

*“... grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart.”*

We know these words so well as we pray them after communion on most Sundays. And the phrase “with gladness and singleness of heart” is especially engrained in us because it speaks to how we commit to serving God in the world.

It turns out that this phrase comes from the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Pentecost has happened, and then around three thousand are baptized. Then “with gladness and singleness of heart,” or translated in another way, sincerity of heart, the first converts learn what it means to be the Body of Christ together. Among other things, they learn how they hold their possessions in common and take care of each other.

This year’s stewardship theme, With Gladness and Singleness of Heart, is a continuation of the Church in its earliest days. Those early converts were devoted to God and to one another as we are. We have the same call to give and be generous, not out of need but out of gladness and sincerity. This is one way we continue to be stewards of Christ’s Church. It is how we carry out our mission to “share Christ’s unconditional love with the broader community.”

Our financial support-in the form of a pledge to the operating budget-not only helps further the ministries

of St. Paul’s, but also ensures the future vitality of our parish.

You have always generously given your time, wisdom, experience, passion and financial resources to sustain and grow our work and ministries. As we enter into this season of stewardship, I hope we can count on your support again.

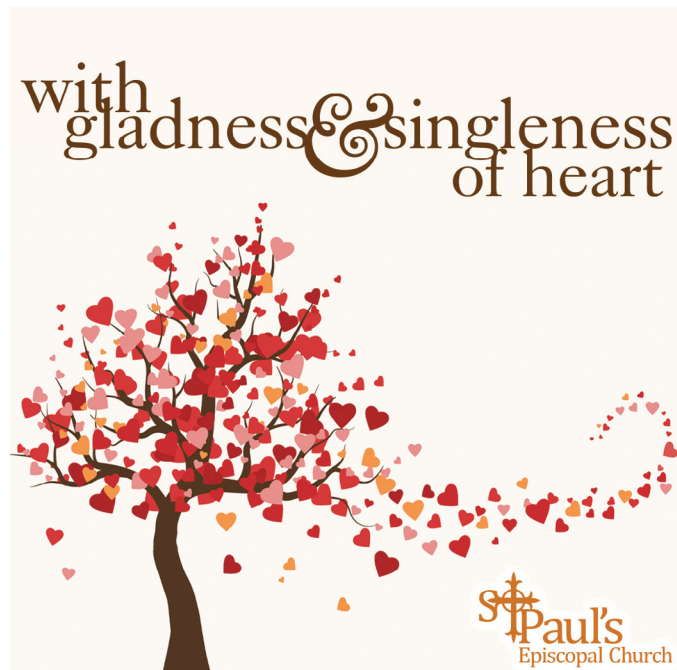
Prayerfully consider the amount you pledge financially so St. Paul’s can continue to extend its reach into Meridian and continue to make a difference in this city.

All Saints’ Sunday, November 3, will be our “In Gathering Sunday.” Please make every effort to return

your pledge card so your Vestry may prepare the budget for the upcoming year. Also, please fill out a time and talent card so that our gifts may be known and utilized.

If you have any questions or would like to further discern making a financial pledge, please do not hesitate to reach out to your rector. Thank you for your faith-filled generosity now and always.

*Austin*



**Dates to Note**

October 14 • Columbus/Native American Day  
Parish Office Closed

October 15 • Vestry Meeting • 5:15 p.m.

October 16 • Fall Break

No Wednesday evening meal or Formation

**Blessing of the Animals**



Sunday, October 27 at 4:30 P.M.

The Episcopal Church of the Mediator

Hosted by the Episcopal Community of Meridian



**All Hallow's Eve Eve**

**Wednesday, October 30**  
**5:30 - 7:00**



**Dress Code:**  
**Dress as a Saint or any other costume!**

We celebrate the birth of David Nicholas Anders, born September 10 in Jackson. Proud parents Collin & Hannah Anderson and grandparents David & Lauretta Hamilton.



We welcome to the world Hazel Rose Gibson, September 22 in Meridian. Parents are Zach & Dana Gibson and proud big sister Maeve.

**LAKESIDE EUCHARIST AND PARISH PICNIC**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**  
**10:30 A.M.**  
**BONITA LAKES PARK**

Join us at the Bonita Lakes Coots Crossing Pavilion near the upper lake boat launch for St. Paul's annual lakeside Eucharist and Parish Picnic Sunday, October 20, at 10:30 a.m. The Picnic is potluck, but the church will provide drinks and paper products.

# E.Y.C. FALL DATES

5:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

- **October 27** - Church of the Mediator
- **November 17** - St. Paul's
- **December 8** - Advent Outreach Project

**DINNER • BIBLE STUDY • FELLOWSHIP**

## Bishop's Visitation

with Holy Baptism  
and the Rite of Confirmation

**Sunday, October 13, 2024**  
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**One Service**  
**9:30 a.m.**



Brunch Reception in the Parish Hall following the service.

## Volunteers Needed

Help us keep the momentum going for Wednesday Night Formation! Please scan this QR code to sign up as a volunteer for Children's Formation. We need four adult volunteers each week to lead our K - 5th graders. There is little-to-no prep work required to be a Formation Leader. Contact Mtr. Katie with any questions.



# Music Series Returns with Stellar Season

We are thrilled to share with you The St. Paul's Music Series lineup for the 2024-2025 Season. This year's musical offerings have some returning performances as well as a new themed Spring Recital. The Music Series, established decades ago by the late Albert Weems, has a rich tradition of sharing incredible musical performances as part of a parish musical outreach program.

Interested in helping make these events a huge success? Contact Claire Hanschke at 608.770.7724 to learn about volunteer opportunities.

Mark your calendar for these exciting Series concerts this season:

**Thursday, October 31, 2024 • Noon**

Impromptu Piano Trio — One of the more popular groups performing for us in recent years, this group always presents the highest caliber of chamber music for piano and strings. Their musicianship never fails to excite the listener and some of their performances have left audiences breathless.

**Thursday, November 14, 2024 • 7 p.m.**

**Music of Thanksgiving** — This evening event, held in the church

*You're invited to*



ST PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
**MUSIC SERIES**  
2024-2025 SEASON

1116 23RD AVENUE, MERIDIAN, MS 39301



**OCT 31**  
**IMPROMPTU TRIO**  
NOON



**NOV 14**  
**MUSIC OF THANKSGIVING**  
7PM



**DEC 12**  
**CAPITAL BRASS**  
NOON



**FEB 12**  
**MUSIC OF LOVE**  
NOON

STAYE TUNED FOR DETAILS ABOUT OUR APRIL EVENING EVENT



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sanctuary, will feature a number of soloists and a community choir; the audience will join in singing some of our favorite hymns of Thanksgiving, too. Although the music will be sacred, this is not a St. Paul's parish service, but rather a community wide celebration of our tradition of Thanksgiving.

**Thursday, December 12, 2024 • Noon**

**Capital Brass** — We are pleased and excited by the return of Capital Brass, as it has long been one of our annual Music Series presentations and this December event always puts us in the spirit of Christmas.

**Thursday, February 13, 2025 • Noon**

**Music of Love** — This midday performance will feature local musicians sharing music with themes of love — just in time for Valentine's Day! Voice and cello will be featured,

along with our very own Organist and Choir Master, David Benson, on the Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ in the chancel.

**April 2025**

**To Be Determined** — Stay tuned in the new year as we make plans for an evening of music for you to enjoy after the Lenten Season.

## We Remember in our Prayers

**For our Parish family:** Amy Cady, Chip Harwell, Bev Pringle, Don Pringle, DJ Wells, Eve Morrison, Gary Boone, Jerry Wayton, Jim Miller, Kay Dickson, Margaret Van Dyke, Mary Dunn, Mike Reich, Patrick Leach, Patsy Moran, Peggy Carrico, Tee and Wanda Blount.

**In our senior living communities:** Lora Jones Mary Weems, Susan Hamilton and Will Sorey.

Extended family and friends: Alisha Crowell, Amanda Lockley, Ashley Heblon-Lee, Betty Harris, Betty Perry, Bill Selman, Brooke, Catherine Crews, Charlotte Chaney, Christy Covert, Christopher Alexander, Claire Griffith, Clancy, Cory Gaylord, Davey Simmons, David, Diane Dunn, Diane Grace, Donna Polizzi, Emily Rush, Evie Warden, Francois DuPlessis, Frances Leach, Frank Baker, Frank Barrett, Fredrica Harris-Thompsett, Gail Richardson, George Farr, Gloria Addison, Hays Monsour, Jacob Neely, Jada Dooley, James, Jan, Jeana Bennett, Jennifer Abraham, Jim McGinnis, Jim Thompson, Jo Nell Brown, Joe Roberts, John, Ken Fisher, Kevin Williams, Kylie Temple, Lanier McCullough, Larry Houchins, Leland Tew, Leigh Ziller, Less Wayne Neely, Lou Dubose, Mark McCoayto, Martha Mazingo, Mason, Matt White, Michelle Nelson, Mike Covert, Milton Leach, Mize, Neil Sanford, Noah White, Norman, Pat Carver, Paul Parker, Phyllis Campbell, Rachel Neely, Ralph Abraham, Randy Moore, Regina Waddle, Rick, Rita Pegues, Ronnie Miller, Sandra Gray, Sandy Carrier, Scott Richardson, Shirley Hunter Croft, Steve Waddle, Stormy, Susan Nichols, Taylor Wright, Tammy, The Thorne Family, Thomas Little, Tom Blackledge, Tom Schram, Travis Sadler, Trent Hartzog, Walker Mims, Wanda Farr, Wanda Scott and Zack Martin.

*We pray for those who have died*, especially Lynne Taleff.

*We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces*, for all who serve overseas and their families, especially Andrew Behm, Shum Benson, Cody Blackwell, Connor Covert, Graham Ford, Luke Graham, Zack Hendericks and DJ Robinson.

*We pray for our Bishop Dorothy*, for our Rector Austin and his family and our Curate Katie.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Oct. 1.....Cynthia Howarth	Oct. 15.....Wyatt Bond
Oct. 2.....Rowan Hanschke, Don & Bev Pringle	Oct. 17.....Chip & Stacey Harwell
Oct. 3.....Edie Simmons	Oct. 18.....Merry McCullum Roberts, Hardy Smith
Oct. 4.....Missy Bailey	Oct. 19.....Brad Carver, Hamp Little, Dustin Simmons, William Tucker
Oct. 5 .....Brooke Lawyer	Oct. 22.....Klein Watson
Oct. 7.....Jerry & Jan Wayton	Oct. 25.....John Howell
Oct. 8.....Sarah Anne Johnson	Oct. 26.....Joey Martin, Landon Smith
Oct. 10.....Bob Coffin, Jim & Marsha Miller	Oct. 27.....Ann Compton, Scotland Sanders Sutton
Oct. 11.....Marsha Miller	Oct. 28.....Everett Callais
Oct. 12.....Mallory Davis	Oct. 29.....Jim Cady, Katie Simmons
Oct. 14.....Maggie Mason	Oct. 30.....Shelton & Alyce Cunningham, Tom Milhorn

## Services

	OCT. 6	OCT. 13	
VESTRY COUNTERS	John Compton Patrick Lewis	John Compton Gloria Chancellor	Stacey Harwell Edie Simmons
8 A.M.	BISHOP'S VISIT (one service)		PARISH PICNIC (10:30 a.m.)
CHALICE	John Carrier		Bob Covert
READER	John Carrier		Polly Covert
USHER	John Carrier		Bob Covert
10:30 A.M.			
READER 1	Katie Simmons	Wayne Wuestefeld	Marty McIntyre
READER 2	Lynn Waddle	Jerome Kittrell	Patrick Leach
PRAYERS	Candy Ward	Helen Abraham	Key Reich
USHERS	Perrin Burchfield Chris Burchfield	Larry Nowak Susan Nowak	Lisa Howell Stacey Harwell
ACOLYTES	Ann Revere Davis Britton Dunn Simmons Davis	Hayes Lancaster	Rowan Hanschke Payton Hanschke Lakeland Hanschke
ALTAR GUILD	Candy Ward Key Reich	Candy Ward Kay Reich	Gayle Yochim Melissa Calcote
CHALICE	Jo Benson	Gary Jones	Stephen Wilson