

## The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

### Transfigured Glory

People debate the relative value and efficacy of world religions other than Christianity. Is there any validity to them? Paul answers the question succinctly. *Ever since the creation of the world, God's invisible nature, namely, His eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. Romans 1:20.* Through nature people have been intuiting the presence of God since the beginning of creation. All religions, since the brokenness of the Garden, have been an attempt to worship, please, and reflect this hidden God from whom we had been separated. The question for most of humanity hasn't been whether God exists, but "What is He like? Swift to judge? Distant? Immanent? Personal? Benign and uninvolved? Controlling every step? We Christians make a bold confession about all this. We confess that we believe Jesus Christ is the *perfect reflection of the invisible God. Hebrews* There has been no other like Him. He is Shepherd - leader, Light - guide in our darkness, Truth - wisdom in our obscurity. He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, the summation of history, the answer to the seeker's heart, and He offers the mantle of His kinship of Life and Spirit to us. If God were fully a human being, we confess we believe, Jesus Christ is what He would be like. Sunday's lessons bring the miracle of the Transfiguration, the appearance of Jesus with Moses (Law) and Elijah (symbolizing all the prophets). Jesus is the fulfillment of their history, of all history, of all that is past; and when He appears later, in His resurrection, to Peter, James and John in the same transfigured glory, the disciples will know Jesus is Lord of the future too. Alpha and Omega have been joined! He is the Light of the Way, the answer to our seeking. May we draw closer to Him, and Him to us, as we prepare for the journey of Lent!

### This Week's Lay Ministries

LECTORS		USHERS	
7:30 a.m.	Maurice Gandy, Kathy Sherer	7:30 a.m.	Alec Moseley, Bill Saliba
10:00 a.m.	Lynn Byrd, Kathy Miller	10:00 a.m.	Cliff Anderson, Tucker Frazer, John Jeffries, Chris Odom, Bill Roedder, Bentley Collier
11:15 a.m.	W. Robert Houston, Virginia Radney	11:15 a.m.	Don Herring, Joe Hossley
6:00 p.m.		ACOLYTES	
CHALICE BEARERS		Advisor	Bentley Collier
7:30 a.m.	Bill Blaylock	7:30 a.m.	Lauren Ritchie
10:00 a.m.	Day Gates, Kathy Miller, E.B. Peebles, III, Laurie Riggan	10:00 a.m.	Andrew Bradley, Rolf Konrad, Kramer Volkman, Barry Fontenot, Frances Case, Bradley Carrington, Andrew Chandler, Jacob Harrington, Annie Rockwell, Keith Murphy
11:15 a.m.	Cynthia Donnell	11:15 a.m.	Hunter Ladd, Carson Blaylock, Frank Parker
6:00 p.m.			
VESTRY GREETERS			
10:00 a.m.			
11:15 a.m.			
ALTAR GUILD-WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26			
The Mullis/Horton/L. Brady group			

## Church Calendar

<b>SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b> Holy Eucharist, Rite I – Little Church <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Sunday School <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Family Service, Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Church <b>11:15 a.m.</b> Holy Eucharist, Rite II– Little Church <b>No Confirmation</b> <b>No EYC</b> <b>No Children/Youth Choir rehearsal</b> <b>No 6:00 p.m. service</b>
<b>MONDAY FEBRUARY 20</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> Monday Morning Bible Study Class—Conference Room <b>6:45 p.m.</b> Bible Study Fellowship—Church No Yoga
<b>TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21</b>	<b>Church Office Closed for Mardi Gras Day</b>
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> <u>Ash Wednesday</u> Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist—Little Church Light breakfast to follow in Parish Hall <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist —Little Church <b>10:15 a.m.</b> Yoga—Room 203 YAB <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Healing Service—Little Church <b>10:45 a.m.</b> St. Catherine's Guild—Parlor, lunch to follow in Parish Hall <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist—Church <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room
<b>THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b> Yoga—Room 203 YAB <b>12:00 noon</b> "Pause that Refreshes" Meditation and Contemplative Prayer-Parlor <b>5:45 p.m.</b> Yoga—Room 203 YAB <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Kerygma Bible Study Class—Conference Room

***There will be no 6:00 p.m. Service Sunday, February 19, due to Joe Cain Day, also no Confirmation Class, EYC, or Children's Choir rehearsal.***

***Please Note the Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, February 21, for Mardi Gras Day***

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

***Worship Services***

***7:00 a.m. Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion  
Little Church***

***(Light breakfast to follow in the Parish Hall)***

***10:00 a.m. Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion  
Little Church***

***5:30 p.m. Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion  
Big Church***

**Love Does**

At the season of Lent approaches, we are reminded of a wonderful season of: reflection, prayer, interior examination, and almsgiving. Almsgiving became part of Lent in the early church as Christians were called, through action, to remedy our oftentimes forgetfulness of the needs of our fellow man. This season we're trying something spectacular for Lent. We would like to invite every St. Paul's family to do an act of charitable outreach. We'd like to spread the Good News of our concern throughout the Mobile community. The Young Adult Supper Club is helping spearhead this effort under the able leadership of John Bedsole, Brandon Beard, Lydia and Wyatt Johnson, and others. We have a varied and superb list of suggested projects that we believe will be both fun and rewarding. Help us as Love Does in our community!

**Sunday School** This week in Sunday School we'll learn from Mark 2:1-12 how four friends help bring a paralyzed friend to meet Jesus and be healed and forgiven! Jesus showed true love and friendship to the paralyzed man. Friendship with Jesus satisfies all our needs and provides help, comfort, healing, and forgiveness. Friends go the extra mile, love, and see our needs and meet those needs. Join us this Sunday as we praise God for the forgiveness we've received through friendship with Jesus, and thank God for the friends who have helped us find Jesus and His forgiveness! Pre-K through 4th grades will meet in the Children's Chapel at 9:00 a.m. Fifth through 12th graders will meet in their classrooms. Hope to see you there!

**The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm: 50:1-6

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Gospel: Mark 9:2-9



Episcopal  
Relief & Development  
Healing a hurting world

**Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)**

Last Sunday our church bulletin invited St. Paulians to do an act of charitable outreach in the Mobile Community and suggested times and places where we could physically do this. Next Sunday the bulletin will have an envelope for our donation to be used for an act of charitable outreach we cannot physically do; EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT will do this for us throughout its worldwide dioceses and with its ecumenical partners seeking and serving Christ in all persons.

**Christ on Trial: A Lenten Study of the Trial Narratives**

This upcoming season of Lent, Father Ben is planning to lead a Sunday morning class exploring the trial narratives of each Gospel, using Rowan William's Christ on Trial as a guiding text. If you're interested in this class, contact the Church Office (251-342-8521) for details on the class and about ordering the book.

**Boy Scouts—Troop 174**

**October-** Troop 147 loves to do the cooking campout every year. We had a good turnout at Camp Maubila and had visiting boys/dads from Pack 147 camping with us. We enjoyed lots of good food, Dutch Oven expertise, and great home-made cobblers. Several new meals and skills were taught to the group.

**November-** Geocaching is a recently added merit badge for the boys. This is a world-wide activity for people that has really caught on. The idea is to learn to use a GPS receiver and find certain points in the area, sign in at the cache, and report your find to a website. One adult in the troop has found over 300 such caches. We camped at Camp Maubila, set out some temporary hiding spots and had the boys locate them with the GPS. Lots of fun!

**December—** The troop went to Camp Maubila for the annual Winter Camp sponsored by the Mobile Area Council. Boys worked on several merit badges including Eagle, required MBs and the new Chess MB. This class was a hot item. This is a new MB and there were 62 boys taking the merit badge class. We also earned the Polar Bear Award for 2011.

**Eagle Scouts—** During this time three boys completed all requirements to earn the Eagle Scout award: Josh Alter, Bren McMaken, and Aaron Siberman. Congratulations to them and their families.

## Classes for Christian Formation

<b>Monday Morning Bible Study Class—10:30 a.m. Conference Room</b>	<i>The Monday Morning Bible Study Class will meet on Monday, February 20, in the Conference Room. Hope to see you there as we get ready to start a new study.</i>
<b>Tuesdays - St. Paul's Men's Study, Conference Room, 6:30 –7:30 a.m.</b>	<i>The Men's Study Group will <b>not</b> meet this Tuesday, February 21, due to the Mardi Gras Day holiday. Hope to see you next week.</i>
<b>Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study Conference Room 9:30 a.m.</b>	<i>The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Please join us for our incredible new study, <u>The Christian Atheist</u>. Through this study we will be challenged to ask ourselves the question, "am I putting my whole faith in God, but still living as if everything were up to me?" As always, childcare is available. Both a workbook and book are needed for this study. They are both available at Lifeway and are held under the name Jennifer Dean.</i>
<b>Twelve Steps for Christians—Parlor Tuesday, Noon—12:45 p.m. Parlor</b>	<i>This is an opportunity to learn about and practice the Scriptural and Christian principles upon which 12-Step Spirituality is based. We open with prayers for noonday from our Book of Common Prayer and a brief reflection on how a particular step relates to our lives. No homework. All are welcome!</i>
<b>Tuesday Evening High School Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Youth Room</b>	<i>High School Bible Study, Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. Hope you will plan to join us for fellowship, dinner and discussion.</i>
<b>Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study Conference Room 6:30 p.m.</b>	<i>The Women's Evening Bible Study Group meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Hope to see you there and newcomers are welcome.</i>
<b>Tuesday, Shalem's Personal Spiritual Deeping Program, 7:00 p.m. Room 203 YAB</b>	<i>This program assists participants in exploring their personal spiritual lives in order to open themselves to Christ in a deeper way. PSDP consists of five themes for study, reflection, and personal integration: Spiritual Community, Prayerful Listening, Discerning the Presence of the Spirit in Daily Life, Christ in Creation, and Sacred Living.</i>
<b>Thursday, Parlor, Meditation and Contemplative Prayer, 12:00 noon</b>	<i>"Pause that Refreshes" meets on Thursdays, at 12 noon in the Parlor. We will continue in Patricia Brown's book, <u>Paths to Prayer. Finding Your Own Way to the Presence of God.</u></i>
<b>Thursday Evening Kerygma Class, Conference Room 7:00 p.m.</b>	<i>Kerygma class will meet on Thursdays in the Conference Room. We will continue our study of Jesus in the Gospels with Chapter 24.</i>

## Parish Life



*The flowers on the Altar of the Church are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of James "Jake" Keno and Joan Burns Huffstutler by their family.*

*The flowers on the Altar of the Little Church are given by Diane and J. B. Horst to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Louise Rochelle Brown Tappan and John Hedges Tappan.*



### **Happy Birthday to St. Paulians for the week of February 19– February 25, 2012.**

Gray Acker	John Elder	Baylor Jeffries	Buzz Mullis
Thea Atkinson	Tiff Greer	Neil Johnston	Caroline Myers
Wheeler Bedwell	Win Hallett	Laurie Jordan	James O'Neill
Pell Brown	Marilyn Higgs	Frank Lester	Will Parker
Carter Counts	Jim Holland	John Lester	Hannah Peck
Kate Dempsey	Robert Hunter	Billy McAleer	Margaret Petersen
Tom Deppe	K.D. Inge	Eliska Morgan	Kramer Volkman
Lee Dzwonkowski	Debra Ingraham	Harris Morrissette	Taylor Wood
			Grant Zarzour

***Life is a gift from God. We rejoice in the joy of spending it together.***

### **St. Martha's Guild**

St. Martha's Guild will **NOT** meet on Tuesday, February 21, due to the Mardi Gras holiday. We will meet on Tuesday, February 28, 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

**YOU CAN PICK UP YOUR NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IN THE CHURCH OFFICE**

## EYC News

**February 19, No EYC, enjoy your Mardi Gras break.**

**February 26, EYC will meet in the Youth Room at 4:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!**

If you would like to provide dinner for our Sunday EYC, please call the church office, 342-8521.