



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

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JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME AT THIS TABLE"

E-Newsletter 12/12/2025

Blessings to you all in this 2nd week of Advent! We look forward to the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, and learn of the news along the way.

Birthday Sunday



Join us next Sunday
for a celebration of all
those born in
December! We will be
holding a blessing
during the service and
enjoying a delicious
slice of cake

afterwards. We look forward to seeing you be a part of the celebration!

This Week at St. Paul's:

Sunday, December 14th - 9:15am - Confirmation/Enquirers Class

9:30am - Choir Practice

10:30am - Holy Eucharist

11:30am - Coffee Hour



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



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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.

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.



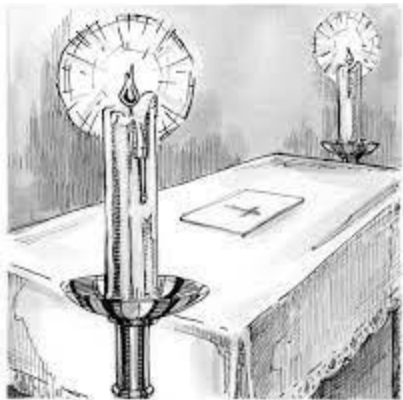
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Holy Communion

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.



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.



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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 **feminine hygiene products** 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 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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Picayune
Carver
Culture
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FIRST CORNERSTONE CHURCH

FREE

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

SATURDAY, December 20, 2025
1:00 Pm - 4:00 Pm
917 CAYTEN ST.
PICAYUNE, MS 39466
2 HOUSEHOLD PER CAR

DRIVE-THRU
AVAILABLE FOR PEARL RIVER COUNTY RESIDENTS

FIRST COME FIRST SERVED WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

TRUECARE

shea SHARING HEALTH EDUCATION & AWARENESS

PICAYUNE CARVER CULTURE CENTER

Distribution on DECEMBER 20, 2025 (1 pm-4 pm)

VOLUNTEERS are needed: If your church or organization would like to volunteer please attend mandatory TRAINING at First Cornerstone Church 917 Cayten Street, Picayune Mississippi 39466 on December 13th at 11 am.



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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.

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!

