



ST PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
PICAYUNE, MS

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## E-Newsletter 2/20/2026

Blessings to you all in this 5th week after Epiphany! With a new year comes fresh news, so read on for more.

# Adoption Service



Please join us this Sunday, February 22, during the Holy Eucharist for a special Thanksgiving for the Adoption of a Child. Jacie Elizabeth Petersen was officially adopted by the Petersen family on February 10, and they are grateful for the opportunity to share their joy and thanksgiving with our parish community.

The Thanksgiving will take place between the Prayers of the People and the Peace. A reception will follow the service—please plan to stay and celebrate with the Petersen family!

### **This Week at St. Paul's:**

Sunday, February 22nd - 9:00am - Enquirers/Confirmation Class  
9:30am - Choir Practice  
10:30am - Holy Eucharist  
11:30am - Coffee Hour



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### Funeral Service for Calvin Clark

The funeral service for Calvin Clark will be held on Saturday, February 28th, at 11:00 a.m.

We will gather for a small and simple service as we give thanks for Calvin's life and commend him to God's eternal care. Following the service, all are invited to continue in fellowship and shared memories at a reception in the Parish Hall.



***Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;***

***And let light perpetual shine upon him.***



### Children's Church

Join us this Sunday for the launch of our new children's program!

Children ages 2 through 6th grade will leave at the beginning of the service for a special time designed just for them. Through engaging, hands-on activities and storytelling, they'll explore the meaning of Lent in ways that are meaningful, age-appropriate, and fun. They will then return before the Eucharist so families can continue worshipping together.



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## Committees

Dear People of God,

You are invited to join one of these committees of prayer & work. The purpose is to pray for ten or so minutes with others who share your area of interest. This needs to be done monthly and the purpose is to put our interests into prayer and listen. The Spirit will show you things from time to time, and your task then is one of reflecting together and putting into action what is shown. If you pray together, the work will emerge. This can be an easy addition to prayer discipline and will enable you to further serve your community and faith.



Signed,

Father Nick+

## Vestry Committees

1. Building/Grounds - Chris Petersen  
Plans and carries out maintenance of the church property.
2. Christian Education - Rachael Rutherford/ Wendy Bracey  
Explores and provides ways to nurture both children and adults in the Lord.
3. Lonnie Smith Memorial - Rachael Rutherford  
Establishes repetitive remembrance.



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4. Outreach - Emma Cufu  
Reaches beyond the parish/parishioners to render aid.
5. Worship - Father Nick+  
Plans & organizes worship under the guidance of the Priest.
6. Parish Life - Craig Hopkins  
Plans & organizes parish-wide events that build community and celebrate our life together.
7. Creation Care - Kristin Kingsley  
Directs our attention towards activities & literature that will nurture our planet & environment.

## Additional Groups

1. Altar Guild - Caleb Petersen, Dolly Kingsley, Kristin Kingsley  
Cares for and prepares the altar and sanctuary.
2. Pastoral Care Team - Jason Dean  
Includes Eucharistic ministers, Institutional visitors (hospitals, etc.), Pastoral visitors (parishioners, etc.).
3. Office - Rose Schmidt (clerk of vestry), Elizabeth Petersen (e-news and bulletin).
4. Choir - Susan Burns



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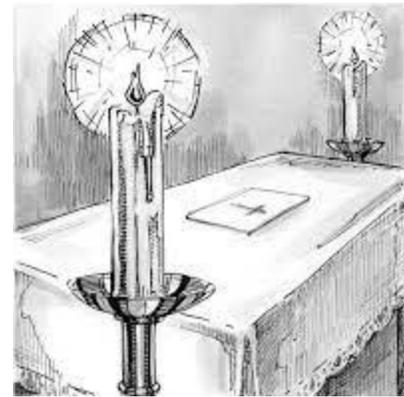
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### Lay Ministry

At St. Paul's, our Lay Ministry is a vital part of our worship life. Lay Ministry includes readers, ushers, acolytes, singers, and altar guild in service to God and our congregation. If you feel called to serve in one of these roles, please speak with Jason, who will gladly guide you toward the ministry that best suits your gifts.

Your participation is a meaningful way to share your talents and deepen your connection to our parish community.



### Confirmation/Enquirers Class

This class is open for anyone seeking to learn more about the Church, and for those seeking confirmation. Confirmation is the laying of hands by our Bishop and prayer for the Spirit of God to enter that person. It is also the way to join this branch of the Church if one was baptized elsewhere. Further, confirmation serves as a right of passage into adult Church membership for those baptized as infants.

The class is free-wheeling with rich discussion of life and religion. It is designed for those who are new to the church or seeking to learn more about being a Christian.



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### Holy Communion

Holy Communion, the sacrament of Our Lord's Body and Blood, is offered to all baptized Christians. While denominations may shape how we govern ourselves, they do not define who we are in Christ. In addition, gluten-free hosts are available for those who prefer them—simply inform Fr. Nick or an usher if you require one.



For inspiration. For information.



### More News!



Scan here to sign up!

If you would like to receive news on the diocesan level, scan the QR code to the right! There, you can sign up for both The Mississippi Episcopalian, which focuses on stories of churches and the bishop throughout the diocese, and TME-News, which focuses on

events occurring throughout the diocese.



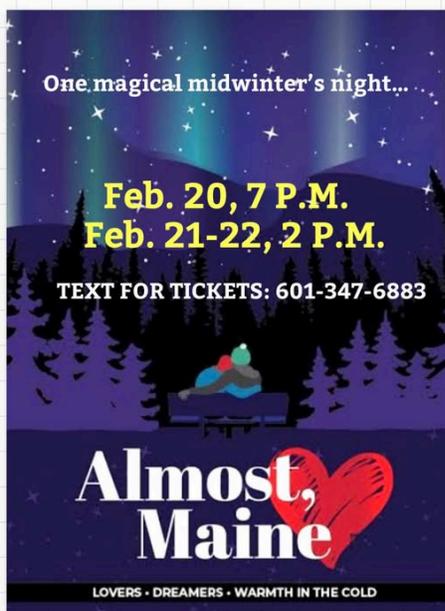
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### Picayune on Stage



Picayune on Stage will present a delightful romantic comedy called "Almost, Maine," by John Cariani, in our Parish Hall Theater, February 20-22, Friday at 7 pm and Saturday and Sunday at 2 pm. General admission is \$20. This quirky and funny show is directed by Debbie Craig and features one of our new parishioners, Merrie ( Kathleen) Christmas.

Text for your reservations today at 601-347-6883! Leave your name, date you'll attend, and how many seats. You pay at the door the day of performance. Open seating with reserved section for anyone with vision/hearing/ mobility needs.



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## Scouts BSA Troop 5/Venture Crew 5



Troop 5 would like to extend a huge thank you to those who have donated to the blessing box in the past week!

Currently, we especially need **peas** and **toiletries**. For more ideas, check the printed sheets in the back of the church or visit our [Amazon Wishlist](#) to donate! Thanks to your support, we have been able to fill the blessing box multiple times a week, and include fresh produce! If you are interested in assisting further with the blessing box program, talk to Elizabeth.



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**AFTERSCHOOL TUTORING**

- 1ST-12TH GRADES
- SUBJECT EXPERTS
- SNACKS PROVIDED
- PLAYTIME AND ACTIVITIES

COST \$0 (FREE)

Mon-Thurs  
4pm-6pm Weekly  
Starting  
Sept. 1, 2025

1421 Goodyear Blvd., Picayune, MS 39466  
youthempowerment1970@gmail.com  
(601) 590-8983

Enrollment in our free afterschool tutoring is officially open! The program is available for children in 1st grade all the way to 12th. The program occurs Mon-Thurs, 4-6 pm.

For more information or to apply, call us at 601-590-8983.

SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE

Located at the Ed. Building on Tuesdays and Fridays, 10-11 am. Open to all, no prior signup required. We look forward to seeing you!

