

## St. Paul's Anglican Church Monthly Gazette



February 2025

## Our Clergy



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## Parish News

On December 22, 2024, the Vestry of St. Paul's met and one of the agenda items was whether to remain with the OAC (Orthodox Anglican Church) or whether to move to the APA (Anglican Province of America). The Vestry unanimously voted to join the APA.

#### From the APA website:

The Anglican Province of America is a living branch of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We profess the orthodox Christian Faith as received in the

canonical Holy Scriptures, the three ancient Creeds, the Seven Ecumenical Councils, the consensus of the Church Fathers, and the Holy Tradition of the ancient and Undivided Church of the first millennium. We celebrate the seven Holy Sacraments of the historic Church. We joyfully proclaim the timeless Gospel of our Savior to all the world.

We are a "Continuing" Anglican Church because we continue to live and practice the fullness of the Christian Faith in its unique English form — English Catholicism — which has been present in England since the early second century. We can trace the term "Anglican" back to the ancient Anglo-Saxon tribes of Europe. The tribal name was spelled "Engles" or "Angles," as the tribes' speech was the precursor to the English language. Their land became known as England and their Christians as Anglicans. Anglicans would eventually produce such pinnacles of the English language as the Book of Common Prayer and the Authorized Version of the Bible (KJV). Today, the Anglican Province of America maintains the historic Catholic faith in the Anglican tradition.

Our Bishop is Bishop Robert Todd Giffin, who visited with the Congregation on December 15

and seemed to be well received by the Congregation.						
Growth						
Recently, we have seen the number of parishioners increase tremendously. Some came when All Saints Anglican Church in Prescott decided to remove itself from the Anglican Province of America and Historical Anglicanism. From that, we received 5 new members. We have received the majority of new parishioners from the VFW Post 541. A small number of us go to the VFW Post 541 on Wednesday for the Lunch Club and make ourselves known to other members. Robin, our Senior Warden and husband, Clyde Brooks are great for inviting others and it shows in our attendance and continued growth. Robin has several great ideas that get the name and presence of St. Paul's out in the general community, but Robin and Clyde can't do it all. Billy Kuczynski is helping and doing a fantastic job with the overall security of our facilities, and I am extremely grateful for his help. We need to take a page from Robin and Clyde's book and invite EVERYONE!						
Thanks to Fr. George for the blankets in the pews for the cold winter (and summer) days. No more shivering parishioners!						



The bulletin board in the Church foyer has been revamped. Please do not use thumb tacks or push pins in it.

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## February Birthdays

February 1 - Clyde Brooks

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## Special Prayers

Jim and Bette L., Robin and Clyde B., Julia G., Richard and Carol

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## Calendar

The following is the calendar for February, 2025. All of the Holy Days except for St. Matthias the Apostle fall on Sundays.

Holy Communion is every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer and Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Lunch Club at the VFW Wednesdays at noon.

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## Sunday Services

#### Sunday February 2 - Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Communion

The final feast day in the season of Epiphany is the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple. The Church also calls it the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary or Candlemas. This feast lands on February 2nd, falling exactly 40 days after Christmas. It wraps up the full celebration of Jesus' infancy narratives from Christmas through the Epiphany season. It is the final epiphany where Jesus is revealed as the "light for revelation to the Gentiles" and our Savior.

The Feast of the Presentation is one of the oldest feast days from the ancient Christian Church, dating back to at least the fourth century. (Anglican Compass)

**Sunday February 9 - Holy Communion** 

**Sunday February 16 - Holy Communion** 

#### Sunday February 23 - Septuagesima - Holy Communion

Septuagesima is the ninth Sunday before Easter, or the third Sunday before Lent. The name comes from the Latin word for 70th, since the Sunday falls roughly within 70 days of Easter Sunday. The succeeding Sundays are also named for their distance from Easter: Sexagesima (60) and Quinquagesima (50). (CatholicNewsAgency.com)

#### Monday February 24 - St. Matthias the Apostle - Holy Communion - 3:00 p.m.

Each year, the Christian community observes the Feast of St. Matthias, a day set aside to honor the apostle chosen to replace Judas Iscariot following his betrayal of Jesus Christ.

St. Matthias's story is found in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1:15-26). After the Ascension of Jesus, the remaining eleven apostles, led by Peter, decided to fill the vacancy left by Judas. The criteria for Judas's replacement were specific: it had to be someone who had accompanied Jesus and the disciples from the time of John the Baptist until Jesus's Ascension. Two men were proposed: Joseph called Barsabbas and Matthias. The apostles prayed for divine guidance and cast lots, and Matthias was chosen, restoring the group to the symbolic number of twelve. (Arded.org)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Clyde Brooks Birthday
2 Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Purification of Mary	3	4	5 Morning prayer 10:00 a.m. Lunch Club VFW 12 noon	6	7	8
9 Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.	10	11	Morning prayer 10:00 a.m. Lunch Club VFW 12 noon	13	14	15
16 Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.	17	18	19 Morning prayer 10:00 a.m. Lunch Club VFW 12 noon	20	21	22
Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Septuagesima	24 Holy Communion 3:00 p.m. St. Matthias the Apostle	25	26 Morning prayer 10:00 a.m. Lunch Club VFW 12 noon	27	28	

The Book of Common Prayer has a wonderful lectionary for reading the Bible, both Old and New Testaments. The following are the readings for the month of February 2025.

## Book of Common Prayer Readings

Sat Feb 1	Prov 16:25	Phil 4:4	Ezek 34:11-16	John 6:30-40		
Sun Feb 2 Fourth Sun	day after Epiphany Th	e Purification of Marv				
	<1> Isa 61	Luke 4:16-32	Isa 45:20	Rom 10		
	<2> Deut 4:5-13, 32-	40 Eph 2	Dan 10:10-19	Mark 6:45		
Mon Feb 3	Prov 20:9-12, 17-22	Col 1:1-17	Ezek 34:25	John 6:41-59		
Tues Feb 4	Prov 21:21	Col 1:18 - 2:5	Ezek 36:22-28	John 6:60		
Wed Feb 5	Prov 22:1-6, 17-25	Col 2:6-19	Ezek 37:1-14	John 7:1-13		
Thur Feb 6	Prov 23:20-21, 29-35	Col 2:20 - 3:11	Ezek 37:21b	John 7:14-24		
Fri Feb 7	Prov 24:23	Col 3:12-17	Ezek 39:21	John 7:25-36		
Sat Feb 8	Prov 25:11-15, 17-22	Col 3:18 - 4:6	Ezek 43:1-9	John 7:37		
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Sun Feb 9 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany						
	<1> Ruth 1:1-17 Col 3:5-11 Joel 3:9-			<del>3-52</del>		
	<2> Hab 1:12 - 2:4, 9		Amos 5:14-24	Gal 6:1-10		
Mon Feb 10	Prov 26:17	I Peter 1:1-12	Isa 14:3-11	I Thess 1		
Tue Feb 11	Prov 27:1-6, 10-12	l Peter 1:13	Isa 14:12-20	I Thess 2:1-13		
Wed Feb 12	Prov 28:1-13	I Peter 2:1-10	Isa 22:1-5, 12-14	I Thess 2:17 - 3:13		
Thur Feb 13	Prov 29:11-25	I Peter 2:11-17	Isa 24:1-6, 10-16a	I Thess 4:1-12		
Fri Feb 14	Prov 30:4-9	l Peter 2:18	Isa 31	I Thess 4:13		
Sat Feb 15						
	Prov 31:10	I Peter 3:1-12	Isa 47:1, 7-15	I Thess 5:1-11		
Sun Feb 16 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany						
	<1> Isa 2:6-19	Matt 25:14-29	Gen 19:1-3, 12-17, 24	l-28. Luke 17:20		
	<2> Isa 66:1-2, 10, 12-16, 18-23   Il Thess 1   Esdras 8:63 - 9:13   Il Peter 3:1-14, 1					
Mon Feb 17	Lam 1:1-6	I Peter 3:13	Wis 1:1-7	I Thess 5:12		
Tue Feb 18	Lam 1:1-15	I Peter 4:1-6	Wis 6:1-11	II Thess 1		
Wed Feb 19	Lam 2:1-10	I Peter 4:7-11	Wis 6:12-21	II Thess 2:1-12		
Thur Feb 20	Lam 4:1-6, 9	I Peter 4:12	Wis 7:7-14	II Thess 2:13 - 3:5		
Fri Feb 21	Lam 4:11-20	I Peter 5:1-7	Wis 7:15-22a	II Thess 3:6		
Sat Feb 22	Lam 5	I Peter 5:8	Wis 7:22 - 8:1	Jude		
Sun Feb 23 Septuage	sima Sunday					
	<1> Josh 1:1-9	II Tim 2:1-13	I Mac 2:49-64	I Tim 6:11-19		
	<2> Ezek 3:4-11	Matt 5:1-16	Isa 5:1-7	Matt 21:23-32		
Mon Feb 24 St. Matt	hias the Apostle					
	Isa 52:7-10	Heb 2:5	I Sam 16:1-13	I John 2:15		
			I Sam 12:1-5	Acts 20:17-35		

	Gen 1:1-19	Mark 6:7-13	Amos 7:1-8, 8:1-3	Gal 1:1-10
Tues Feb 26	Gen 1:20-2:3	Mark 6:14-29	Amos 1:1-5, 13-2:3	Gal 1:11
Wed Feb 27	Gen 2:4-9, 16-25	Mark 6:30-44	Amos 2:6	Gal 2:1-10
Thur Feb 28	Gen 3	Mark 6:45	Amos 3	Gal 2:11

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## Help wanted

Organist - Our wonderful organist, Ezra, will be leaving us at the end of January to pursue his career in the Big Apple. We wish him all the luck in the world and pray for his success.

See Fr. George if you know someone that can begin as an organist at the beginning of February.

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To do list items volunteers - We have a list of projects for the Church that are not huge individually, but will make our Church more inviting to others. At present, the items on the list are:

Tablecloths - find reasonably priced tablecloths for the Parish Hall that are brighter and more inviting.

Bud vases with flowers - for the tables in the Parish Hall. Maybe something low that brightens the tables but does not impede conversation.

Clean and organize kitchen - have one shelf in the kitchen for individual's mugs that are maintained by the individual. It may cut down on the cost of styrofoam cups

Paint blue above altar - in the recess

Make new ribbons for hymnals and BCP

Put giving envelopes in all pews

Clean out classroom, library, and nursery. Buy more shelving if needed for books

Paint sign in front

Put pens in all pews

Please Contact: Deacon George Weil (928) 277-6326 or gweil1956@outlook.com

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## Joke of the Month

A man walked to the top of a hill to talk to God. The man asked, "God, what's a million years to you?"

And God said "A minute."

Then the man asked: "Well, what's a million dollars to you?" and God said: "A penny"

Then the man asked: "Godcan I have a penny?" And God said: "SureIn a minute."	

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