



ST PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
P I C A Y U N E , M S

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Blessings to you all in this last week of Pentecost! Happy Thanksgiving,
and read on for more!

Welcoming Advent



Next Sunday marks the start of Advent, a season of anticipation and preparation as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus. Each week during Advent, we reflect on four different themes—Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love—represented by the four candles in the Advent wreath. As we light each candle,

we are reminded of the light Christ brings into our world and hearts. We invite you to join us in this special time of reflection and anticipation.

This Week at St. Paul's:

Sunday, November 30th - 9:15am - Confirmation/Enquirers Class

9:30am - Choir Practice

10:30am - Holy Eucharist



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11:30am - Coffee Hour

Greeting Cards

One of our parishioners, Sugie Thomson, has generously donated multiple boxes of greeting cards! If you would like to take a couple, they can be found on the back table in the Parish hall. In a few weeks, the cards that are left will be donated to charity, so feel free to grab as many as you would like!



Committees of the Vestry

We're inviting YOU to get involved in the life of our church! If you're interested in a particular area, we'd love for you to join one of our committees. These are open to all parishioners, so just reach out to the listed members to learn more or volunteer. Here's a quick look at the committees:

- **Building/Grounds:** Chris (Meetings TBD)
- **Christian Education:** Rachael & Wendy (Meetings TBD)
- **Creation Care:** Kristin (Meetings TBD)
- **Parish Life:** Craig (Meetings TBD)
- **Lonnie Smith Memorial:** Rachael (Meetings TBD)
- **Outreach:** Emma (Meetings TBD)



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- **Worship:** Fr. Nick, Susan, Dolly, Kristin, Craig (Meetings on the 2nd Sunday of each month)

Care Packages

Two of the young ladies from our church, Lillian & Katey, have left for boarding school and college respectively. If you would like to send them mail, please place it in the blue box in the parish hall and label it with their name. The mail will then be addressed and sent as soon as possible.



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.



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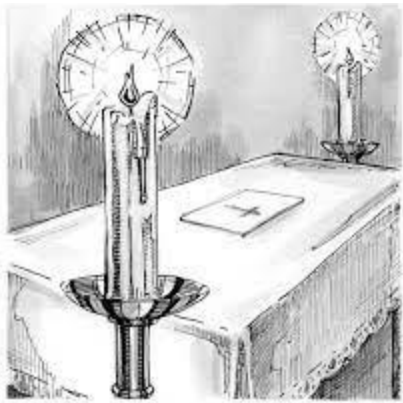
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The class is free-wheeling with rich discussion of life and religion. It is designed for those who are new to the church or seeking to learn more about being a Christian.

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.



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



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way to share your talents and deepen your connection to our parish community.

More News!

If you would like to receive news on the diocesan level, scan the QR code to the left! 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.

For inspiration. For information.



Scan here to sign up!





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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 **razors** and **ground beef in single-serve pouches**. 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 daily, and include fresh produce!

Troop 5 had a BLAST at Thanksgiving Camp at V-Bar this weekend!





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Picayune
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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, and begins on September 1st!

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



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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!

