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Pastor's Message

*Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.*

*Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of
every longing heart.*

The United Methodist Hymnal, #196

One of my favorite songs of the Advent season is *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*. It is a song about waiting, and, although I love the song, I am not very good at waiting. And so, we enter the Advent season in the church year where we wait and prepare.

Advent is the season where we prepare our hearts for Christ's coming.



Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald
Senior Pastor

The dates of Advent vary each year, but the season always contains the four Sundays before Christmas day.

During the season the sanctuary is decorated with holly and the

beautiful Chrismon tree. Chrismons, meaning *Christ monograms*, traditionally are white and gold designs made from Christian symbols that signify Christ – symbols such as stars, crosses, fish, crowns, and the alpha and omega that remind us of Jesus' identity and story. (See Page 7.)

During each Sunday of Advent we will light a new candle on the Advent wreath.

The wreath has four candles in a perfect circle and one candle in the center, the Christ candle. The first candle we will light is the candle of hope. Then the candles of peace, joy, and love. Finally, on Christmas Eve we

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Christmas Eve
WORSHIP SERVICES

*Wednesday, December 22
6 and 8 pm

Friday, December 24
Noon, 4, 6, 8, and 11 pm

RSVP through
www.stpaulshouston.org/joy

*Christmas Eve services before December 24 are for those not able to celebrate with us on the 24th.

Children's Candlelight Service with Las Posadas Navideñas

Journey to the Manger: Children's Candlelight Service with Las Posadas Navideñas will be Sunday, December 19, at 5 pm on the Plaza.

This service will combine some of our favorite traditions from our Children's Candlelight and Las Posadas worship services. It will include carols and hymns in Spanish and English, scripture and prayers, children's re-enactment of the journey to Bethlehem, sharing the light of Christ while we sing Silent Night, and bring gifts to the altar in honor of the Christ child.

A combined children's choir of our Wesley Singers, Choristers, Trebles, and Rutabaga program will lead singing, and St. Paul's Strings will play.

Advent Lessons & Carols

This traditional Advent service will be on the Second Sunday of Advent, December 5, at 5 pm in the Sanctuary.

The service includes scripture readings, hymns, and choir carols for the beautiful season of Advent.

Readings include the prophets telling of the coming of Christ and the visit of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary.

Choir music, sung by St Paul's Choir and St. Paul's Treble Choir, will include music by G.P. da Palestrina, Francisco Guerrero, Paul Manz, Simon Lindley, and Herbert Howells.

Hymns will include Advent favorites *Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus* and *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*.

The Youth will host a dessert party in the Youth Center after this service.

Christmas Tea & Cookies

December 5 and 12
9:30 am-12:30 pm

Parlor (2nd floor,
Sanctuary Building)

Sights, Sounds, & Smells of Christmas December 12

It's back – a St. Paul's Advent tradition for all ages! On Sunday, December 12, from 3 to 5 pm experience an explosion of Christmas cheer through crafts, music, and a festive atmosphere as we prepare our hearts for Baby Jesus.

We will be indoors, masked, and distanced throughout the Jones Building, and activities will be chosen with reasonable safety measures in mind. Baby and toddler childcare with their own activities will be available by reservation. To volunteer at the event, sponsor a craft table, or help with preparations, contact Rev. Kate Flint via kflint@stpaulshouston.org or 713-528-0527.

NOTE: The date previously had been announced as November 28.

See page 7 for a clip-and-save list of all Advent services and activities
or go to www.stpaulshouston.org/joy

SERVICE of the LONGEST NIGHT

A quiet, meditative service for those experiencing sadness and grief of many kinds. Held on the Winter Solstice (longest night).

Tuesday, Dec. 21
6 pm

On the longest night of the year, it is our tradition to hold space for one another's sadness and grief. This quiet, meditative service will be a gentle container to hold the loneliness, separation, sadness, and grief that our community has experienced. This service will be in person and online.

Children's Advent Devotional Booklets

The annual devotional booklet illustrated by St. Paul's Children is still available in several ways: Jones Building Lobby, Plaza entrance to Sanctuary Building, Children's webpage (www.stpaulshouston.org/childrens-ministry), Children's Sunday School Resources Dropbox folder, and daily posts on the Children's Facebook page. If none of those options work for you, contact Rev. Kate Flint via kflint@stpaulshouston.org or 713-528-0527 to make other arrangements.

St. Paul's Family



Roy and Nancy Aruffo

New Members. Welcome Nancy and Roy Aruffo, who joined St. Paul's Family on November 21, 2021. They are the parents and in-laws of Paul and Eva Aruffo and grandparents of Jackie and Nick Aruffo, all of whom also are members.

Member Wedding.

Congratulations to Carrie Cowan and Evan Johnson, who were married at St. Paul's on November 6, 2021. The daughter of Patti and Mark Cowan, Carrie represents the fourth generation of her family to be married at St. Paul's.

Baptism. Hope and Aly Badawi presented their daughter, Meadow Rose Badawi, born February 8, 2021, for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on November 28, 2021.

Deaths.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Charles Burns, who died on October 20, 2021.

Deepest sympathy to Carolyn Mead on the death of her brother, Fred Prince, who died on November 6, 2021, in Tampa, Florida.

Deepest sympathy to Becky and Butch Marseglia on the death of Becky's father, Jim Rippey, who died November 15, 2021.

Who to Contact for What

To reach any staff, call 713-528-0527 or email info@stpaulshouston.org, and your message will be forwarded. For these specific situations, you may wish to contact these people through these means:

To

- **update** membership records
- **notify the church** of births, deaths, or hospitalizations

email Nina Hall via nina@stpaulshouston.org or call 713-528-0527

To schedule a funeral,

email Rev. Andrew Wolfe via awolfe@stpaulshouston.org or call 713-528-0527 and see www.stpaulshouston.org/funeral

To schedule

- **baptisms**
- **altar flowers**

email Dawn Uebelhart via dawn@stpaulshouston.org or 713-528-0527

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Bill Gibson, who died on November 23, 2021. He was the spouse of June Gibson, a former St. Paul's receptionist, who died in 2009.

Deepest sympathy to Kate and Justin Flint on the death of his grandfather, Robert Flint, who died on November 27, 2021, in Kansas.

Deepest sympathy to Kat and Jim Denton on the death of Jim's stepmother, Jean Denton, who died on November 30, 2022.

Flowers.

The flowers at the altar on October 31, 2021, were placed to the glory of God and in memory of Sari Frey by her loving friends.

The flowers at the altar on November 7, 2021, were placed to the glory of God in memory of Loyce Baker by Susie Ragsdale.

The flowers at the altar on November 14, 2021, were placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Rangeley Brunson by her family, Penelope, Timothy, Sam, Claire, and Isiah Loughhead.

The flowers at the altar on November 21, 2021, were placed to the glory of God in honor of the volunteers in ministry at St. Paul's.

The flowers at the altar on November 28, 2021, were placed in loving memory of her parents, Gwendolyn and Jacob White, by Gwen Kunz.



Christmas Basket and Bake Sale. Saturday, December 11, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. St. Paul's Choir is designing some amazing Christmas baskets for you to enjoy or enjoy giving. Specialty baked goods will be sold separately. And for a contribution at the sale, hear your favorite Christmas Carol. Proceeds will underwrite the choir's residencies at Truro Cathedral in Cornwall and St. Paul's Cathedral in London next summer. To contribute your own baked goods, contact Dawn Uebelhart via dawn@stpaulshouston.org or 713-528-0527.

Choral Scholars Sing Beyond St. Paul's



St. Paul's Choral Scholars sang at Spring Community Church this fall. (See picture above.)

During the Advent season, the choir, directed by Matt Perez, will sing at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston on Sunday, December 19, at 2 pm in the Arrival Court of the Kinder Building.

Thanks to all for helping the Choral Scholars raise \$1500 for the Emergency Aid Coalition through their recent recital.

The 2021-22 Choral Scholars is comprised of 19 auditioned students from nine schools in six school districts. They are, by district and school:

Alvin ISD. *Shadow Creek HS:* Lauren Bautista.

Clear Creek ISD. *Clear Creek HS:* Layah Brown and Dennis Xu.

Cypress-Fairbanks ISD. *Cypress*

Falls HS: Gabriel Gutierrez. *Cypress Lakes HS:* Joel Aguillon Lafargue, Mason Kuchar, and Nina Nguyen. *Cypress Ranch HS:* Ethan Long and Aevin Venegas. *Langham Creek HS:* Trinity Pugh and Fatima Rodriguez.

Houston ISD. *Kinder HS for the Performing & Visual Arts:* Olivia Gonzales, Aaron LaVohn, Timothy Moss, *Audrey Tollett, and *Emily Vanlandingham.

Klein ISD. *Klein HS:* Emma Davis.

Oak Ridge ISD. *Oak Ridge HS:* Alexia Rivera.

*also members of St. Paul's UMC.

St. Paul's Strings

St. Paul's Strings will play December 19, at 9:40 am in the Jones Building Lobby and at the *Journey to the Manger: Children's Candlelight with Las Posadas Navideñas* service that evening at 5.

Directed by Antoine Plante, artistic director and co-founder of Mercury Chamber Orchestra (www.mercury-houston.org), St. Paul's Strings is an instrumental ensemble comprised primarily of violinists, violists, and cellists from Kindergarteners through adults.

This ensemble re-forms each year in the weeks prior to Easter and Christmas with rehearsals on Sunday mornings. If interested in participating or simply want to know more, please contact Susie Vanlandingham via susie@stpaulshouston.org or 713-528-0527.

Register for Fine Arts Academy Spring Term

The Fine Arts Academy spring semester begins January 10. Individual lessons for all ages in art, cello, piano, and voice will be offered in person and online.

See www.stpaulshouston.org/fine-arts-academy for updates and registration form or contact Helen Spaw via hspaw@stpaulshouston.org or 832-957-7081.

Primetimers: Christmas Music by Rob Landes



Thursday, December 9, at 11 am.

Rob Landes returns to St. Paul's with a Christmas music concert on the piano in the Sanctuary. Lunch follows.



RSVP to primetimers@stpaulshouston.org by Tuesday, December 7. Bring socks to donate to Emergency Aid Coalition.



Small Group Preview

Be a catalyst for meaningful community in our post-pandemic world.

Wednesday, December 8
12:15-1:30 pm in Fondren Hall

Lunch and conversation about the upcoming small group launch. RSVP on the website:

www.stpaulshouston.org/small-groups

If you want to strengthen our community so it can thrive in a post-pandemic world, or if you are curious to find out what the hype is all about, attend this small group preview to learn more. Small groups will begin in January 2022.

30s/40s Christmas Social

Whether you are a 90s kid, an elder millennial, or refuse to fit into decade/generation norms, you are invited to a social with others in their 30s and 40s on Thursday, December 16, from 5:30 to 7 pm at Saint Arnold, 2000 Lyons.

Come when you can and stay as long as you'd like. Outdoor space; kid and dog friendly; non-alc options available. Text 713-823-2386 to let us know you're coming.

Not quite in your 30s yet? Text the same number to learn about the Epworth League for those who are 18-35.



Kelly Sullivan, left, and Rev. Karyn Richards-Kuan prepare the Art Tent to receive the day's clients. In conjunction with the Emergency Aid Coalition (EAC), through the Art Tent, St. Paul's builds community with those experiencing homelessness. The Art Tent functions in a space outside the EAC and is open on Wednesdays from 10 am to 1 pm. To learn more or to volunteer, contact Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan via prichards-kuan@stpaulshouston.org or 713-528-0527.

At right: During the November Open House of UH-St. Paul's Teleclinic at the Emergency Aid Coalition, Dr. Shainy Vaghese demonstrates a new device developed by UH alumni that tests for viruses, including COVID-19, with 30-minute results. Open on Monday mornings since September 13, the clinic can see up to 10 patients a day. It is staffed by nurses with virtual access to designated physicians.



Order your Christmas tamales by Sunday, December 5. Choices of chicken with green sauce, veggie with green sauce, and pork with red sauce. \$20/dozen; orders of 6+ dozen are \$18/dozen. Then come to the tamalada to help make them — Friday, December 17, or Saturday, December 18. Order form and tamalada sign-up at www.stpaulshouston.org or call 713-528-0527.

The Giving Tree

From the Giving Tree in the Jones Building Lobby, select an ornament with wish-list items for SEARCH Homeless Services clients and Rutabaga Kids After-School Program children. Bring the gifts to the reception area in the Sanctuary Building by Thursday, December 9. Thank you for your joyful giving. Questions? Contact Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan (prichards-kuan@stpaulshouston.org) about SEARCH or Anna Anderson (anna@stpaulshouston.org) about Rutabaga Kids.



Year-End Offering

It has long been the tradition of the people of St. Paul's to make a year-end offering in response to the many blessings they received during the year.

In previous years we have called this our Christmas offering, mirroring the gifts that we give at this time of year to those people and institutions we cherish. This year we have asked the people of St. Paul's to instead consider the many things for which we are grateful and to make a *thanksgiving* offering to St. Paul's UMC.

If you have not already done so, please consider a thanksgiving offering — over and above your regular stewardship giving — to support the ministries and the mission of St. Paul's.

To make a year-end offering, simply go to the St. Paul's app, or to www.stpaulshouston.org/give, or mail your check to the church offices at 5501 Main St., Houston, TX 77004.

Brain Health Matters

Amazing Place offers free virtual and in-person presentations about dementia, brain-healthy lifestyles, and caregiving. Among them are

- Worried about Your Memory?
It May Not Be Dementia
- Practical Tips for a Healthier You
- Food for Thought
- Living in the Sandwich Generation
- My Friend Has Dementia; How Can I Help?

To learn more, see www.amazingplacehouston.org. To schedule a presentation, contact Mehrnaz Gill, MSG via mgill@amazingplacehouston.org or 713-440-9578.

Amazing Place is a faith-based nonprofit organization committed to empowering lives disrupted by dementia and ending the stigma of dementia. St. Paul's is among the supporting members. Renee Hawkins represents St. Paul's on the Board of Directors, Beth Wiggins on the Advisory Council, and Richard Pettys on the Council of Congregations.

Temporary Tax Code Changes

Impact 2021 Charitable Contributions

by Mary Linda Portner, Executive Director, St. Paul's Methodist Foundation of Houston

A special tax provision in the *Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2020*, enacted last December, allows more Americans to easily deduct up to \$600 in donations to qualifying charities on their 2021 federal income tax return.

Ordinarily, people who choose to take the standard deduction cannot claim a deduction for their charitable contributions. But this temporary law change now permits them to claim a limited deduction on their 2021 federal income tax returns for cash contributions made to qualifying charitable organizations.

As a result of the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021*, several of the provisions of the *2020 CARES Act* were extended or expanded into 2021. They may impact your 2021 charitable tax deductions as described below:

Extension: \$300 deduction for those who claim the standard deduction

Individuals who plan to take the standard deduction for their 2021 tax returns may claim an above-the-line deduction of up to \$300 for cash donations to qualifying public charities

Expansion: \$600 deduction for married couples

For 2021, this above-the-line deduction is increased to \$600 for cash donations for married couples filing jointly who do not itemize tax deductions.

Extension: Charitable giving deduction limit increased to 100 percent of Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) on cash donations for those who itemize

Donors may continue to receive a federal income tax deduction for charitable contributions of up to 100 percent of their AGI for certain cash donations made during calendar year 2021. Prior to 2020, this number was 60 percent.

Extension: AGI limit for cash contributions increased to 25 percent of taxable income for corporations

The AGI limit for cash contributions also remains increased for corporate donors. Corporations can deduct up to 25 percent of taxable income. Prior to 2020, this number was 10 percent.

Cash contributions include those made by check, credit card, or debit card as well as amounts incurred by an individual for unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses in connection with their volunteer services to a qualifying charitable organization. Cash contributions do not include the value of volunteer services, securities, household items, or other property.

And, a reminder to donors who are 70 ½ or older: a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a great way to gift dollars to charity for donors who are at least 70½ at the time of the distribution. This strategy allows a donor to utilize dollars from their IRA to donate directly to a qualified organization. For those in a high tax bracket, this can be a tax-efficient way to spend down an IRA while avoiding ordinary income taxes — which would otherwise be due on distributions — since the dollars are being donated. Additionally, annual required minimum distributions (RMDs) can be donated to a qualified charity (up to \$100,000), which can minimize the RMD's tax consequences.

Called Charge Conference

Our District Superintendent Dr. Elijah Stansell and Bishop Scott J. Jones have called a Charge Conference for St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Tuesday, December 7, at 7 pm in Fondren Hall of the Jones Building. The purpose of the Called Charge Conference is to consider a resolution regarding the proposed Boy Scouts of America Bankruptcy Plan.

2022-23 Scholarship Applications

Applications for the 2022-23 scholarships administered by St. Paul's Methodist Foundation of Houston are now available at www.stpaulshouston.org/foundation-scholarships. The deadline for completed scholarships is February 15, 2022.

For more than 40 years the St. Paul's Methodist Foundation has awarded scholarships to students pursuing degrees in higher education.

The Foundation currently administers 17 endowed scholarship funds that benefit high school seniors matriculating to institutions of higher education as well as college undergraduate students and seminarians.

Grant awards are based on the applicant's relationship to St. Paul's UMC, academics, extra-curricular activities, recommendations, and a personal essay. Eight of the funds are restricted to specific parameters established by the donors. Recipients are selected annually by the Scholarship Committee. Donations to any of the scholarship funds are always welcome.

St. Paul's Moms

St. Paul's Moms conclude their fall study December 15 with an off-site luncheon celebration. For details, email Rev. Kate Flint via kflint@stpaulshouston.org. The group will resume with new study early next year.

Children's December Sunday Mornings

- 8 am-12:15 pm. Nursery Care.
- 9:45-10:45 Sunday School (in-person and on Zoom; neither December 26)
- 11-Noon. Children's Church (Bible story and playtime; neither December 26)

Children who start in worship with their families but do not stay for the whole hour may come forward during the sequence hymn to walk with Rev. Kate Flint or a Childcare staff member to the Jones Building for Children's Church.

Also, during the sequence hymn at the 11 am service, Choristers leave worship for choir rehearsal.

Kids Day Out December 11

In December, Kids Night Out (KNO) transforms into Kids Day Out (KDO). It will be on Saturday, December 11, from 10 am to 2 pm and include a light lunch. Age ranges, pricing, and reservation requirements are the same as for KNO — This themed day for children from age 4 months to grade 5 of games, crafts, play, snacks, and supervised activities costs \$25/child/night + \$5/additional sibling.

KDO is available only for families of St. Paul's church and school. Required reservations via childcare@stpaulshouston.org are accepted for each date up to two weeks in advance.

Questions? email childcare@stpaulshouston.org. If your child has dietary or other special needs, email Kat Denton via kat@stpaulshouston.org.

YOUTH DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Sundays

- 9:45 am. Sunday School in Youth Center for 6th-12th graders. (Not meeting December 26.)
- 5-7 pm in Youth Center. 7th-12th-grade UMY and 6th-grade Confirmation. (Not meeting December 19 or 26.)
- **Tuesdays:** Girls Gathering. 6:30-8 pm in Youth Center (Not meeting December 14-28.)

Wednesdays: Mid-Week Get Together. 3-7 pm in Youth Center (Not meeting December 15-29).

Thursdays: Guys Gathering. 6:30-8pm in Youth Center. (Not meeting December 16-30.)

Questions? email tiffin@stpaulshouston.org

Choral Music for St. Paul's Children and Youth

Children's Choirs. Wesley Singers (grades 1-2) Sundays from 10:45 to 11:20 am.

Choristers (grades 3-8) 11:20 am to 12:05 pm. Individual and small group singing lessons available throughout the week. To register or for more information, contact Susie Vanlandingham via susie@stpaulshouston.org or 713-528-0527.

Treble Choir. Rehearsals for this choir of treble voices are on Wednesdays, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Questions? Joel Trekell via jtrekell@stpaulshouston.org.

Choristers and Treble Choir follow Royal School of Church Music Voice for Life curriculum.

Youth December Special Events

Sunday, December 5.
Youth host dessert party in Youth Center after Advent Lessons and Carols.

Saturday, December 11.
Confirmands visit Congregation Emanu El, 1500 Sunset.

Questions? email tiffin@stpaulshouston.org

Sing with Mr. Trekell

Building toward a Tenor/Bass Choir, Associate Director of Music & Organist Joel Trekell is offering individual singing lessons to boys ages 11-17 with the goal of forming an ensemble.

Following the Royal School of Church Music Voice for Life curriculum, the boys will work on music suitable for changing voices.

One does not have to otherwise be affiliated with St. Paul's to participate. All young male voices invited. Questions? Joel Trekell via jtrekell@stpaulshouston.org.



Chrismon Tree in St. Paul's Sanctuary

Pastor's Message

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will light the Christ candle, symbolizing the light of Christ coming into the world.

I hope that throughout this Advent season you will take time each day to think about the hope, peace, joy, and love of this amazing time.

Come, thou long expected Jesus. In the midst of our busy lives and a hectic season, we still expect the Christ child to show up.

Peace,
Jeff

Rev. Dr. Jeff McDonald,
Senior Pastor

Good Brick

In recognition of the contribution of the Revive! capital project to the preservation, restoration, and enhancement of Houston's architectural and cultural heritage, Preservation Houston has awarded St. Paul's with a Good Brick Award.

The formal presentation will be made at Preservation Houston's Cornerstone Dinner on Friday, March 4, at the River Oaks Country Club.

For more information about the organization, the award, and the dinner, please see www.preservationhouston.org.

Clip-and-Save Advent Schedule

(Changing COVID protocols could affect any of these activities. For updates, check www.stpaulshouston.org/joy or call the church at 713-528-0527.)

- Beginning **November 14**. *Advent Kits* were available.
- Beginning **November 28**. Children's Advent Devotional Booklets are available. (See Page 2.)
- Through **December 8**. Select an ornament with wish-list items from the *Giving Tree* in the Jones Building Lobby. (See Page 4.)
- **December 5**. *Christmas Tea & Cookies*. 9:30 am-12:30 pm. Parlor. Also December 12. (See Page 1.)
- **December 5**. *Advent Lessons and Carols*. 5 pm. Sanctuary. Youth host *Dessert Party* in Youth Center following this service. (See Page 1.)
- **December 5**. Deadline to order *Christmas Tamales*. (See Page 4.)
- **December 9**. Place wish-list items under the *Giving Tree* in the Jones Building. (See Page 4.)
- **December 9**. *Christmas Music by Rob Landes* for the Primetimers. 11 am in the Sactuary. Also streaming via www.stpaulshouston.org/stream. (See Page 3.)
- **December 11**. *Kids Day Out*. 10 am to 2 pm. Jones Building. (See Page 6.)
- **December 11**. *Choir Christmas Baskets & Bake Sale*. 9:30 am-2:30 pm. (See Page 3.)
- **December 12**. *Sights, Sounds, & Smells of Christmas*. 3-5 pm. Jones Building. (See Page 1.)
- **December 15**. *St. Paul's Moms Celebration*. Email kflint@stpaulshouston.org for details. (See Page 6.)
- **December 16**. *30s/40s Social*. 5:30-7 pm. Saint Arnold, 2000 Lyons. Text RSVP to 713-823-2386. (See Page 4.)
- **December 17 & 18**. *Tamalada/Tamales Together*. Times vary. Jones Kitchen. 2nd floor. (See Page 4.)
- **December 19**. *St. Paul's Strings perform*. 9:40 am Jones Building Lobby. (See Page 3)
- **December 19**. *Choral Scholars* sing at MFAH - Arrival Court of the Kinder Building. 2 pm. (See Page 3.)
- **December 19**. *Journey to the Manger: Children's Candlelight Service with Las Posadas Navideñas*. Begin on Plaza. (See Page 1.)
- **December 21**. *Service of the Longest Night*. 6 pm. (See Page 2.)
- **December 22**. **Christmas Eve Services*. 6 and 8 pm. Sanctuary. (See Page 1.)
- **December 24**. *Christmas Eve Services*. Noon, 4, 6, 8, and 11 pm. Sanctuary. (See Page 1.)
- **December 26**. *First Sunday after Christmas*. One service at 10 am. No Sunday School.

* *Christmas Eve services before December 24 are provided for those unable to celebrate with us on the 24th.*

Looking Ahead

Cornerstone Society Year-End Update

We are excited to welcome the members listed below to the 2022 Cornerstone Society and announce that our membership has reached 183.



The Cornerstone Society is an annual giving program that supports the primary purpose of the St. Paul's Foundation —

providing for the care of the buildings and facilities of the church campus — while also offering members the opportunity to aid social service agencies.

Membership is open to individuals, couples, and families. We welcome new members at any time. For more information, please contact Mary Linda Portner at mlportner@stpaulshouston.org or visit www.stpaulshouston.org/st-pauls-foundation.

Anonymous (2)
The James Baker Family
Sandy and Jim Bankston
Linda and Vic Baldrige
Sherrie Beeman and Bill Kerley
Larry Blair
Shirley Blanton and Carolyn Melgar
Liz and Jim Brigman
Beth, Bob, and Keaton Brown
Dottie Burge and Vic Driscoll
Betty Bynes
Alice Calvin
Robert Charles
Denise Childres-Ansell and Lee Ansell
Vicie Coleman
Camille and Glenn Cunningham
Maria, Carl, David, and Noah Dahlberg
Janice and William Dana
Douglas Davis
Sandra and Jerry DeSobe
Jennifer and Emil Fernandez
DeeDee and Tommy Fibich
Jo and Jim Furr
Lynn Gissel
Frieda Hale

Renee and John Hawkins
Delores and John Hermann
Debbie and Frank Jones
Jano Nixon Kelley and John Kelley
Lynn and Ty Kelley
Samia Nazir Khalil and Kamal Khalil
Kathy and Richard Kimbrough
Catherine and James Lamb
Harriet Calvin Latimer
Jacqueline Lyon
Mike, Payne, and Reeves Mahlstedt
Lisa Mann and Bradley Bingham
Michelle and Mike Mann
Becky and Butch Marseglia
Lara Simpson and Alan and Ian Mattingly
Tom Mayes
Lenee and Jeff McDonald
Hattie and Jim McKinley
Tricia McKinley
Dawna and Tom Menges
Laura and Dave Morris
Alice and Chris Newlin
Kathy and Rick Pettys, Sr.
Mary Linda Portner and Paul Fisher
Jim, Maria-Martha, Ana-

Sofia, and Dylan-James Powell
Heather, Chris, Connor, Liam, and Brianne Powers
Sarah and Mike Ragsdale
Susie Ragsdale
Yuly and Keith Reeves
Amy and Brad Richards
Shirley and Larry Roberts
Debbie and Andrew Roff
Nathalie and Charles Roff
The Jennifer Roff Family
Michelle Rogers
Shirley Rose
Hillary and Robert Rota
Phoebe and Charles Ruehl
Kyttie and Bentley Sanford
Elizabeth, Chad, Patrick, and David Schorre
Gail Ford Smith and Ted Smith
Leigh and Reggie Smith
Cindy Snow
Joan and Richard Spaw
Karen and Michael Sullivan
James Tindall
Claudia, David, Sylvia, Rafael, and Oscar Vassar
Larry Walters
Pat and Jim Walzel
Kim, John, Olivia, and Sophia Watson
Arlene, Ben, Larson, and Lachlan Wells
Jennifer West
Janet, Jim, Mark, and Matthew Wheeler
Carol Wiener
Beth and Jim Wiggins
Robin and B.T. Williamson
Mary and James Winn
Lynn Wiseheart
Johanna, Richard, and Emily Wolfe
Brenda and Randall Wright
Amber and Byron York

Small Group Kick-off

January 9

Last Preview December 8

See page 4 or email faithformation@stpaulshouston.org

SEARCH

Coming Home to Resume in January

Coming Home is a community building program designed to reduce isolation among the housed clients of SEARCH Homeless Services and to help them find hope, healing, purpose, and a sense of belonging.

This program has been conducted at St. Paul's since its inception, breaking for a period due to COVID concerns. It currently is planned to return to St. Paul's on Tuesday, January 18. Watch for more information or contact Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan via prichards-kuan@stpaulshouston.org or 713-528-0527.

Marathon Sunday

The Chevron Houston Marathon will be Sunday, January 16. The route has been tweaked, affecting routes to church a bit differently from previous years. Please see www.chevronhoustonmarathon.com/race-weekend/street-closures to map your way to church.

*Evensong in celebration of the Conversion of Paul
Featuring music written for St. Paul's Cathedral, London
January 23 at 4 pm • Sanctuary*