welcome to you!**

We currently offer Sunday services online, and in person.

Please let us know if we can do anything to support you on your spiritual journey this week.

We're always happy to hear from you!

We invite you to come back soon.

**ST. PAUL'S  
E-NEWS**  
announcements,  
enrichment, encouragement  
**Because faith isn't just for Sundays!**

This is a brief overview of our weekly announcements. To learn about everything going on at St. Paul's and to receive weekly encouragement and ways to build up spiritual strength, please see our E-newsletter. If you don't receive it, please let us know. We'd be happy to add you to the list! [office@saintpaulsventura.org](mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org)

**Next Sunday**

## Next Sunday is the Annual Meeting

Please join us at Noon on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98526311219>

It is very important that you join us online for this important meeting.

We must have a quorum of members present in order to do the business of the church.

Please make arrangements to be with us for this important meeting.

**Thank you!**



After the Service this week...

## Join us for Virtual Coffee Hour with Jordan Daniels hosting

Stay for as long or as little as you are able. We would love for you and your family or friends (or pets!) to join us. Children are always welcome. Share prayer requests, say hi to one another. Click the link below to join us on Sunday after the service-- we're excited to see you!

Click this link to join our Zoom Coffee Hour after the service:

<https://zoom.us/j/98526311219>

Or enter this ID in your Zoom app to join! **Meeting ID: 985 2631 1219**

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## OUTREACH PROJECT FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

**FEEDING OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS** – We're raising the funds to purchase the food and paper goods used for when we take our turn once a month at the Family to Family lunch ministry. We serve about 100 lunches each third Monday of the month at a cost of approx. \$2.50/plate. Our goal is \$4,400 to carry us through until Fall. *Donate in person, on the website [www.saintpaulsventura.org/give](http://www.saintpaulsventura.org/give), use PayPal or send in a check. It all is appreciated!*

**Family to Family**

Thank you for helping feed the hungry!

## LAST MONDAY, January 17th

Because of the generosity of this congregation, and the willing hands of all our volunteers, we were able to serve about 100 lunches. Thank you so much!

**Church  
Information  
Series**

## Church Information Series - Sunday, February 6th at 6pm on Zoom

### **Communion: to Receive or Not to Receive, What does it all mean?**

We invite you to join us on Sunday, February 6 on Zoom. We will talk about the meaning of Eucharist. We'll explore the practices common in the Episcopal Church and specifically, at St. Paul's. This presentation will be wonderful for newcomers as well as long-time members. Bring your questions and your opinions and join us. All who are interested are welcome. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87651174080>



**First Monday Book Club - February 7th at 5:30pm on Zoom**

Our next book is The Harlem Shuffle by Colson Whitehead. From the two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author, an entertaining novel of heists, shakedowns, and rip-offs set in Harlem in the 1960s. It's a family saga masquerading as a crime novel, a hilarious morality play, a social novel about race and power, and ultimately a love letter to Harlem. Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1stmonday  
Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/75182085503?pwd=U3JlVkttT0ptODluSUXCM2NUT0pNzZ09>



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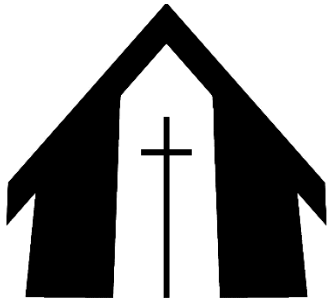
*"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

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**Thank you so much! It is great to be with you on this journey of faith.**

# St. Paul's Annual Meeting, Next Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at Noon via Zoom



**Why have an Annual Meeting?**

To conduct the business of the church.

**Who needs to attend?**

All members of the church are encouraged to attend. We need enough members in attendance so that we will have a **quorum of 50 members**.

**What happens at the Annual Meeting?**

We vote for new Vestry members and elect our delegates to Diocesan Convention. We receive reports from the groups and committees of the church and review our finances and the budget for the coming year.

**Who can Vote at this Meeting?**

Though everyone is encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting, in order to vote, one must be a qualified elector. According to the Constitution and Canons of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles, Canon IV 4.04 The following shall be qualified electors: Any person sixteen years of age or over and attendant upon the services of the Parish, who for the previous twelve (12) months have been registered upon the Parish Rolls as a baptized communicant in good standing of that parish; the list of qualified electors shall be published by the Vestry no less than 30 days prior to any special or annual meeting of the Parish.

The Parish Rolls have been published and the list of qualified electors is available for your review in the church office upon request. You can also check whether you are listed as a qualified elector by contacting us at 805 643-5033 or [office@saintpaulsventura.org](mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org)

***Please mark it on your calendar and arrange to be with us. Thank you!***



## Annual Meeting of St. Paul's Ventura

Sunday, January 30, 2022 at Noon

Online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84822393848>

## Nominations

*Rather than accepting nominations from the floor, we ask you submit nominations in advance.*

*You may nominate yourself or another person.*

*Each nominee must meet the qualifications and be willing to serve.*

### Delegates to Convention

The Diocese of Los Angeles meets once a year for the Diocesan Convention. Number of delegates is determined by size of the church. St. Paul's gets four delegates. Our clergy also get voice and vote at convention.

Our time together during convention is woven into a context of worship and prayer following a theme. In 2021 that theme was Truth & Love. This was a hybrid convention with some delegates attending in-person and others attending online. The Exhibit Hall was held both virtually and in-person.

While gathered as the people of God in the Diocese of Los Angeles, we do the work of the church electing officers and representatives to various Diocesan positions and to General Convention. We also hear wonderful speakers and are presented with lots of updates and information about the broader church. To top it all off, there's a great exhibit hall to peruse, lots of interesting people to meet and a great time to be had.

**Diocesan Convention 2022  
will be hosted at the Riverside Convention Center  
on Friday and Saturday, November 11 and 12, 2022.**

**We are looking for nominations for the position of Delegate to Convention.** Each nominee must be a member of the church and be willing to attend convention. Typically, delegates stay in a hotel for one or two nights that weekend at their own cost. Funds are available from the Rector's Discretionary Fund for anyone for whom that presents a financial burden.

#### **To make a nomination:**

- 1. Be sure the person being nominated (yourself or another) is qualified.*
- 2. Be sure the person being nominated (yourself or another) is willing to serve.*
- 3. Email the church office to let us know who you're nominating.*

***office@saintpaulsventura.org***

**All Nominations Must be Received  
by 5pm on Sunday, January 23, 2022**

## Vestry

St. Paul's Vestry is made up of 12 members plus the Rector; each member is elected to serve a 3-year term and 4 members of the Vestry retire each year. So, we will be thanking 4 members for their service and electing 4 to replace them.

**Slate of Nominees** - Each year, a Nominating Committee, made up of each of the retiring Vestry Members, the Senior Warden, and the Rector recruit qualified members to join the vestry. That Slate of Nominees is presented for election. This year, that slate includes Wendy VanHorn, Daniel Smithson, Sarah Lamola and Kathleen Crookston.

As you can see, we have a wonderful Slate of Nominees for Vestry Positions and don't need any further volunteers. However, nominations may be submitted by any member of the congregation following the procedure described below.

### Requirements to Serve on the Vestry

- A. **Vestry Members must meet same requirements as qualified electors** – Any person sixteen years of age or over and attendant upon the services of the Parish, who for the previous twelve (12) months shall have been registered upon the parish rolls as a baptized communicant in good standing of that parish
- B. **And be able to carry out the responsibilities of a Vestry Member** – Intend to serve the entire three-year term to which they are elected
  - Be a pledged or regular contributor to the support of the Parish
  - Attend monthly meetings (currently they are on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:30 pm)
  - Attend additional meetings and retreats as needed
  - Attend subcommittee meetings which vary as to day and time
  - Oversee and communicate regularly with the committees you represent to the Vestry.
- C. **Retiring vestry members must wait one year before they can run for the Vestry again unless they were originally called to replace someone and served a term of 2 years or less.**
  - **Paid Staff at St. Paul's and their spouses may not serve on the Vestry** [St. Paul's Bylaws Article IV. Section 2. ...Salaried employees of the corporation and their spouses are deemed ineligible for election to the Vestry.]

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