



St. Paul's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

200
FOUNDED IN 1827

January 26, 2025 - 8:45 am & 11:00 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II
Third Sunday After the Epiphany

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

8:45: *How Beautiful Heaven Must Be*- Bland, arr. Duncan
11:00: *Sarabande*- Robert Lau

Processional Hymn: *How Wondrous and Great Thy Works, God of Praise!* H-533

*How wondrous and great thy works, God of Praise!
How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy name?
Thou only art holy, thou only supreme.*

*To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;
Their worship and vows shall come to thy throne:
Thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all abroad,
Till earth's every people confess thee their God.*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. BCP, p. 355
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you... Through Christ our Lord
People **Amen.**

Gloria: S-280

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson:**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19:7-14 (*Sung by Chamber Choir*)**BCP, p. 607**

- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

The Second Reading:**1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing,

forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

(During the singing of the Gospel Hymn, a wooden cross will be carried down the center aisle.

Children are invited to follow it to Children's chapel.

Children will rejoin their family at the Peace.)

Gospel Hymn: *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

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Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,

Like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might:

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the vine,

To the Church in faith assembled, to her midst of gift and sign;

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,

With the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

The Holy Gospel:

Luke 4:14-21

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Monna Mayhall

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People: Form IV

BCP, p. 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others

and to your honor and glory.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People* And also with you.**

(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: *Everytime I Feel the Spirit*- traditional Spiritual

Presentation Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

H-376, vs 1 and 3

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!*

*Always giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

***People* We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
 Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

...And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: *(Sung)* Christ our Passover

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Music During Communion:

Almighty and Everlasting God- Gibbons (Chamber Choir)

We invite all who seek God, and are drawn to Christ by the Spirit, to join us at this Table.

If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will serve you in your pew.

To receive a gluten-free host, extend hands, crossed, palms down at the communion rail.

The Prayer after Communion

BCP, p. 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *Christ for the World We Sing!*

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Christ for the world we sing!

The world for Christ we bring with loving zeal;

The poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,

Sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing!

The world for Christ we bring with one accord;

With us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,

With us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing!

The world for Christ we bring with fervent prayer;

The wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,

Redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

*Christ for the world we sing!
The world for Christ we bring with joyful song;
The newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,
Inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

8:45: *The Unclouded Day*- Alwood, arr. Bay
11:00: *Sonata in E Minor*- C.P.E. Bach (1714-1788)

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The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, *Bishop*

The Reverend W. R. "Rusty" McCown, *Rector*

The Reverend Monna Mayhall, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Ann Van Dervoort, *Assisting Priest, Retired*

Donna Stokes-Rogers, *Music Minister* • Holli Scholz, *Organist*

Libby Sullivan, *Children's Minister* • Brett Smith, *Youth Minister*

Kristy Moore, *Finance Manager* • Shannon Buttrey, *Parish Administrator*

Paula Sherman, *Communications Manager* • Rachel Shoaf, *Nursery Coordinator*

BIRTHDAYS:

Sunday: Mindy Boggs **Monday:** Janeth McKendrick, Steve Nifong **Wednesday:** Tammey McCormick, Carson Cook, Zach Johnson **Thursday:** Becky Grimes, Val Box, Emmett Tkach **Friday:** Julie Fisher, Maddie Rogers, Jim Lambert, Marion Price, Jenna Martin **Saturday:** Austin Pratt, Eliza Tyler, Avery Hilley

ANNIVERSARIES:

Thursday: Andrew and Kathryn Johnson **Friday:** Patti and John Wilkison, Tom and Emily Love

PARTICIPANTS:

	8:45 am	11:00 am
Usher:	Chris Oberholtzer	Jim Miller
Usher:	Bob Larson	Susan Miller
Chalice Bearer:	Mike Gengler	Frank Baugh
Chalice Bearer:	Gerald Hancock	Lucinda Dyer
1 st Reader:	Jay Fahey	Sam Barcus
2 nd Reader:	Ron Howes	Beth Woodruff
Prayers:	Cyndy Howes	Heather Bottoms
Crucifer:	Katie Faulkner	Daniel Alvarado
Torch Bearer:	Emily Williams	Deacon Medlin
Torch Bearer:	Sally Gray Branson	Piper Medlin
Altar Guild:	Karen Garfield	Karen Montefiori
Altar Guild:	*	Laura McCown
Vestry Person of the Day:	Bruce Theobald	
Musicians:	Derek Pell, violin	
	Kent Burnside, guitar	

St. Paul's Prayer List

Susannah Pierce, Dave Berexa, Henrietta Hobdy, Alex Wilkerson, Jack Honeycutt, Terry O'Donnell, Glenn Trahan, Sarah Lauricella, Robyn Painter, Jim Lauricella, Dean Bose, Eliot Williams, Joy Craig, Lois Nagy, Jim Gray, Judy Phelps, Virginia Callicott, Sharon Collins, John Nickerson, Phyllis Gray, Sharon Crumpton, Mary Suttle, John Looney, Andy McKinley, Bob Carpenter, Kathy Miller, Cheryl Russell, Celia Skaggs, Bob Van Dervoort, Beth Sheller, Karen Austin, David Holt, Michael, Martha, Fred, Meg and Fulton, Reed, Ethan, Gray, Kathy, Tamara, Meg, Veronia, Richard, Alister, Janie and Tom, Bob, Jim, Carol, Susan, Chuck, Katie, Colton, Lynette, Bennett, John, Guy, JoAnn, Linda, Sam, Brittain and Strider, Beverly, Suzanne, Robin, Carola, Debbie, Pat, Kay, Mackenzie, Sara, Lisa, Benji, Sam, Brad, Victoria, Michael, Candace, Bill & Judy, Kortnie, Michael, Jack, Wendi and Steve, Isabel, David, Dee, Sara, Smith, Julie, Rita, Jim, Mickey, April, Bill, Leda, Loyd, and Jamie

Military

Currently deployed: Danny, Nick, Jake, Billy, and Jacob

Currently serving in the Armed Forces: Tyler, Ryan, Leelee, Michael, Drew, Lee, Emily, Larry, Roy, Amanda, and Zach



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TODAY – January 26, 2025

Holy Eucharist at 7:30, 8:45, 11:00, & 6:00

9:45 -10:00	Biscuit Minute in Founders Hall and Barnabas
10:00	Annual Parish Meeting in Sanctuary
10:00	Christian Formation Children Only in Barnabas
12:00	Coffee Minute in Founders Hall
12:30	Brown Bag Bible Study in Barnabas Conference room
5:00 – 7:00	Episcopal Youth Group

UPCOMING EVENT DATES

January

- 26 Annual Parish Meeting
- 30 Gathering for Good – Jambalaya and Jeopardy (limited seating for dinner)

Christian Formation Classes • Sundays • 10:00

Adults • Founders Hall • Resumes next week

Adult Formation: Join us and the Wise Men (aka the Three Kings, or the Magi) in Founder's Hall at 10:00 am to explore scripture, prayers and a bit of theology associated with the liturgical season of Epiphany. Is this time about “witness”, is it about “light”?

Youth • Donna Stokes-Rogers Office in Barnabas • February 2 & 9

We will be using scripture to learn more about the Trinity.

Children • Godly Play • Barnabas • Meets today

Seekers Class 2025 • Sundays beginning March 2

Beginning Sunday, March 2 our annual “Seekers” Class will begin. This is the class traditionally offered for those adults who wish to join the church through Confirmation or Reception. However, please know that all are welcome, especially current congregants of St. Paul's who would like a refresher course. We will look at church subjects such as worship, church history, and Episcopal theology. The course will last for eight sessions, with a couple Sundays off for various reasons. Our last class will be on May 4. The diocesan bishop will then make his annual visit to St. Paul's for Confirmation on May 25. We will meet each Sunday at 10:00 in our Barnabas annex conference room which is the building located behind the church on Fair St. If you have any questions please contact Rusty via email: rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com or by phone 615-790-0527.

Youth Confirmation Classes • Sundays beginning Feb 2 • Barnabas • 10:00

The holy sacramental rite of Confirmation is a mature commitment to Christ and an important part of being a Christian and an active member of St. Paul's. Youth Confirmation Classes are open to students in 8th grade or older and will be led by Jay Fahey. The class will meet for 10 sessions this semester until Confirmation on May 25. Please RSVP to brett@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Churchwide Events

Annual Parish Meeting • Today • 10:00

St. Paul's Annual Parish Meeting is **today at 10:00 am** in the sanctuary. We will discuss parish business, review the 2025 budget and vote on the new vestry.

Jambalaya and Jeopardy • Thurs, Jan 30 • Barnabas • 5:30-7:00

Bring the whole family for good food and lots of fun! Dinner is \$5 per person or \$20 family max. Sign up soon – there is only enough space for 45 at dinner at 5:30. All are welcome for Jeopardy at 6:00! Sign-up here:

<https://bit.ly/JumbalayaAndJeopardy>

Keep/Watch Training • Sunday, Feb 2 • Barnabas • 3:00-6:00

Keep/Watch: Any adult and youth 16 and older are invited to join a special diocesan-wide training workshop for suicide prevention. Space is limited. Register by January 30 at <https://bit.ly/Keepwatch>

Parish Life

Episcopal Youth Group (EYG) • January 26 • Barnabas • 5:00-7:00

Any student in 6th – 12th grade is encouraged to join for an evening of dinner and fellowship!

Email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com with any questions!

Women In Theological Studies • Thursdays • Barnabas • 9:30-11:00

For January, WITS – (Women in Theological Study) WITS will have a study series on the book “Prayer in the Night: For Those Who Work, or Watch, or Weep” by Tish Harrison Warren. We will explore themes of human vulnerability, suffering, and God's seeming absence, and use a prayer from the Service of Compline to ease anxiety and find God in the darkness. (The book is not necessary for the study and discussion.) WITS meets on Thursdays in Barnabas from 9:30 -11:00 am. If you have any questions, please contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527. These are the dates for this study: Jan 30 & Feb 6 & 13

Coffee Club • Wednesdays • Barnabas • 6:45 am

The men's Coffee Club meets on Wednesday mornings at 6:45 am in the Barnabas “board room” to discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel. All men of the parish are invited. We look forward to seeing you.

Grief Support Group • 1st and 3rd Wednesdays beginning in February • 9-10 am or 6-7 pm • Barnabas

Loss comes in all shapes and sizes. Grief of any kind can feel very lonely, even when you have loved ones around. Sharing your sorrow with others who have experienced similar losses can help. The pain of grief can often cause you to want to withdraw from others and retreat into your shell. But having the face-to-face support of other people is vital to healing from loss. The key is not to isolate yourself. St. Paul's is offering a morning Grief Support Group, as well as an evening one, beginning in February. Questions: Contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com

Women of St. Paul's Social • Save the Date • Fri, March 28 • 6:00

Please join us for the first WSP Social to be held at the home of Cindy Thomsen.

Vacation Bible School • Save the Date • June 9-12 • 9:00-12:00

Save the Date for St. Paul's Week of Wonder at Jim Warren Park! We will gather to play, sing, and share stories in God's Creation at the covered pavilion. The whole church is invited to a potluck dinner and celebration on Thursday, June 12th from 5:30-7. We hope to see you there!

Outreach

Mountain TOP Registration

Mountain TOP July 13-19, 2025, for youth and adults! Register by January 31 at bit.ly/MTOP

Birthday Outreach Ministry • 2nd Tuesday of Every Month

If you like a party, and if you have a heart for visiting people, then we have an opportunity for you that combines the two. Join parishioners to visit Charter Senior Living of Franklin, to celebrate the birthdays of the Charter residents for that month. We will plan to meet there from 12:30-1:30 pm giving us a chance to visit with residents, and eat cake too! If you are interested, contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

General Announcements

Vestry Nominees

Pick up the Vestry bios in the narthex to learn more about our 2025 Vestry Nominees – Jim Miller, Melissa Montero, Jonathan Webster, and Spencer Dibble.

Building Project

Our Building Project is continuing to progress on schedule! The first preparatory work began last fall by installing a fence barrier around our very large pecan tree and adding 6 inches of mulch, then laying down plywood to protect the roots from damage by the large and heavy machinery used by our contractors. This plan was made by our Arborist Subcontractor. In the coming months ahead we will need to do some pruning of the branches to allow for the new second

story. All pruning of our tree will be done by our arborist when needed. Beginning in October / November of last year, demolition began by tearing down interior walls while leaving the supported exterior brick facade facing 6th Avenue. Solomon, our General Contractor and 906 Architects carefully demoed the entire hall and roof over the entire corridor. The existing roof over Otey Hall will remain, however our architects are still working on the engineering design to support that roof while planning the new second floor where Rusty's and Monna's new offices will be located. Temporary beams have been installed to support the roof right now. A newly designed exterior hall will be constructed outside the existing brick facade and will have its own windows on the 6th ave. The existing brick facade will keep the existing windows and shutters. This hall will be a slight ramp downward toward Otey Hall with plenty of windows to provide much desired natural light for the interior Classrooms and Nursery. The long ramp hall will replace the need for any stairs in the hallway. Our new Classroom Hall will have plenty of natural light and will be free of mold and mildew due to a sufficient system of water barriers. The entire campus will be barrier free and comply with current ADA standards. A new foundation has been installed along the neighboring building, the concrete was poured last week before the cold snap. The new concrete blocks will be laid when the weather gets above 40 degrees. Our neighboring building owner, Mr. Bill Powell, had a great opportunity to inspect his own brick wall and was able to tuck and point, pressure wash and water seal his building wall. I'm sure he appreciated the chance to make improvements on his property. Our Contractors attempted to retain one existing restroom that would remain functional for us until the new restrooms were installed. This past week was spent determining if we should stay with this plan, or go ahead and demo the old restroom, as the old sewer line collapsed. At some point we should be prepared to use alternate restrooms during the construction process in order to not slow down the construction progress. The new fabulous restrooms will come along soon enough! Thank you for your patience, support, enthusiasm, and curiosity in our Building Project! Be assured we are in excellent and capable hands with 906 Architects and Solomon Builders. We had considerable time to plan this endeavor due to the hindrance of Covid. The scheduled date of completion is slated for October / November 2025! Be assured our new Kitchen, Otey Hall, Classroom and Office Corridor has been extremely well planned and designed to benefit St. Paul's people to "Go and do the work God has given us to do, to love and serve the Lord"