



The Chimes

WORSHIP ✦ MINISTRIES ✦ OUTREACH

JANUARY 2016 — THE SEASON OF THE EPIPHANY

From St. Paul's Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

First a word of gratitude and excitement. By now you will have received word of my transition from Interim to Priest in Charge. When I received the word from Hank that the Vestry had unanimously approved my call to serve as Priest in Charge, I was overwhelmed with emotion; I told him I had won the lottery! The real truth is, I have not felt this at home in a very long time, and Harriett, the kids and I are very excited about the new adventure before us. There are a lot of things that need to happen before we make the final move at the end of the school year, and I ask your prayers through that transition. I am moved by your confidence in me and truly humbled to be walking this journey with you; may God grant us the grace and peace that it will be one that is long and fruitful.

And secondly a word on recent events in the Anglican Communion. By now you also have likely heard news of the meeting of the Anglican Primates meeting in Canterbury. What is a Primate? In this context, Primate denotes the chief archbishop or bishop of a province of the Anglican Episcopal family of churches. This meeting is one that takes place every few years and should not be seen as extraordinary. They began in 1978, at the invitation of Archbishop Coggan (101st Archbishop of Canterbury), for an opportunity for *"leisurely thought, prayer and deep consultation."* At the meeting this month, as at the past several meetings, a number of the Primates have sought to disassociate, punish, even expel the Episcopal Church (in the US) for our official support of things such as the ordination of women to the episcopate and most recently for our approval of marriage rites for same sex couples. Doesn't sound much like leisurely thought, prayer and deep consultation, does it? Here's the thing; the Anglican Communion is not knit together by hierarchy (such as the meetings of Primates), but rather through relationships. The Primates do not, in fact, have the authority to expel any branch of the Anglican Communion, nor can they alone keep us from representing the Communion on ecumenical and interfaith bodies. Along with the Primates, the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) serves to facilitate the co-operative work of the churches of the Anglican Communion. This body is made up of lay persons, bishops, priests and deacons from around the Anglican Communion. Finally, there is the Standing Committee of the Anglican Communion which also helps to further the Church's mission worldwide. This body is made up of representatives from the ACC (including its Chair and Vice-Chair), members of the Primates Standing Committee, and the Archbishop of Canterbury. So you see, the Primates cannot act alone in deciding who can and who cannot represent the worldwide Anglican Communion. The ACC and the Standing committee may very well feel quite differently on the matters raised by the Primates at their January meeting.

All of this ought to have very little, if any, impact on our mission and ministry. Our Bishop, George Young, the Diocese of East TN, and St. Paul's all remain committed to the relationships within the Anglican Communion. We will continue to support ministries beyond our boundaries and maintain those rich relationships we have with people around the world. I commend to you the words from our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, on this matter: *"Our commitment to be an inclusive church is not based on a social theory or capitulation to the ways of the culture, but on our belief that the outstretched arms of Jesus on the cross are a sign of the very love of God reaching out to us all. While I understand that many disagree with us, our decision regarding marriage is based on the belief that the words of the Apostle Paul to the Galatians are true for the church today: All who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male or female, for all are one in Christ."* I also commend to you the video he published following the meeting. Be confident that we are a glorious and diverse Church.

I look forward to us moving forward as God's people — called to spread the word of the love of Christ.

Peace,
Brad +

WORSHIP TIMES AT ST. PAUL'S

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Said Eucharist.
 8:30 a.m. Buffet Breakfast.
 9:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour.
 10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist with St. Paul's Choir.

Our Sunday service is broadcast live on our website each week: www.stpaulschatt.org

Weekdays: Monday - Friday

12:05 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. The Holy Eucharist.

Are health issues keeping you from church on Sundays?
 Join our weekday Eucharists in the chapel at 12:05 Monday through Friday. The brief service is a good option when you do not have the stamina for an hour's worth of church. Or let us know if you need Communion at home.

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

Let the Good Times Roll!



Come to our Mardi Gras Pancake Supper to support the Youth of Saint Paul's on **February 9 at 5:45 p.m. in Key-Andrews Hall.**

This family-friendly, fast-paced, fun evening will conclude by 7 p.m. so folks can get home for homework and other activities. \$5 adults, \$2 children, \$20 max. per family.

Ash Wednesday: February 10

**Join us at 7:00 a.m.,
 12:05 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**



**ASH
 WEDNESDAY**

We gather on February 10 for the Ash Wednesday Liturgy, the Holy Eucharist, and the Imposition of Ashes as together we mark the beginning of the Season of Lent.

UPCOMING DATES: LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER

February 9	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 5:45 p.m.
February 10	Ash Wednesday. Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at 7 a.m., 12:05 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.
February 14	The First Sunday in Lent. Fast Day to Benefit the Community Kitchen. Choral Evensong at 4:00 p.m.
February 17 - March 16	The 43rd Annual Thorne Sparkman School of Religion. Register by February 16.
March 20	The Liturgy of the Palms and the Sunday of the Passion.
March 24	Maundy Thursday. The Institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Stripping of the Altar at 6:00 p.m.
March 25	Good Friday. Stations of the Cross at 11:00 a.m. The Liturgy for Good Friday at 12:00 p.m.
March 26	Easter Eve: The First Eucharist of Easter The Great Vigil at 7:30 p.m.
March 27	Easter Day: The Sunday of the Resurrection Festival Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Diocesan Convention: Ordinations

At noon on Saturday, February 6, plan on bringing your walking shoes and join the procession from the Holiday Inn World's Fair Park entrance to Eucharist at St. John's Cathedral. All are welcome! At the closing Eucharist, we'll be ordaining three vocational and three transitional deacons! God willing, Bishop Young will ordain: Jerry Wayne Askew; **St. Paul's parishioner Sarah Layne Cardwell**; Boyd McCutchen Evans, III; Zachary Charles Nyein; Lee Morris Ragsdale, III; and Sarai Tucker Wender to the Sacred Order of Deacons. Your prayers and presence are requested.

THE THORNE SPARKMAN SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Wednesdays in Lent: February 17 - March 16

Keynote Speaker on February 17

The Rev. Becca Stevens — Episcopal priest, author, and social justice activist.

Classes on February 24, March 2, March 9, and March 16

Dr. Verbie Prevost and Dr. Aaron Shaheen — Race in American Literature

This class will focus on representative pieces of 20th century American Literature — novels, short stories, and poems — that deal directly with racism.

Mr. Chris Carpenter — Religion and the Civil War

This course will explore how American Christianity inspired the abolitionist cause in the North, was used by Southerners to defend their peculiar institution, and advised common soldiers, generals, and the President of the United States.

The Rev. Dr. Robert MacSwain — Same-Sex Relationships and the Anglican Communion

This class will look at this issue primarily through an ethical and theological lens, paying attention to its context in various provinces of the Anglican Communion, especially in the Episcopal Church (USA).

The Rev. Dr. Julia Gatta — Practicing Christian Spirituality

This course will begin with the sacramental and mystical foundations of the Christian life in Baptism and the Holy Eucharist. It will then consider various forms of personal prayer and meditation.

Participants may register for two classes each evening. The first session begins at 6:30 p.m. Organ meditation, Holy Eucharist, and optional Dinner are offered each evening before classes. For more information and to register, pick up a brochure at the Church or see www.stpaulschatt.org/thorne-sparkman.

Vestry Highlights

At the December 14 regular meeting...

The meeting was convened by Interim Rector Rev. Brad Whitaker at 5:15 p.m. Brad spoke about the powerful Sunday school class presented by parishioner David Padilla.

Quinn Parman reported on his charge to form a cohesive vision for children and youth. In the spring of 2016, curriculum will be changed for younger grades, which has gone well with the 4th and 5th grade levels. Lectionary based "Whirl" will be the new curricular program. With the transition of Adam Webb, Andrea Odle will work with the acolytes. Senior acolytes Will Patton and Nelson Eiselstein will work with younger age acolytes. Newly hired children's minister Hope Hutchins will start January 11, 2016.

Leigh Preston is advancing with plans for pastoral ministry St. Paul's Cares. Vestry members Julia Cronin and Herb Knowles will serve. This ministry delivered bread to the homebound. Leigh spoke about an adult education opportunity webcast with Chris Stewart from the Trinity Institute on Race and Justice on January 22 & 23. Leigh reported that the lineup for the Thorne Sparkman School of Religion is exciting.

Brad Whitaker reported that, in accordance with the Canons, the Nominating committee for the Wardens has been gathered. Alison Shaw presented the slate, and motioned that the slate be approved in January. Nominations from the floor may be made at the January meeting of the Vestry.

Brad announced that the Patten Memorial Fund for spiritual development in community has been established in loving memory of their parents. Treasurer Bobby Crates moved on the motion and explained that the fund will draw income for the first year. At the end of the second year 4% or \$3,000 per year will be drawn down from the fund to help fund the program. Bobby made a motion to name the fund the William Thomas & Lynn Chapin Patten Memorial Parish Retreat Speaker's Fund. Randy Odle seconded – respecting the restrictions in the document. The motion passed.

Brad explained we now have an automated church systems parish directory and database. He asked that we contact Beverly Rhoden with any questions.

Brad reported that clergy and vergers will be trained on Altar Guild. He will further see input on when to schedule the Vestry retreat.

Senior Warden Hank Hopping that search committee consultants Lynn Schmissrauter and Ann Holtz put together a permanent compensation package for the Rector. This committee consists of Alison Shaw, Tom White, Brad Pope, Bobby Crates, Hank Hopping and Hugh Sharber.

Junior Warden Rick Lee reported that, following repairs, the elevator in the Bonner Tower is basically brand new. Insurance paid in full and we have Patty Brigham to thank for her persistent and thorough attention to the matter.

Treasurer Bobby Crates reported that November was an excellent month. We are \$31,000 in the black for the month of November. The numbers are looking better and expenses are under budget. The administrative side was slightly above budget. Bobby and Gail are working on the 2016 budget projections. They are also working to realign account names to reflect St. Paul's mission/budget. Brad announced that a letter with a return envelope for our Christmas offering will be mailed. Special offerings for 2016 will be decided at the January meeting. On behalf of the stewardship committee Ed Barels reported on the status of the annual giving campaign.

Brad reported that Sarah Cardwell will be ordained at the Diocesan Convention in February. Adam Barnett is interested in pursuing orders for Vocational Diaconate. A discernment committee will be formed.

2015 Charitable Contribution Tax Statements

Year-end tax statements for 2015 will be USPS mailed by January 31, 2016. Please contact Gail Winterbauer at 602-5662 or winter@stpaulschatt.org if you do not receive your statement by this date or if you have questions. It is advised that you do not file your 2015 tax return until you receive a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the Church.



Souper Bowl of Caring 2016

The Souper Bowl of Caring to support the Chattanooga Area Food Bank is underway! Our Youth have won the

Souper Bowl for many years — but the real winners are the needy local families who will receive your donations. Place your non-perishable food donations in the bins in the Bonner Tower and the Narthex, or make your check payable to St. Paul's marked *Souper Bowl* (\$1 = 1 pound of food).

The Interfaith Panel of Chattanooga: Tuesday, January 26

St. Paul's will host the Interfaith Panel of Chattanooga on Tuesday, January 26, at 6:30 p.m. The Interfaith Panel seeks to increase understanding and appreciation for the diversity of faith in Chattanooga. Moderated by Charles Neal, the panel will include: Michael Dzik, Judaism; Nur Siswora-hardjo, Islam; Sush Shantha, Hinduism; Brandon Jones, Atheism; and Linda Snodgrass, Christianity. Each panelist will share what it is like to live in Chattanooga from the perspective of their particular faith, and the floor will then be open for questions from those in attendance. We hope you will join us for this important conversation and invite others to participate, as well.

Family Promise Returns: January 31 - February 7 Volunteers Needed!

The Big Board is out and it is time to sign up for Family Promise, the week of January 31 - February 7. Please plan to help out. This year St. Paul's/Mizpah Congregation will be the only church hosting during our week, which means we will probably have four families each time. We will need everyone's help for that! We need greeters, cooks, entertainers, and overnight hosts. We also need help setting up on January 31 right after church and clearing out on February 7 at 7 a.m. There are other jobs on the board if you want to help with buying food for breakfast or snacks.

Please sign up via VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/cG4JP1>. If you have trouble using the system, you are always welcome to contact us! We can sign you up. — Shannon Mowrer, Volunteer Coordinator (shanbmowr@comcast.net or 423-827-4432).



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Special Events

AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH AND AROUND THE DIOCESE

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, February 14 — 4:00 p.m.
**CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE
 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
 With St. Paul's Senior Choir.

Sunday, February 21 — 4:00 p.m.
CHILDREN'S EVENSONG
 Combined area Children's Choirs. Scott Hanoian, Guest Conductor.
 At the Church of the Good Shepherd, Lookout Mountain.



Friday, February 19 — 7:30 p.m.
SCOTT HANOIAN, ORGAN

This celebrated concert organist from Christ Church of Grosse Pointe (MI) and former Assistant Organist at Washington National Cathedral will play masterworks on St. Paul's mighty Casavant organ. Scott has performed in evensongs and concerts at Wells Cathedral, St. David's Cathedral in Wales, York Minster, Carlisle Cathedral, St. Alban's Abbey, St. George's Chapel in Windsor, St. Paul's Cathedral in London, Notre Dame Cathedral, La Madeleine, Chartres Cathedral, St. Maximin, and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Tickets: \$15 General, \$5 Students.



Friday, February 26 — 7:30 p.m.
BENNEWITZ STRING QUARTET

The quartet is named after violinist Antonín Bennewitz (1833-1926), who was a seminal figure in the creation of the Czech violin school. The Bennewitz Quartet are one of the top international chamber ensembles, a status confirmed not only by their victories in two prestigious competitions – Osaka in 2005 and Prémio Paolo Borciani, Italy in 2008, but also by the acclaim of the critics. The quartet currently perform at major venues both in the Czech Republic and abroad (Wigmore Hall London, Musikverein Wien, Konzerthaus Berlin, Théâtre des Champs-Élysées Paris, The Frick Collection New York, Seoul Art Center, Rudolfinum and others), and are regularly invited to festivals such as the Salzburger Festspiele, Luzerne Festival, Rheingau Musik Festival, Kammermusikfest Lockenhaus, and the Prague Spring. Website: www.bennewitzquartet.com. Tickets: \$15 General, \$5 Students.