

Sunday, December 16
 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
 4:00 pm Hayride—Caroling—Pasta Dinner
 6:00 pm NA—AH

Monday, December 17
 8:00 am Centering Prayer
 10:00 am AA—SK 11
 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
 6:30 pm Venture Crew—CY
 6:30 pm Life Group—SK 5
 7:00 pm AA—AH

Tuesday, December 18
 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 19
 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
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal—CB
 7:00 pm AA—AH

Thursday, December 20
 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 21
 8:00 am Men's Bible Study
 10:00 am AA—SK 11
 7:00 pm AA—AH

Saturday, December 22
 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:

The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, *Bishop of South Carolina, XIV*
 The Rev. Tripp Jeffords, *Rector* frtripp@stpaulssummerville.org
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To reserve a cover or if you have a submission for the Sunday News please contact comms@StPaulsSummerville.org the Tuesday prior to the next edition.

Biblically minded—Christ centered—Holy Spirit driven



December 16, 2018

The Third Sunday of Advent

Philippians 4:4-9; Psalm 85 and Luke 3:7-20

Next Sunday's Readings: Hebrews 10:1-10; Psalm 80:1-7 and Luke 1:39-56

What is Advent? By Greg Goebel

As originally posted on: <http://anglicanpastor.com/advent/>

Advent is the beginning of the Church Year. It is a time of anticipation, a time of preparation, and a time of remembrance. Advent and Christmas are often confused. The confusion arises because most North Americans begin celebrating Christmas before it arrives. Waking up the day after the American Thanksgiving Day, folks start singing Christmas carols, and putting up Christmas trees. It's called "the most wonderful time of the year" and a jolly old time it is with its lights, family times, and cheer. But, meanwhile, at the local Anglican church, you find a different atmosphere. Suddenly, you have left behind the smell of pine and the celebration of Christmas and entered into a world of Old Testament Prophets, John the Baptist, and powerful angels announcing future events. A subdued tone fills the music, minor keys abound, and a Christmas tree is (often) nowhere to be seen.



Advent's tone and focus, however, is subdued for an important reason. Each major festal celebration (Christmas and Easter) are prefixed with a season of preparation. The movement of the Church Year assumes that we will better understand and experience these feasts if we spend time in reflection and meditation upon why we need them in the first place. We delve into the prophets and John the Baptist because they tell us of a time when the messiah had not yet come. They take us as if back to the times of anticipation and longing. They remind us of how dramatic and powerful the Gospel story of God becoming a man really is. They prepare our minds and hearts for the joy of the Incarnation. And so Advent is necessarily a reflective, anticipatory season.



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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 _____

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS 843.873.1991

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 Kids 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 Kids 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 Kids 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 Kids 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 kiosks 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 kiosks as a convenience.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers—The altar flowers are given in celebration of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs Robert Bentley Cheatham.

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.

Angel Tree—Thank you to all who participated in the Angel Tree this year! Because of your generosity, **125** children will have gifts under the tree this year. We appreciate your participation and generosity!

Church office closed Dec 24th -28th—Office is open on Dec 31 for any end of year of gifts.

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.

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 you may use 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.

Advent Prayer Night—Dec 20 at 6:30 pm—8 pm in The Church Building — Sponsored by The Daughters of the King. This last “Advent Prayer Night” is 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

Hayride—Caroling—Pasta Dinner—Dec 16 at 4 pm—Our annual Caroling & Hayride through historic Summerville. Carolers will serenade homes along the way. Gather @ 4pm outside of the Children's and Youth Building. Following the caroling, St. Paul's will serve a hot Pasta Dinner. Adults \$5 and children are FREE! RSVP on line or contact Cathy McGrew cathym@stpaulssummerville.org

Christmas Eve Services— Dec 24. Doar Hall—5 pm and Children's pageant at 7 pm. Church Building at 8 pm with organ (no choir). 10:30 pm Pre-service music starts followed by the traditional candelight service at 11 pm.