

Sunday, December 9	
8:00 am	Traditional Service-Church Bldg.
9:00 am	Ushers Meeting— Skardon Connect Rm
9:00 am	Sunday Scriptures Class—AH
10:15 am	Contemporary Worship—Doar Hall
10:15 am	Traditional Service—Church Bldg.
12:00pm	AA—AH
6:00 pm	NA—AH
Monday, December 10	
8:00 am	Centering Prayer
10:00 am	AA —SK 11
10:00 am	Grandparents@ Prayer—CB
10:30 am	Women’s Bible Study—Library
10:30 am	Pastoral Care—SK 5
4:30 pm	Warden’s Meeting—SK Library
6:00 pm	Stone Soup Coalition—CY RM 212
6:00 pm	Life Group—CY RM 219
	Venture Crew—CY
6:30 pm	Life Group—SK 5
7:00 pm	GriefShare— Library
7:00 pm	AA—AH
Tuesday, December 11	
7:00 am	Men’s Bible Study—SK Library
9:15 am	Women’s Bible Study—SK 7
10:00 am	AA—SK 11
11:15 am	Ronna’s—Total Body Class – SK Hall
6:30 pm	Cub Scout Pack 730
7:00pm	Men’s Bible Study SK—Library

Wednesday, December 12	
10:00 am	AA—SK 11
10:00 am	Women’s Bible Study—SK 7
12:00 pm	Men’s Lunch Bible Study—AT
3:00 pm	Communion—The Village Chapel
5:30 pm	Cursillo Reunion Group—SK 5
6:30 pm	Surviving the Holidays—SK Library
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry—SK 7
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal—CB
7:00 pm	AA—AH
Thursday, December 13	
10:00 am	AA—SK 11
11:00 am	Healing Service—CB
11:15	Ronna’s—Total Body Class – SK Hall
11:30 am	Al-Anon—SK 11
6:30 pm	Advent Prayer Night—CB
7:00 pm	DivorceCare—SK Library
Friday, December 14	
8:00 am	Men’s Bible Study
10:00 am	AA—SK 11
7:00 pm	AA—AH
Saturday, December 15	
7:00 pm	AA—AH

Monthly Financial Recap	ANNUAL Budget	YTD Actual	Projected Year End	Proj. Y/E %	Proj. Y/E Deficit
Donations 2018	\$1,128,232	\$846,845	\$1,017,503	90%	(\$114,797)
Donations 2017		\$924,220			
		92%			
Expenses 2018	\$1,132,300	\$904,334	\$1,132,300		

Clergy:

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Biblically minded—Christ centered—Holy Spirit driven



JESUS + NICHOLAS + SANTA CLAUS
By: The Rev. John Scott



The true focus and meaning of Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus into the world to save sinners. Without Jesus, the Christ, being the center of our celebration—there is no Christmas. That celebration of Jesus is best experienced by gathering in church to hear, again, the ancient story of Jesus’ birth. This story is told through Word, Hymns, and Prayers (of gratitude for God’s faithfulness); thus, we receive the Word of God made Flesh in the Eucharist.

In the fourth century (after the Roman Empire ended it’s persecution of the Christian Church), a saintly Bishop [from present day Turkey named Nicholas]

carried the Christmas Celebration into the secular world by giving gifts of food and financial support to poor families. He encouraged his church members to do the same. That gesture of compassion and love spread like wild fire across the world and down through the centuries. It took on special traditions and observances as it spread from country to country.

In America, after the industrial revolution, secular forces began to play down the religious significance of Christmas (transforming it into a business enterprise for enriching merchants). Instead of GIVING to others, the focus shifted to GETTING for self.

Once the merchandisers of Madison Avenue realized the business value of Christmas, they quickly dropped the religious references to “Christ” and “Saint Nicholas.” They modified the image of a Bishop and his Miter into a “jolly old elf” wearing a scarlet stocking cap. St. Nicholas, through it’s Germanic moniker of “SinterKlaas,” soon became known as “Santa Claus.”

Because of the lack of resistance on the part of Christians, we have slowly allowed the religious significance of Christmas to be lost in today’s world, for which Jesus died. **Don’t you think it is high time for us to take back Christmas and celebrate it as the birth of our Savior?** You may not be able to make abrupt changes in the secular world, **but you do have the power to change the way you celebrate it in your HOME.**



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Guests



WELCOME, We’re glad you’re here!

Date: _____

☐ 8:00 am CB ☐ 10:15 am CB ☐ 10:15 am DH

☐ 1st Time Guest ☐ New to Area

☐ Looking for a church home

☐ Regular Attending Non-Member

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP

HOME PHONE

CELL PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

☐ I would like to receive emails from St. Paul's

AGE

☐ 13-19 ☐ 20's ☐ 30's ☐ 40's ☐ 50's ☐ 60's ☐ 70's+

CHILDREN IN ATTENDANCE

NAME

DOB

NAME

DOB

NAME

DOB

I would like more information about:

☐ A new life in Christ

☐ Membership at St. Paul’s

☐ LifeGroups

☐ ALPHA

☐ Other _____

PRAYER REQUESTS & COMMENTS ☐

If you would like your request concerning health, death, or other concerns to be added to our public prayer, please indicate by marking the box. All others will be put on the confidential prayer list for 3 weeks.

Place form in the offering plate or take to our Welcome Table to receive more information and a gift.

MEMBERS

Date:

☐ 8:00 am CB

☐ 10:15 am CB

☐ 10:15 am DH

NAME

SPOUSE

CHILDREN IN ATTENDANCE

NAME

NAME

NAME

CHANGES ONLY

ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP

HOME PHONE

CELL PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

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Please place completed form in the offering plate or take to our Welcome Table. Anonymous comments will be discarded.

MINISTRYHIGHLIGHTS

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For more information, visit our website at www.StPaulsSummerville.org

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THIS MORNING

Welcome to St. Paul’s! We hope to create an atmosphere in which everyone feels welcomed with open arms. Here is the information that you need to know for a successful morning of worship and Sunday School:

- **Worship as a Family (all ages):** At St. Paul’s we encourage families to worship together on Sunday mornings; therefore, children in third grade and older will remain with their parents throughout the service. If you or your children are not comfortable with this, please know that we understand. We recognize that it might take time to develop the routine. We’re here to help, so don’t hesitate to ask a priest about successful family worship.
- **Kids Church** (ages 3 –7) Sign-in for Kid’s Church will be in St. Paul’s Central of Doar Hall. Sign them in before service starts with Mrs. Shannon or the volunteer. Children will remain in the worship service until after the collect. After the collect, we invite your children to meet Mrs. Shannon at the front of the church. Mrs. Shannon will take the children to Kid’s church. The children will be escorted to St. Paul's Central during the offertory. At that time, parents please come to the doors and show your security tag to pick your child up. Children will be seated in their age groups for convenience.

Once your child enters the Children's Worship Center for Children's Church they will enjoy a time of chapel, as well as, a craft and activity that tie into the Bible lesson for the day. Please join our FaceBook page (*[St. Paul's Summerville Children's & Faith at Home Ministry](#)*) to see a recap of our morning in Children's church.

✝**Child Check-In**—(**Birth to Seven Years**, for both the Church Building and Doar Hall) Check-in at the C/Y building or Doar Hall. A volunteer will walk them over to the C/Y Building and a volunteer will bring them back to pick up at the Offertory. Nursery check-in will remain in the C/Y Building at the nursery. You may pick your child up at the end of the sermon, or the end of the service.

✝**Child Pick-up**—Please come to the back door of St. Paul's Central (Doar Hall where you checked in) and present your matching security tag to Mrs. Shannon or a volunteer to pick up your child.

Communion—Anyone baptized in the Christian faith is welcome to receive communion at St. Paul’s. **Please note:** The Communion elements consist of real wine and bread or wafers containing wheat. Please ask the bread server for gluten free wafers. Receiving one or the other of the elements is considered participating as fully in the Eucharist as anyone who receives both. Communion wafers will be dispensed at the side aisle communion stations. Leavened bread is available at the altar. Feel free to choose either element/station.

All guests are invited to visit our **Welcome Table** after the service today to receive a gift and information about St. Paul’s.

Giving—Cash and checks may be placed in the offering plates. We have electronic giving centers in Doar Hall for debit and credit cards. St. Paul’s does not want anyone to incur debt in order to give to the Lord. We offer the electronic giving centers as a convenience.

Giving Envelopes—are available for your convenience. You may pick up a pack in the church office, in the back of Doar Hall, or the Church Building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome New Members—Please welcome our new members—John & Davia Mitchell (children: Sophie & Sarah) as well as Jonathan and Melissa Poelker (children: Lucy & Shepherd).

Ushers Needed—For the 8:00 am Service in the Church building. Are you being called to serve in this ministry? Please contact Bill Toombs @ 843-875-5227.

Doar Hall Communion—Communion wafers will be dispensed at the side aisle communion stations. Leavened bread is available at the altar. Feel free to choose either element/station.

Stephen Ministry—We are looking for people that love to help others. This is a “one on one” ministry. Classes start in January. Contact Heather Kilpatrick; hmkilp1@gmail.com or Chris Armstrong; c117armstrong@gmail.com.

Commissioning of a Missionary—Sunday at the 10:15 am Doar Hall service. Miss Rose Tisdale will be commissioned and sent-off to her serving and teaching in the mission field of Cameroon.

Poinsettia Orders—St. Paul’s is taking orders for Christmas Poinsettias. You may purchase a beautiful red poinsettia “In Memory of” or “In Thanksgiving “ for a loved one for \$15. Poinsettias will be delivered Christmas Eve for display in the Church and in Doar Hall and listed in our Christmas Eve services. You may order on-line (see Events) or forms are at the back of the church, Doar Hall and the Atrium. Forms can be placed in the offering plate or delivered to the church office or paid for on our website at “On-line Giving”.

228th Diocesan Convention - Nominations Sought —Each year at this time, the Clergy and other leaders of the Diocese are invited to provide suggestions to the Nominating Committee for those positions to be filled at the upcoming Diocesan Convention. God may be calling to you to serve or to nominate a parishioner from St. Paul's Summerville to serve the Diocese. See our **eNews—This Week at St. Paul’s** and contact Fr. Tripp for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Stewardship Pledge cards— There is a link to our “[2019 PLEDGE FUND FORM](#)” on our Hope Page and on the “ONLINE GIVING” Page. You may also place your completed green pledge card in the collection plate today or send it to the church office.

Meet and hear the story of St. Nick—Sunday, December 9, at 9:00am in C/Y Building—Learn the backstory on St. Nicholas and get to meet the big guy himself!

Ushers Meeting—Dec 9th at 9 am in Connect Room in Skardon — Meet with the Safety and Security Committee for a briefing of approved St. Paul’s safety and security plan and procedures. Contact Rick Martier, rwmartier64@gmail.com.

Advent Prayer Nights—Dec 13 & 20 at 6:30 pm—8 pm in The Church Building — This is sponsored by The Daughters of the King. These Advent Prayer Nights are set aside to encourage us to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Come into the church building to enjoy a quiet, unstructured time of prayer. Contact Dawn Schaeperkoetter, dleeinsc@gmail.com

NEEDED—Pick-up Trucks and Utility trailers—For the Hayride and Caroling December 16th (event starts @ 4 pm) If you can help, please contact: Cathy McGrew - cathym@stpaulssummerville.org or call the Church 843-873-1991 ext # 17

Surviving the Holidays—Dec 12 at 7 pm Skardon Library—You don't need to be divorced or separated to attend this seminar. If you feel alone or are grieving a past relationship this may be for you. Are you dreading the holiday, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can’t be recreated? Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people