



St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**BAPTISM OF
OUR LORD**

The Rev. Sarah Phelps, Celebrant
The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
9 & 11:15 AM SERVICES
JANUARY 11, 2026

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organ

Please stand if able
Processional

O Love, How Broad, How Deep, How High

Hymn 449

Liturgy of the Word

The Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

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

The Celebrant says

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.*

The following is sung.

Gloria

Glory to God

Hymnal S278

(Organ)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, — and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. — 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise — you for your glo -
ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, — Lord God,
Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

(Organ)

6. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus

(Organ)

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

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

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

During 9 am service:

Children's Processional

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (v. 1)

Hymn 490

Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

A Reading from Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
 who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,
 to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
 See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
 before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD , you gods, *
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
 worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders; *
 the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
 the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
 the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
 the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
 the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
 and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
 all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
 the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
 the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

Please stand if able

Gradual

The Sinless One to Jordan Came (vv. 1-3)

Hymn 120

Remain standing

The Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

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

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

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

People remain standing until the homilist invites all to be seated

Homily

The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth

Please stand if able

Nicene Creed

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

People's Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Confession and Absolution of Sin

BCP 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All who are able, kneel. Minister and People

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.

The Celebrant says

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.*

Please stand if able

Peace

BCP 360

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

Please be seated

Welcome & Announcements

If you would like to donate online, follow the QR code found here or on the giving card in the back of the pews.

At the end of the announcements, you are also welcome to come forward to make a special donation to Heifer International, a non-profit organization whose mission is to end hunger and poverty, to mark an anniversary, blessing, or other event.



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

Grow in Grace

Malcolm Archer

St. Paul's Choir (9 am), Voices of St. Paul's (11:15 am)

*Grow in grace and in the knowledge
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

*As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word,
that you shall grow thereby.*

*Grow in peace and may the blessing
of the Lord be upon you,*

*The Lord shall with his holy oil anoint you,
and you shall know his grace.*

I will sprinkle clean water upon you,

I will give you a new heart,

I will put my spirit within you

and you shall live by my statutes.

Grow in grace and in the knowledge

of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word,
that you shall grow thereby.*

Amen.

Please stand if able while the offering is presented

Offertory Response

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The People remain standing. The Celebrant proceeds

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.

The Celebrant proceeds

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymn S128

(organ)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, _____ heaven and earth are full _____ of your glo - ry.
Ho-san-na in the high-est. _____ Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho-san-na in the high-est. _____

Please stand or kneel if able
The Celebrant continues

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant then continues

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 to 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 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 forever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

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

Lord's Prayer

BCP 367

People and Celebrant

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.

Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

Hymn S154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass-o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to come forward for communion, including children. Please follow the ushers' guidance as you come to the rail.

If you would like a gluten-free host, extend your hands palms down. If you would like to receive the wine by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup), keep the bread in your hands and wait for the communion server to come to you. If you would like to receive from the common cup (drinking from the cup directly), please consume the bread first and then make your way to the steps at the end of the rail. A communion server will be there with the common cup. If it is not your custom to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest and the minister will offer a prayer.

A priest may be available to provide prayers for healing in the back southwest corner of the church. Simply head to the back during communion distribution and wait for your turn.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

For those worshipping with us online

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Please stand or kneel if able

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

EOW 69

The Communion Music

Brightest and Best Are the Stars of the Morning
Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

Hymn 117
Hymn 339

Blessing

Please stand if able

Recessional

From God Christ's Deity Came Forth

Hymn 443

Dismissal

Deacon

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

BCP 366

Postlude

Carol Yeargin, Organ

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for
the 50th wedding anniversary of Emery & Carolyn Anderson.*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please wear your nametags when you're here at church! And if you don't yet have a nametag, please complete an order form in the narthex (lobby) so we can get you one!

New to St. Paul's? Welcome! Please let us know you are here by filling out a visitor card in the pew. Stop by our Connecting Station in the narthex (lobby) to chat and find materials that might help if you are new to St. Paul's or The Episcopal Church. Join a tour of our campus the third Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. to learn more and meet others. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to find out more about us!

Accessibility: St. Paul's strives to make our services and programs comfortable and accessible to all. Ushers and Greeters are available to help. Please let us know how we can work together to improve your experience here.

Kids in Worship at St. Paul's: Children are always welcome in our worship services without exception, but if parents should wish for a space where your kids have more room to move around during the service, you are welcome to make use of the Comfort Room (glassed-in room at the rear of the worship space from which you can still hear and see the service). Ask an usher if you need help finding it. Also, our Kids' Club (free nursery care) is available during the 9 a.m. service, and infants/toddlers through 36 months (3 years old) are welcome to attend.

HAPPENING TODAY – JANUARY 11, 2026

Children's Chapel: Children 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to process to Children's Chapel during the 9 a.m. service and will return to their families during announcements.

Coffee Hour (Parish Hall): Hosted this week by our Refuge for Refugees Ministry. Join us for coffee and conversation on your way to the Adult Forum.

Adult Forum (Chapel, 10:15-11 a.m.): Join us for a conversation with Minister of Music Rusty McKinney as he shares his experience of bringing meaning to liturgy through music.

Children's Sunday School - 5th grade and under (Ed. Bldg): Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

Youth Sunday School - 6th thru 12th grade (Youth Wing): Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): Meets this evening from 5-7 p.m. in the Youth Wing.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your Gifts for Heifer International Exceeded our Goal! A big "Thank You" to all who donated to Heifer International this past year, amounting to \$7357.68 during worship services and online. The donations far exceeded our annual goal of \$5000, enabling Heifer International to send its Gift Ark of animals, along with training and resources, to communities in need around the world. Please take time to learn more about this 4-star organization and its global impact on poverty, justice and sustainability using the link on our website. Thank you to Alison Arnold for her leadership in this ministry at St. Paul's.

Preschool Registration is Open: St. Paul's Preschool is currently accepting registrations for the 2026-27 school year through January 31, or until the classes are full. We offer classes for one-year olds through five-year olds; more specific information is available on the St. Paul's website. If you have questions or would like to schedule a tour, please email Preschool Director Brooke Bowersox at preschool@stpaulscary.org or call 919-467-3788. Tell your friends and neighbors we'd love to have them! Come LOVE, LEARN and LAUGH with us!

Fourth Amendment Rights Training: SiembraNC will present a training session on the Fourth Amendment at St. Francis United Methodist Church in Cary on Sunday, Jan. 11 from 4:30-6 p.m. The Fourth Amendment protects us from unreasonable search and seizures of our person, our house, our papers, and our effects. Learn how we can leverage that constitutional right in our places of work, worship or volunteer service. Participants will leave with knowledge and resources to increase the preparedness of their communities. Sign up online; see the St. Paul's website for details.

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) Trip to the International Civil Rights Museum: This Saturday, Jan. 17, a group of youth and adults from St. Paul's will visit the International Civil Rights Center and Museum in Greensboro for a day of fellowship and discovery. Thank you to all who worked to make this possible, and to those who will make the journey. If you would like to know more about our youth programs, please contact Erica Ridderman at erica@stpaulscary.org.

Adult Formation Series on Deepening and Renewal: All are invited to join our Epiphany and Lent forums aimed at deepening our grasp of what it means to be in the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement and committed to our baptismal vows, the core of Christian life. Forums begin next Sunday, Jan. 18 at 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel and will continue through the spring. Note that many of these sessions will be particularly useful for adults considering being confirmed or received into The Episcopal Church. If you would like more information about any of this, please contact Fr. Robert Fruehwirth at robert@stpaulscary.org.

Note in the Pocket Clothing Drive: St. Paul's Pre-EYC families (4th and 5th graders) are supporting Note in the Pocket with a month-long clothing drive, Jan 26 - Feb. 20. Bring new or gently used, school-appropriate clothing donations in all sizes, infant through adult; these drives clothe referred students and their entire families. New pants are among items currently needed. The dropbox and more information are in the narthex hallway. If you have questions, please contact Shannon Robinson at shannon3b@gmail.com.

Altar Flower Dedications: The arrangements you see at our altar each week are funded by congregant donations to the Altar Guild Flower Fund and designed by our talented volunteers. You can reserve a day to celebrate or remember a loved one with a donation. More details about how to select a date can be found in the narthex and on the parish website; you can also learn more about the Altar Guild by contacting Jennifer Lindquist at jenniferhndquist@gmail.com.

Shop Together for NeighborUp on Feb. 8: St. Paul's is working with NeighborUp (formerly Dorcas Ministries) to move us into action together to support our neighbors in need. Following the 9 and 11:15 a.m. services on Sunday, Feb. 8, come shop at Food Lion (980 Kildaire Farm Rd.), guided by lists of needed items. After checking out, you'll place those items in trucks to be delivered directly to the pantry for you. What could be easier? Watch for more details in the next few weeks.

Prayer List: We pray for Lori, Guy, Noah, Sally, Regina, Parrish, Jackie, Matias, Yosy, Carter, Mary, Sue, Nancy, Susan, Ben, Patrick, Sarah, Dave, Chuck, Kay, Ron, Jack, Gary, Max, May, Bryan, Ariell, Josh, Becky, Allison, Jan, Bertha, Herman, Carl, Martha, Farley, Jeff, Susan, Debbi, Ron, Carolyn, Rick, Elizabeth, Myrna, Laura, Ken, Christine, Steve, Craig, Lana, Claudia, Steve, Karen, Jack, Wanda, Carter, Anne, Ethan, Sid, Mary Jo, and Rebecca.

If you have a name you would like to include on the prayer list, or a ministry event that you would like to announce in this printed bulletin, please send information to announcements@stpaulscary.org. Names included in the prayer list will remain for a month, and we are happy to extend at your request. Please note that there is a 2-week lead time on printed announcements.

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