

Biblically minded—Christ centered—Holy Spirit driven



December 24-25, 2018

(Christmas Eve) Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 96 and Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

(Christmas Day) Isaiah 52:7-12; Psalm 98 and John 1:1-18

The Welcome Home Gospel of Christmas By Fr. Tripp Jeffords

On behalf of St. Paul's Anglican Church, I send to you our warmest welcome this Christmas and the reminder that the joy of Christmas doesn't have to last for just 12 short days.



The invitation at Christmas is that Jesus opened a doorway into eternity and called us to step through the door in faith. This salvation was no longer only for the Jews, but for "a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages (Rev. 7:9)." This is the Good News of Christmas!

This is the Good News we read about in the Bible on that first Christmas as shepherds heard the angels proclaiming "good news of great joy." Because of Jesus, even lowly shepherds could experience "peace with God." The shepherd's responded with utter joy: they "glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen..."

I hope you have joined us to glorify God for what you have "seen and heard" and believed about Jesus. If you are already a believer, we invite you to enter into worship with us and to receive Christ's Mass/Communion (all baptized Christians are welcome), remembering that God has done great things for us!

Perhaps you are new to the church, and you are still exploring the Gospel and it's implications for you, personally. I encourage you to consider what C.S. Lewis once said, "The Son of God became man to enable men to become sons of God." When God took on flesh He was, in essence, reaching out to His lost creation and inviting us home. "But to all who did receive Him, who believed in his (Jesus) name, he gave the right to become children of God." - John 1:12

On the cross, Jesus removed the partition of sin between us and God. Jesus promised at the end of this life that He would "cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1Jn.1:9)," "take us to himself (Jn.14:3)," and "present us holy and blameless (Col.1:22)" to our Father in heaven. At Christmas, God's rescue mission began!

If this Good News intrigues you...why not explore it some more? We want to invite you to meet the savior at St. Paul's. We are a church where "wise men" and women seek Him still. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to join us for worship and Sunday School, to explore Jesus through ALPHA or small groups (Life Groups). We promise that you will hear the same Good News the shepherds heard; and who knows, one day you too might "return (home), glorifying and praising God" just like they did so many years ago.

Merry Christmas to All!
Fr. Tripp Jeffords+



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Our Values

Our core values at St. Paul's are the unwavering foundations upon which we seek to build Christ's church. We stand firmly on the values of being "Biblically Minded - Christ Centered - Holy Spirit Driven."

"Biblically Minded"

We believe that God's word is more than just an ancient collection of sayings or a helpful series of books offering us good advice. The Bible is much more than that! The Bible is good news, not good advice. At St. Paul's, the Bible is our rule of faith, authoritative and inspired, containing "all things necessary for salvation." The Bible is God's truth breathed out to the world. It has stood the test of time and continues to speak powerfully, still today.

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

"Christ Centered"

We believe that the entire Bible is about Jesus. Each book of the Old and the New Testaments, either points us toward the coming of Jesus, tells us about the work of Jesus, or points us forward to His work made complete as he makes "all things new" again (Revelation 21:5). Jesus is the author of our salvation and the chief end of our worship. He is our advocate, mediator, and Lord. Jesus is the "chief cornerstone" (Ephesians 2:20). Without the Jesus of the Bible, the church falls.

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

"Holy Spirit Driven"

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the power of the church. The Holy Spirit gives us direct access to the Father and to the Son when we pray. The Holy Spirit brings joy to the heart and sanctification to the soul. The Holy Spirit birthed the church and sent her people to preach the Gospel with power, forgiveness, and grace. On Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended afresh, the church grew like wildfire across the ancient world. The Holy Spirit then directed the church on where to go in her mission and ministry (Acts 16:6).

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8 (ESV)

Our Purpose

Our purpose at St. Paul's is the same one that Jesus gave to all Christians in the Great Commission.

"19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in [a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Clergy:

- The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, *Bishop of South Carolina, XIV*
- The Rev. Tripp Jeffords, *Rector* frtripp@stpaulssummerville.org
- The Rev. B. Tyler Prescott, *Associate Rector* tylerp@stpaulssummerville.org
- The Rev. John Scott, *Assistant, Rector* johns@stpaulssummerville.org
- The Rev. Korey Kincaid, *Youth Minister* koreyk@stpaulssummerville.org

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.

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

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS 843.873.1991

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

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S

We hope to create an atmosphere in which everyone feels welcomed with open arms. All guests are invited to visit our **Welcome Table** after the service today to receive a gift and information about St. Paul's.

TO PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN - Relax! God put the wiggles and sweet little noises in children; don't feel like you have to suppress them in God's house.

- Consider sitting toward the front where children can more easily engage.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the priests, musicians, acolytes, and leaders. When in Children's Church your children learn about bowing when the cross passes and why as Anglicans we do this, who the acolytes are, the colors of the stoles to match the liturgical calendar, prayers, etc. Now is a great time to show them what we are going over in children's church.
- Sing the songs and pray. Children learn behavior by mimicking you.
- If you have to leave the worship with your child, please feel free to do so, but please do come back.

NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Childcare is available for ages birth through 3 years of age. You will find a greeter there to assist you with check-in. We ask that you please check your child in at one of our check in kiosk located in Doar Hall and in the CY building. There you will receive a matching security tag that will need to be shown when you pick up your child.

Children's Church is provided for children ages 3-7. Please follow the check-in instructions above. The children will be dismissed for chapel during the 10:15 service. There your child will enjoy a time of chapel, bible lesson that follows the lectionary, learning our Anglican traditions, as well as crafts and games.

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.

CHILD PICK-UP—Please come to the back door of St. Paul's Central and present your matching security tag to pick up your child.

COMMUNION—Anyone baptized in the Christian faith is welcome to receive communion.

WORSHIP AT ST. PAUL'S SUMMERVILLE

While our worship is similar to that of Anglicans across the world and through the ages, we are also a warm and loving, congregation that enjoys ancient hymns as well as modern worship songs produced by popular Christian artists. Worship that is biblical and draws hearts to the praise, honor, and glory of our Lord is the goal at all our services.

Our traditional worship with hymns is held in the historic Church Building. The contemporary worship, with a user-friendly screen and modern music, is in Doar Hall. We invite you to join us. All baptized Christians are welcome to join us for Holy Communion at the Lord's table.

NEWSWORTHY

THE WREATHS in the Church windows and greenery are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for His Son, Jesus Christ, by the St. Paul's Flower Guild.

THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our dear friend and sister in Christ, Pat Maroska, by her Tuesday Morning Group

LIFEGROUPS—This is the lifeblood of our parish life. We are a church of small groups doing life together. We are building open and honest relationships with one another over study, prayer and even meals! Complete our membership classes connect 101 and 102. To join a LifeGroup. Contact Cathy McGrew, cathym@stpaulssummerville.org.

CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER (CLC)—Provides a Christian Environment designed around developmental needs and interests of pre-school children while nurturing their spiritual, intellectual, physical and emotional growth. Contact terril@stpaulssummerville.org

Please Note Service Changes For Dec. 30th

The 10:15 am service will be in Doar Hall (No 10:15 service in the Church Building) - No Sunday School

ST. PAUL'S MINISTRIES

We believe that all Christians are designed by God for ministry as a "holy priesthood." We invite you, therefore, to discover your ministry at St. Paul's in 2019. *"As you come to him (Jesus)...you yourselves, like living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:4ff (ESV)*

- Acolytes
- Alpha Team
- Altar Guild
- Building and Grounds Ministry
- Card Ministry
- Celebrate Recovery
- Children of Christ
- Children's Ministry Volunteer
- Choir Member
- Coffee Fellowship
- Connect Area Minister
- Cursillo
- Daughters of the King
- Flower Guild
- Food Freezer Ministry
- Funeral Reception Ministry
- Gift Shop Ministry
- Greeting
- Hospitality Ministry
- Impact Ministries Food Distribution
- Lay Reader
- LEM (Lay Eucharist Minister)
- Lifegroup Host
- Margie's Closet
- "Office Angel" - Volunteer
- Praise Team Member
- Prayer Ministry
- Prayer Team
- Small Group Leader
- Stephen Ministry
- Transportation Ministry
- Ushering
- Welcome Team
- "Willing & Able" Team

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE MINISTRIES CONTACT

CATHYM@STPAULSSUMMERVILLE.ORG

NEWSWORTHY (Continued)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH—Every Sunday during the 10:15am service—For children K-3 to second grade. Children will follow the lectionary in a chapel service. We will review the church calendar, worshiping as little Anglicans, read the scripture for the day with a lesson that the children can understand. We usually have a game or an activity that ties it all together. Child-made crafts are created during Children's Church. Contact Mrs. Shannon Reed, shannon@stpaulssummerville.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL—The Gospel Project—January 13 at 9 am in C/Y Building—We will be studying "Letters to God's People." This will be covered in all age groups children to adults.

YOUTH MINISTRY—Middle school (sixth through eighth grade) meet in the C/Y building on Sunday nights (starts January 6) from 5—6:30 pm. The high school (ninth through twelfth grade.) meet in the C/Y building on Wednesday evenings (starts January 13) from 7—9 pm. Contact the Rev. Korey Kincaid, korey@stpaulssummerville.org

CELEBRATE RECOVERY FEBRUARY 7 AT 7 PM IN AMBLER HALL — A Christ-centered, 12 step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain or addiction of any kind.

CONNECT 101—January 13 at 11:45am in the Atrium of Doar Hall.—Would you like to know more about St. Paul's? Join us for Connect 101, our new member introductory class. Childcare and brunch are provided. Join us for a delicious brunch and learn more about St. Paul's. Register by Jan. 10 HeatherJ@StPaulsSummerville.org or 843-873-1991x38.

PRAYER TRAINING—We offer varying level of prayer training and offer a practicum where we learn best practices for praying for each other in a real-life prayer situations. Mrs. Heather Jackson, heatherj@stpaulssummerville.org

SUPPORT GROUPS—St. Paul's helps the community by providing meeting space and support to AA; NA; AL-Anon; CA CoDA. St. Paul's is starting a "Celebrate Recovery" February 7.