

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 5, 2012

In the psalm appointed for Sunday, the psalmist writes about the strengths of God and the joys of worship. Because “the LORD rebuilds Jerusalem” and “gathers the exiles of Israel,” “how good it is to sing praises to our God!” Each Sunday, and whenever we worship, we have the opportunity and ability to offer prayers and praise to God, and this is indeed a proper response to what has been given to us in our relationship with God.

In worship we recognize and acknowledge that God is indeed active in our lives. This is the same God who called out to the exiles in Babylon; the same God who Paul exhaustively taught about in his letters to the Corinthians; and the same God who was worshipped by those first disciples who walked with Jesus during his ministry.

We are all at different points in our life, and in worship we allow God to meet us in those places. Lifting up our voices to God in song and praise, as the psalmist calls on us to do, is a good and holy way to give thanks to the God who loves us all.

This Week's Lay Ministries

| LECTORS | |
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| 7:30 a.m. | Boy Scouts |
| 10:00 a.m. | Boy Scouts |
| 11:15 a.m. | Dil Hobbs |
| 6:00 p.m. | |
| CHALICE BEARERS | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Ernest F. Ladd, III |
| 10:00 a.m. | Judy Campbell, Cynthia Donnell, Jim Newman, Bill Pipkin |
| 11:15 a.m. | Tim Gaston |
| 6:00 p.m. | Robin Thetford |
| VESTRY GREETERS | |
| 11:15 a.m. | |
| ALTAR GUILD-WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12 | |
| The Webster/F. Brady group | |

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| 7:30 a.m. | Boy Scout Leaders |
| 10:00 a.m. | Boy Scout Leaders |
| 11:15 a.m. | Arthur Smith, Willard Livingston |
| ACOLYTES | |
| Advisor | Geep Shedd |
| 7:30 a.m. | Matt Crow |
| 10:00 a.m. | Haas Turner, K.C. Gaston, Caroline Hinton, Foster Hinton, Alec Blankenship, Anna Regan, Hannah Riggan, Seline Morrissette, Joseph Cummings Regan, Ben Radcliff, Pate Dickerson, Katie Byrd |
| 11:15 a.m. | Webb Radcliff, William Buffkin, Annie Buffkin |

Church Calendar

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| SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5 | 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I – Little Church 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Family Service, Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Church 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II– Little Church 3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class—Parish Hall NO EYC 4:30 p.m. Children/Youth Choirs rehearsal—Undercroft 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Little Church |
| MONDAY FEBRUARY 6 | 10:30 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study Class—Conference Room 11:45 a.m. Yoga—Room 203 YAB 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship—Church |
| TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7 | 6:30 a.m. Men's Study Group—Fr. Marshall speaks with breakfast served (with full breakfast served the first Tuesday of each month) 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Group—Conference Room 12:00 noon Twelve Steps for Christians—Parlor 3:45 p.m. Yoga—Room 203 YAB 6:00 p.m. High School Bible Study—Youth Room 6:30 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study– Conference Room 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Troop 147—Scout Room 7:00 p.m. PSDP—Room 203 YAB (Yoga Room) |
| WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8 | 9:30 a.m. ECW Board Meeting—Parlor 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist —Little Church 10:15 a.m. Yoga—Room 203 YAB 10:30 a.m. Healing Service—Little Church 10:30 a.m. Library Committee Meeting—Conference Room/Library 11:00 a.m. ECW General Meeting—Parish Hall with a light lunch to follow 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist— Little Church 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room |
| THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9 | 10:45 a.m. Yoga—Room 203 YAB 12:00 noon “Pause that Refreshes” Meditation and Contemplative Prayer-Parlor 5:45 p.m. Yoga—Room 203 YAB 7:00 p.m. Kerygma Bible Study Class—Conference Room |

Parish Life



BOY SCOUT SUNDAY... This Sunday is Boy Scout Sunday and Troop 174 is participating in the 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. services in recognition of Scout Sunday. St. Paul's has been a supporter of the boy Scouts since the mid-1940s when it served as the Chartered Organization of Troop 17. Troop 147 was chartered in the 1960s and continues to develop the spirit of fair play, self-reliance and leadership. We are pleased to have these young men and their leaders participate in our services this Sunday.

The Episcopal Church Women will be holding their first meeting of the new year, convening Wednesday, February 8, in the Parish Hall. Every woman at St. Paul's belongs to the St. Paul's Episcopal Church Women by virtue of membership in the Parish. Every woman is welcome (sorry guys!). The Episcopal Church Women help make St. Paul's a welcoming place, hosting and organizing events, running our Christian Social Outreach Ministry, supporting Saints Alive, the Flower Guild, and virtually every other ministry of the Church. The ECW helps weave the spiritual fabric of the Church! The ECW also supports several mission efforts locally and abroad. While no dues are required, a donation of \$12 is helpful toward these missions. To every woman in the Church, please join us on Wednesday, February 8, as we renew our ministry!

Love Does

The season of Lent approaches, 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 Beaird, 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 Sunday School we will learn that Jesus cares for us, just like He cared for Simon Peter's mother-in-law and all the other people He healed in Mark 1:29-39. Lots of wonderful people care about us, but nobody cares like Jesus! He has the power, wisdom and love to know what is best for us. Jesus tirelessly cares for our needs. Whatever worries we may have, we can confidentially give to Jesus. We can even learn to care for others from Jesus' example. Come learn more about Jesus' great care for us! Pre-K through 4th grades will meet in the Children's Chapel at 9:00 a.m. Fifth through 12th grades will meet in their class rooms. Hope to see you there!

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First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm: 147:1-12, 21

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION

Wilmer Hall, the Episcopal children's home in our neighborhood, needs our help. Murray Cottage, the home of Wilmer Hall's transitional living program, is being renovated, and help is needed to furnish it. We could help by providing a bed or taking responsibility for furnishing an entire room. Also, when the major fundraiser for Wilmer Hall, the pancake breakfast, takes place in the spring they can always use volunteers. Sally Greene would love to hear from anyone who is able to help.

Around the Diocese

COASTAL PILGRIMS CURSILLO # 147:

The closing service for Cursillo # 147 will be held at Camp Beckwith on Sunday, February 12, at 4 p.m. in the chapel. St. Paul's has three pilgrims planning to attend this weekend – Larrin and Thomas Rockwell and Todd Chandler. Please remember them with your prayers and palanca. Palanca (notes and small remembrances) can be mailed to Cursillo Palanca, Beckwith Conference and Convention Center, 10400 Beckwith Lane, Fairhope, AL 36532. Please mail your packages in time for them to arrive at Beckwith by February 7.

There will be a reception honoring the newest Cursillistas immediately after closing in Wilson Hall. We hope to see you there!

Other Dates:

Cursillo 148 – September 13 - 16, 2012

Cursillo 149 – November 1 - 4, 2012

If you have any questions or are interested in attending a future Cursillo weekend, please contact Martha Terry at 633-3858 or by email at terr5044@bellsouth.net.

A Lenten Retreat is being offered at the Beckwith Camp and Conference Center on March 23-25. Focusing on the Suffering Savior in the Passion of Christ, the retreat will be led by Rev. Thack Dyson, spiritual director, and Paul Anderson, musician. It is a wonderful opportunity to spiritually prepare for Easter. Applications can be found in the Church Office and if you need more information, please call St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Daphne at 251-626-2421.

Classes for Christian Formation

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| Monday Morning Bible Study Class—10:30 a.m. Conference Room | <i>On Monday, February 6, we will continue our study of First Corinthians in our study guide. Hope to see you there. Newcomers are always welcome.</i> |
| Tuesdays - St. Paul's Men's Study, Conference Room, 6:30 –7:30 a.m. | <i>The Men's Study Group is privileged to have Father Marshall as its speaker for all men of the Church at its monthly breakfast meeting, Tuesday, February 7, 6:30-7:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.</i> Marshall will share experiences and observations from his recent journey to South Korea. The half hour talk will be preceded by fellowship and breakfast. |
| Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study Conference Room 9:30 a.m. | <i>The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will meet on February 7, 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> |
| Twelve Steps for Christians—Parlor Tuesday, Noon—12:45 p.m. Parlor | <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> |
| Tuesday Evening High School Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Youth Room | <i>High School Bible Study, Tuesdays in the Youth Room. Hope you will plan to join us for good fellowship, dinner and discussion.</i> |
| Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study Conference Room 6:30 p.m. | <i>The Women's Evening Bible Study Group meets Tuesday, February 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Hope to see you there and any newcomers are welcome.</i> |
| Tuesday, Shalem's Personal Spiritual Deeping Program, 7:00 p.m. Room 203 YAB | <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> |
| Thursday, Parlor, Meditation and Contemplative Prayer, 12:00 noon | <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> |
| Thursday Evening Kerygma Class, Conference Room 7:00 p.m. | <i>Kerygma class will meet on Thursday, February 9. We will continue our study of Jesus in the Gospels with Chapter 24. We will not meet Thursday, February 2, due to the Diocesan Convention.</i> |

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The flowers on the Altar of the Church are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Martha Louise Green and Allan Eli Green by Dr. and Mrs. Allan Green, Jr.

The flowers on the Altar of the Little Church are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Edward Lee Hobbs by his family.



Happy Birthday to St. Paulians for the week of February 5– February 11, 2012.

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| John Arendall | Blaine Crum | Brenden Ingraham | Sydney Milling | Shack Rogers |
| Jean Armbrecht | Teddy Dale | Melinda Killcreas | Jim Moore | Crain Rogers |
| Barbara Asmus | Ava Katherine deGruy | Marshall Ladd | Fran Morrisette | Verne Royster |
| Babs Aull | Tee Dzwonkowski | Greg Leatherbury | William Morrisette | Melanie Sleeman |
| Anne Buffkin | Wade Faulkner | Allen Lee | Ann Stewart Murray | Ann Stein |
| Adele Campbell | Sarah Frierson | Charmane May | Greer Myers | Gloria Stewart |
| Drew Citrin | Harriot Hall | William McGowin | Winnie Nichols | Haas Turner |
| Rebecca Cole | Bob W. Houston | Lee McIntyre | Valerie Omage | Bill Urquhart |
| Ralph Compagno | Alice Huber | Bazzie McNeely | Lacy Radcliff | Casey Whiting |
| Lyon Crowe | Adrienne Hunter | Winston Miller | Burruss Riis | Ryan Wood |
| | | | | Bob Zarzour |

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



Confirmation Class

Confirmation class will meet this Sunday in the Parish Hall. Please plan to attend and have your homework done. Class begins at 3:30 p.m. and is over at 5:00 p.m. There is still time to join. See you then!

EYC News



February 5, - No EYC this Sunday.

February 12,- Get your "game on," it's time for our relay races. Robins is defending his title as the "Chubby Bunny" champion. Who will be the next EYC champion?

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