

The Episcopal Church of
St. Paul
The Apostle



La Iglesia Episcopal de
San Pablo
Apóstol



Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Nestled in Savannah's Thomas Square neighborhood just south of Forsyth Park, the tower bells of St. Paul's routinely remind neighbors that they can find God here in a vibrant Anglo-Catholic congregation rooted in tradition and open to the Spirit.



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Who we are

We are a diverse and devoted parish, united by a love of Jesus, music, spirit-filled worship, and shared ministry. Our community includes lifelong Episcopalians, newcomers to the faith, long-time Savannahians, immigrants from Latin America and the Caribbean, and those who are seeking God, including some who travel great distances—or join us online—to be part of this spiritual home.

At St. Paul's, everyone is truly welcome. We are enriched by people from all walks of life, each bringing their own stories, experiences, and gifts. Whether you're seeking a deep sacramental life, meaningful relationships, or ways to serve your community, you'll find space to grow here.

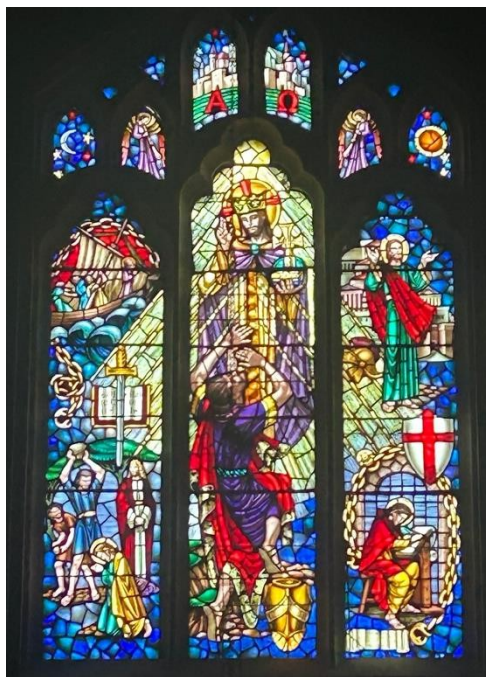


Who We Are

We offer a full sacramental life, including Low and High Mass, Misa en Español, Morning and Evening Prayer, and active outreach ministries. What draws us together is a shared desire to encounter Jesus Christ—through worship, fellowship, and service.



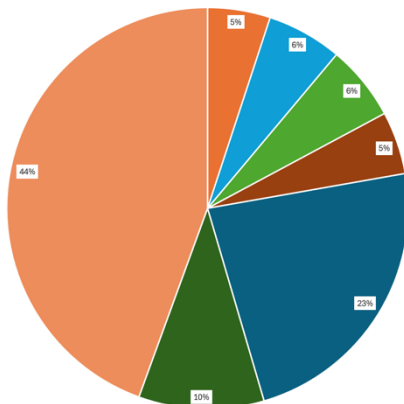
If you're looking for a church that blends tradition with vitality, liturgy with love, and faith with action, we invite you to discover St. Paul's. We are grateful that you are considering us.



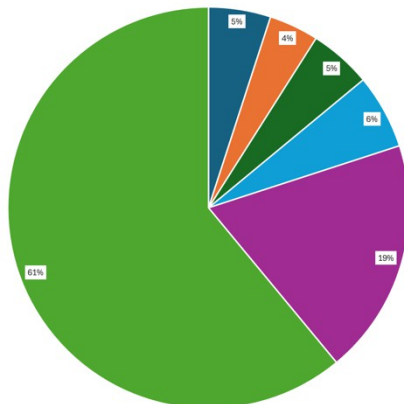
Who We Are



Years at St Paul's



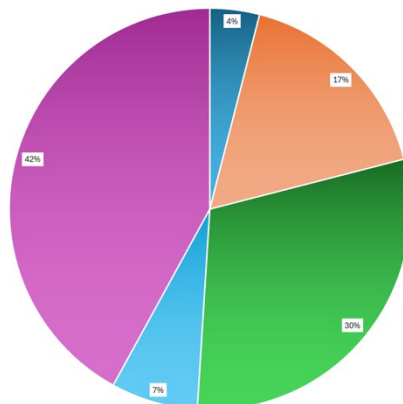
Age ranges



19-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+

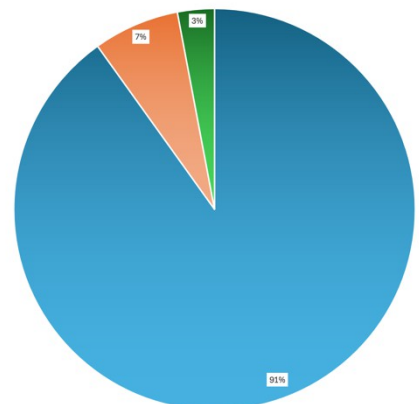
The specifics about who we are and who we seek were gathered this year from May to July using a few different methods. Holy Listening Sessions were held with 57 individuals as well as 6 groups — our Vestry, Search Committee, parishioners from all masses and Thursday morning bible study. In addition, our consultant conducted one-on-one Staff interviews, and 93 respondents completed a survey (administered in English and Spanish) conducted by Holy Cow Consulting. Our parish showed us how important this transition is for us, and the parish has kept our search, our search committee and our future Rector in our prayers from the day we were commissioned and blessed.

Education Level



High School some College College Degree some Graduate Graduate degree

Racial Identity



White Black/ African American Latino/ Hispanic

Demographics Representative of Our 8:00am and 10:00am English Speaking Masses (note - these charts do not include demographics from the 12:15 Misa en Español).

Who We Are

Younger parishioners including families with young children attend our 12:15 Misa en Español. These parishioners come from eleven different Latin American and Caribbean countries, representing age ranges from birth to 60 years old, including 20 to 25 children. This multicultural part of our parish, which began in 2008, has created strength and unity in their diversity by organizing and celebrating together the cultures, customs, and festival days of their native countries. Examples include novenas for Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Las Posadas, the feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord, and the tradition of sharing the Rosca de Reyes. They celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with prayers and masses for the different countries and gastronomy focused celebrations in the parish hall. To learn more about this vibrant part of our congregation, Hispano/Latino Ministry, and ESOL classes, watch this video created by the Diocese of Georgia.



[Click Here to Watch the Video](https://youtu.be/nvgYRSsYV2k?si=aO7rnKnShnmuY)

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Who We Seek



We trust that God is guiding both St. Paul's and potential candidates in discerning God's call for our next Rector. While no one will embody all of our hopes, we joyfully invite those who reflect most of them to apply. We also know God will help us draw on the gifts of our staff and parishioners to support this shared ministry.

We seek an experienced, compassionate, and inclusive full-time Rector: a spiritual, liturgical, and pastoral leader who honors our Anglo-Catholic heritage while building bridges across generations, cultures, and communities. We pray for a visionary servant-leader who serves with humility, wisdom, and joy.

1. Spiritual and Pastoral Qualities

- Compassionate, prayerful, and spiritually grounded, helping us encounter our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and deepen our faith.
- Strong pastoral presence through visitation to the sick, elderly, and shut-ins, and active participation in parish life.
- An empathetic listener—approachable, encouraging, and able to make parishioners feel truly seen and loved in Christ. Storytelling is a gift we value.
- A teacher and spiritual guide committed to formation and Christian education, able to inspire faith in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Experience evaluating ministries is a blessing.
- Preaching that is inspiring, articulate, and rooted in the Gospel.
- Joy, humility, and a touch of humor in ministry.

2. Liturgy and Worship

- Deep respect for Anglo-Catholic tradition: incense, bells, daily Mass, Marian devotion, and reverent services.
- Dedication to high-quality liturgy and traditional worship practices.
- Actively engage in and support the Misa en Español, the clergy, & English-Spanish bilingual masses.
- Openness to liturgical diversity (e.g., Celtic masses, Blue Christmas masses).
- Preaching and teaching that connect with a diverse congregation.
- Support for musical liturgy and collaboration with the Music Director.

Who We Seek

3. Community Engagement and Outreach

- Visible presence in the broader Savannah community and organizations.
- A heart for outreach and evangelism, especially toward the disenfranchised and those who have drifted away.
- Commitment to a ministry that welcomes all, including LGBTQ+, diverse ethnic and economic groups, immigrants/refugees, and young families.

4. Bilingual and Multicultural Competence

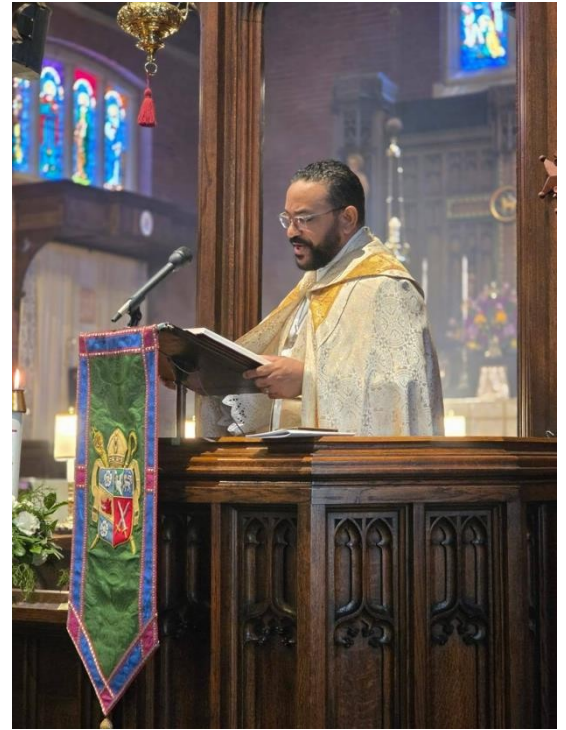
- Fluency in English and Spanish, or willingness to learn Spanish and grow in Latin American diaspora cultural competence.
- Understanding and appreciation of the diversity within our Hispanic congregation.
- A bridge-builder between English and Spanish speaking parishioners, respecting and supporting current Hispano/Latino Ministry leadership.

5. Leadership and Management

- Strategic vision, strong delegation, and administrative skills.
- Alignment with our mission and ability to foster a clear sense of purpose.
- Collaborative leadership with vestry and lay leaders, empowering others.
- Transparency in financial and operational matters while trusting those who serve.
- Capacity to discern parish strengths and gently guide healthy change without imposing a personal agenda.
- Experience in conflict resolution, parish transitions, and family systems to nurture growth through compassionate leadership.

6. Congregational Needs and Priorities

- Growth in families, children, and youth.
- Healing of divisions and renewed unity in the parish.
- Preservation of our faith and Anglo-Catholic identity as we grow.
- Continued support for pastoral care, education, food pantry, and music ministries.
- Creative use of facilities as welcoming spaces for all ages.
- Fresh energy to revitalize & expand programs like adult Sunday school and children's programs.



How We Worship

Our Services (prayers)

At St. Paul's, in addition to Sundays, we celebrate the Eucharist each weekday. We have morning prayer on Monday and Tuesday, and Evening Prayer every weekday. Our detailed schedule is:

Sunday Services

8:00 Spoken Mass

10:00 High Mass (with child-care offered)

12:15 Misa en Español.

Weekday Services

Monday - 12:15 pm, Mass (English) followed by lunch at a local restaurant.

Tuesday - 10:00 am, Bilingual Mass followed by staff meeting

Tuesday - 7:00pm, Estudio de la Biblia via Zoom

Wednesday - 7:00 am, Bilingual Mass followed by breakfast in the parish hall

Thursday - 10:00 am, Mass (English) followed by bible study in the parish hall

Thursday - 6:15 pm, Misa en Español

Friday - 10:00 am, Bilingual Mass

Daily Office

Morning Prayer - Mondays - 8:00 am

Oración Matutina Diaria – Tuesdays - 9:00 am

Evening Prayer - Weekdays - 5:30 pm

Oración Vespertina - Tuesday - 6:00 pm



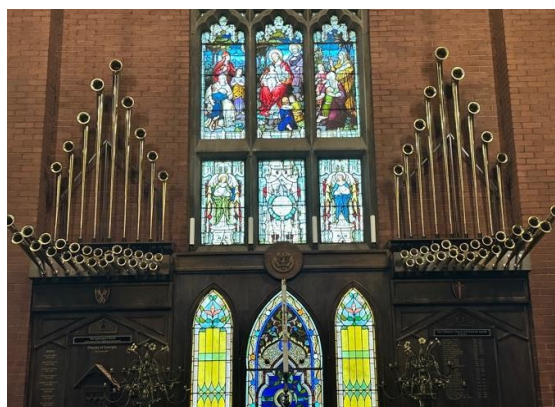
Our Music

Music is central to worship at St. Paul's. Our distinguished music program enhances the liturgy and uplifts all who attend. The Parish Choir—composed of five professional singers and six dedicated volunteers—leads the music at High Mass every Sunday from September through May. Our musical offerings include plainsong chanted by clergy, sacred motets sung by the choir, congregational hymns and Mass settings, and organ voluntaries. The repertoire spans from medieval chant to Baroque, Classical, and Romantic works, as well as contemporary sacred compositions. During Sunday's Misa en Español, parishioners sing along with live or recorded music. At St. Paul's, our members have opportunities to seek God through these many different musical styles, or through no music at all.



Our Organ

St. Paul's hybrid organ combines original pipes with digitally sampled sounds. In 2025, we installed a custom-designed four-manual console, created by our organist in partnership with Rogers Organ Company. Modeled after an English Cathedral organ, it complements our Anglo-Catholic liturgy.



The original Ruffatti pipework from the 1970s is being revoiced to blend seamlessly with the new digital voices. The organ now features expanded tonal versatility and modern capabilities, including recording/playback, 1,000 memory levels, MIDI integration, and more.

Our Formation

Our Formation consists of: Thursday morning English-language Bible Study, Tuesday evening Spanish-language Bible Study, Seasonal Studies such as Lenten and Advent book discussions and Daughters of the King hosted Quiet Days, religious art discussions, and other appropriate bible study. We also periodically offer Christian Formation & Enquirers classes for Confirmation and Baptism. Prior to COVID, Adult Sunday School was offered Sept - May from 9:15 - 9:45 in the Parish Hall between masses. When we had more English-speaking children and families we had a week-long English-language summer vacation bible school for a couple of hours on weeknight evenings. For the past two summers, our Spanish-speaking parishioners have held a month-long vacation bible school simultaneous with the Sunday 12:15 Misa en Espanol. This year's theme for vacation bible school was "*La Pesca Milagrosa/ The Miraculous Catch.*"



How We Serve Within the Church



Liturgical Ministries - Our parishioners offer their time and talents to ensure beautiful services and church operations in celebration of Jesus.

- **Altar Guild** – Prepares the altar for worship, caring for vessels, linens, candles, and other sacred items. Duties include setup for Mass, weddings, and funerals.
- **Flower Guild** – Designs and arranges altar flowers with creativity and care.
- **Ushers & Welcome Team** – Greet attendees, distribute worship materials, seat newcomers, take collections, present gifts at Mass, and support safety and hospitality.
- **Acolytes** – Assist clergy during worship. Open to congregants of all ages.
- **Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs)** – Help distribute consecrated bread and wine during Eucharist.
- **Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs)** – Bring communion to members who are homebound or ill.
- **Daughters of the King (DOK)** – Our Lady of Walsingham Chapter of an international order of Episcopal women committed to prayer, service, and evangelism.
- **Vestry** – The governing body of the church alongside the Rector.



2025 Vestry: Darrell Naylor-Johnson (Sr. Warden), Kyle Eckmann (Jr. Warden), Christina Chancey (Clerk), Simona Perry, Harriet Speer, Richelle Southwick, Jim Weathers, Billy Wooten.

- **Treasurer** - Cuffy Sullivan

Who We Serve

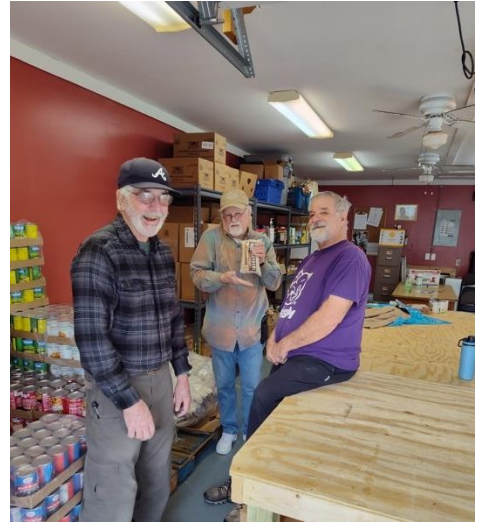
We give tirelessly to support important community endeavors, seeking to be Christ's love to our neighbors.

Thomas Park Food Pantry

Founded by a parishioner about 40 years ago, the Pantry has grown from a closet operation to supplying 1,967 bags of groceries in 2024 — a 53% increase from the prior year. Our clients self-report that those bags of groceries served as supplemental food for 2,237 children under 18 years old, 1,493 adults, and 1,406 senior citizens, for a total of 5,136 people fed last year. In the first six months of 2025, we have already supplied 1,037 bags of groceries to feed 3,062 people, so we are on our way to serving more people than were served last year. Operating rain or shine every second and fourth Tuesday morning, including holidays and weather events, the Pantry distributes groceries from the garage and courtyard of 221 E. 34th Street. Despite the steadily decreasing availability of church volunteers, as well as uncertainty of available food from Second Harvest food bank, the Pantry hopes to continue as a vital, consistent ministry.

Backpack Buddies

Since 2010, church volunteers have packed and delivered 36 weekend meal bags to food-insecure students at a local elementary school weekly. Each backpack contains balanced nutrition, including proteins, milk, juice, cereal, and snacks.



Who We Serve

Refugee & Immigrant Support



Through partnerships with the Inspiritus resettlement organization and community members, St. Paul's Mission House has hosted two different Afghan refugee families, offering transitional housing and support for employment, healthcare, education, and more. The fathers of these two families are brothers who assisted American forces during the war in Afghanistan. This ministry continues to assist new arrivals and participates in the Interfaith Refugee Coalition.

Targeted Outreach includes:

- Disaster relief (e.g., support for a family affected by Hurricane Helene)
- Pastoral care and ESOL support
- Transportation, clothing, and furnishings
- Advocacy for Spanish-language emergency resources



ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

Started in 2022, this volunteer-led program supports immigrant students in a welcoming environment. Three professional teachers and several parish volunteers provide weekly English classes from September to July. The program also fosters cross-cultural connections within the parish. The students in our 2025 ESOL class come from within our congregation and from local universities and speak Spanish or Chinese as their first language.

How We Use Our Meeting Space

Hosted Events

We offer our church in service to the community. Examples include: 100 Women Who Care meetings, Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, polling place location, host for fundraising events such as seasonal plant sales, gourmet food sales, and Fall Festival, and the founding/ original home of the Savannah Children' s Choir.

Recovery Meetings

- **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** – Hosts 12 weekly meetings. *The Downtown Group* is one of the largest AA chapters in Savannah.
- **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** – Holds a weekly meeting at St. Paul's when their regular space is unavailable.

Arts & Events

- **The Goliards** – Specialize in Renaissance and Medieval music, rehearsing and performing at St. Paul's.
- **Moon River Opera** – Based at St. Paul's, offering welcoming, affordable performances to the community.
- **An Art Gallery** was established in 2010 and located in the hallways between the sanctuary and the parish hall. It is dedicated to Louise Shipps, wife of a retired Bishop, who was instrumental in writing icons for St. Paul's. Several SCAD students and artists in the parish have hosted shows. We are currently praying for a new volunteer to re-establish the art gallery as another way to express to the community our love of God's creation.



Other Ways We Gather & Serve



We emphasize the importance of relationship and community with each other through weekly coffee hour fellowship with amazing food and seasonal meals such as Easter Brunch, Church Picnic, Community Thanksgiving Lunch, and Stewardship Potluck. Parishioners gather after each Sunday service for coffee hour of light refreshments and conversation. It was at coffee hour that the Savannah Children's Choir was born.

We encourage bilingual events and masses including Blessing of the Pets, Christmas Pageant, Christmas Trolley, Kings Day, Tres Reyes, and Dia de los Muertos to name a few. We gather in service for church clean-up days and through fundraising events such as Fall Fair, Plant Sale, Mardi Gras Party, Shrove Tuesday Breakfast, and Lenten Friday fish fry. We have proudly participated in the Savannah MLK Day parade with other Episcopalians from throughout our convocation.



Pastoral care and connection are very important to our congregation. During Covid the Vestry created subgroups of parishioners to connect with via phone, text, emails, and cards. That practice continued for Hurricane support and the current Vestry is reigniting this care and support for others.



Our Administrative Operations

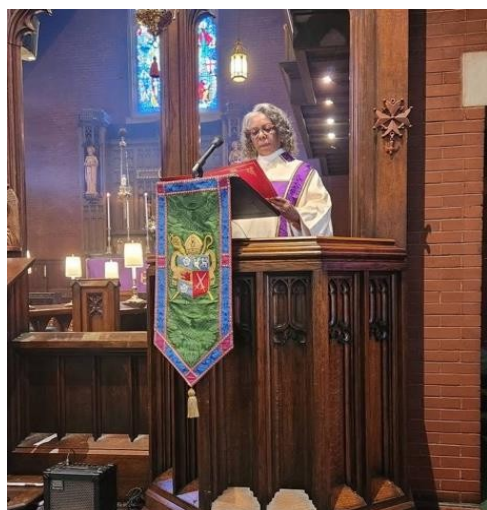
Staff

In addition to the Rector and the Vestry, the ministry of St. Paul's is supported by other priests, a Deacon, a Music Director, and a Sacristan/Sexton.

The Episcopate

The Most Revd Sean Rowe (Primate, Episcopal Church, USA)

The Right Revd Frank S. Logue (Bishop of Georgia)



Clergy

The Revd R. Kevin Kelly (Interim Rector)

The Revd Leonel Polanco (Vicar for Hispano/ Latino Ministry)

The Revd John M. Palmer III, CStJ (Priest Associate)

The Revd Victor Moreno (Hispano/Latino Missioner Associate)

The Revd Ella Roundtree-Davis (Deacon)

Music

McDowell Fogle III (Organist/Choirmaster & Parish Administrator)

Scott McKee (Trumpet), Cantors

Other Staff

Sexton Position / Sacristan - Vacant

3 or more Office Volunteers



Our Administrative Operations

Financials

Annual Budget

The 2024 budget increased by approximately 22% and expected capital expenditures (physical property required maintenance, including organ repairs) were accounted for. Even with the budget increase we ended 2024 with a surplus:

Revenue through 12/2024	\$520,381.52
Expenses through 12/2024	\$503,854.19
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	\$16,527.33

The budget for 2025 increased just over 1.1% from 2024 to more accurately reflect actual 2024 expenditures and anticipated future expenditures.

2025 Approved Budget

Total Expenses	\$561,229.80
Total Capital Expenses	\$328,144.00

Investment Fund

Following the former rector's retirement, a full financial audit led to improved financial practices and returned financial oversight to the Vestry, as required by the canons. Numerous accounts were consolidated, and an investment fund was created to hold long-term assets. A six-member Investment Committee was established to meet quarterly, monitor Parish investments, report to the Vestry, and offer recommendations. As of 2024, investment funds are held with the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) and managed by State Street Global Advisors (SSGA). Since January 6, 2025, the account's market value has exceeded \$1 million (SSGA Statement July 31, 2025). Restricted funds are tracked separately in a designated Money Market account.

The investment objective of the fund is to provide long-term growth in the value of the fund without undue exposure to risk so that the Fund provides a total return over time that allows for both current and future spending. The fund averages 2-3% yield income (typically 2.7%) monthly and is an active/passive (60/40) investment strategy focused on positive environmental, social and governance characteristics.

Our Administrative Operations

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Assets

Our physical assets, all located on the same block of 34th street include:

- Church building and grounds at 1802 Abercorn Street (at 34th street)
- Rectory at 224 East 34th Street
- House at 221 East 34th Street, currently housing the Vicar
- St. Paul's Mission House at 214 East 34th Street, currently housing an Afghan family of nine



We strive to be good stewards of our facilities through ongoing repairs and maintenance based on priority needs. Recent large expenditures include replacing the parish organ console and reworking of the existing ranks of pipes to allow the glorious music of the hybrid digital and pipe organ. We are also preparing for focused renovation of the 221-property including roof replacement, door & window repairs and removal and possible replacement of the property privacy fence. We will be replacing the roof above the Walsingham Chapel including repairs above the Bishop Brady Hall and at the Bell Tower.

These buildings are all listed in the National Register of Historic Places as contributing buildings to the Thomas Square Streetcar National Register Historic District. Additionally, any exterior changes are governed by the local Streetcar historic district zoning ordinance and the Historic Preservation Commission. As good stewards, it is important that all repairs and modifications be undertaken in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for rehabilitation.

Our Administrative Operations

Financials

Stewardship Philosophy & Pledges

St Paul's conducts a fall stewardship campaign focused on Time, Talent, and Financial giving. Vestry members and other parishioners make announcements and create newsletter articles. Stewardship luncheons may also be held. Priests incorporate the message into a few homilies. Our 3-year results:

Year	No of Pledges	Amount Pledged	Amount Received
2023	38	\$164,975	\$444,054.10
2024	50	\$271,664	\$363,396.78
2025	39	\$186,660	\$190,276.78 (as of 7/24/25)

- The stewardship pledges in 2024 accounted for 72.1% of the expenditures and YTD pledges accounted for 66.3% of parish expenditures. Over the past several years, the church has been blessed by generous one-time gifts from our dearly departed. These gifts were from parishioners who previously provided generous annual pledge donations which are no longer received. Each year, by the grace of God, we have been able to cover our expenses. The Vestry is currently considering a more intentional stewardship effort.
- Our YTD ending June 2025 P&L statement shows we are running at a net income of \$6,771.26. Our pledges/stewardship giving accounts for 65% of our total income. 3.9% of our current income comes from total investments and 4% from temporarily restricted funds (gifts to ministries and memorial).

- Total Assets = \$3,141,901.78
- Total Liabilities = \$110, 207.98
- Net Income = \$6,771.26
- Total Equity = \$3031693.80

A Brief History of St. Paul's Church

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, located at the southeast corner of Abercorn and 34th Streets since 1907, traces its roots to the founding of the City Mission in 1852. Established as a "Free Pew Episcopal Church" with support from Christ Church and St. John's Parish, it welcomed worshippers regardless of income by not charging pew rents.



By 1857, the Mission had raised \$15,000 to build a church on Calhoun Square (renamed Taylor Square in 2023). This building served the congregation until December 1864, when General Sherman's advance forced its closure. During the Federal occupation, the church was repurposed as a military hospital and stripped of sacred furnishings. In 1866, the building was destroyed by fire.

Following the Civil War, St. John's Church secured new property at Huntington and Tattnell Streets and established St. Matthew's Chapel. Despite setbacks—including the yellow fever epidemic of 1876—the mission endured. In 1889, the congregation relocated to a building at Duffy and Barnard Streets, and in 1892 it was officially admitted to the Diocese of Georgia as St. Paul's Church.

St. Paul's became known for its Anglo-Catholic liturgical practices, including a weekly Eucharist, vested choir, and veiled women and girls. In 1905, a Christ Church parishioner bequeathed property to support the church. The proceeds from that and the sale of the Duffy Street property enabled the purchase of the current site at Abercorn and 34th Streets.

The new church, designed by Chicago architect John Sutcliffe in the style of a 14th-century English collegiate church, was consecrated in 1917 after all debts were paid. Daily Eucharist began, and in 1927 a parish house was added, solidifying the church's foundation for ministry.

A Brief History of St. Paul's Church

During WWII, St. Paul's reduced debt and acquired a rectory. Statues of St. Peter and St. Paul were added to the reredos, and a shrine to the Blessed Virgin was installed to honor fallen soldiers.

In 1960's, the parish hall was rebuilt after a fire, air conditioning was added, and most of the stained-glass windows depicting saints and scenes from the Bible—crafted by Whipple-Mowbray of England—were installed. Later, a new rectory was purchased, and a Ruffatti-Rodgers pipe organ was installed. In 1975, 224 E. 34th Street housed an outreach program for recovering alcoholics, later repurposed as a halfway house ministry and eventually integrated into Union Mission.



By 1982, St. Paul's celebrated 75 years at its current site. That era marked involvement in Habitat for Humanity, the Second Harvest Food Bank, and the Thomas Park Food Pantry. A house at 221 E. 34th Street was acquired during the 2007 centennial capital campaign, providing a home for the Food pantry and for the Hispano/Latino vicar.

A long-standing goal of accessibility was achieved with the installation of an elevator and wheelchair ramp at the church. The rectory at 224 E. 34th Street was also renovated, reaffirming St. Paul's commitment to community revitalization.



Recent Challenges

Our dedicated rector of 35 years, who raised his family with our families, retired in June 2023, making his permanent residence within 2 blocks of the church. The separation was, and continues to be, difficult for many people. This was exacerbated when an audit showed a discrepancy of \$20,000 which was found to be a transfer from the sabbatical fund to the former rector. The root of the issue was found to be poorly implemented procedures, lack of transparent communication, and an imbalance of power between the former rector and the vestry.

Through discernment and discussion with the bishop, the vestry retroactively approved the transfer of funds. Unfortunately, though well-intentioned, this only inflamed disagreements in the parish and feelings of broken trust and betrayal. The former rector returned the money to St. Paul's during the summer of 2025.

The current vestry has worked with the interim rector and outside consultants to make changes in both our business manual and operating procedures, which needed to be updated to align with current canons. The vestry has also worked diligently on communication among itself and with the congregation to increase transparency and restore trust. The work continues with the goal of strong, collaborative, and healthy relationships, and we are grateful for the good progress that we have made.



Our Beautiful Church

St. Paul's Savannah Church Sanctuary is an architecturally significant Episcopal church designed by John Sutcliffe. The interior features a blend of art, sacred space, and liturgical elements that encourage prayer, worship, and devotion.

Notable features include a statue of St. Paul at the entrance, a Romanesque baptismal font from Boston, stained glass windows depicting biblical scenes and saints, and intricate woodwork and artwork crafted by master artisans.

Central to the church is the High Altar with a reredos and the east window depicting St. Paul's life. The sanctuary contains statues of St. Peter and St. Paul, icons of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mary, Paul, and other saints, and a beautifully crafted cross of the Resurrection with the Lamb of God. The church also houses significant chapels, including the Chapel of Our Lady of Walsingham, the shrine of Our Lady Queen of Peace and Our Shrine of Our Lady Guadalupe.

The church features a historic pipe organ, a grand piano, and serves as a vibrant venue for concerts and musical groups like the Savannah Children's Choir and Goliards. The windows, designed by Whipple-Mowbray, illustrate biblical stories, saints, and church history, emphasizing the narrative of God's revelation through Scripture and tradition.

Overall, the sanctuary combines historic art, architecture, and sacred symbolism to foster worship, community, and spiritual reflection.



Our Beautiful Rectory

Our rectory was built in 1900 in the Prairie style. It stayed in one family until the St. Paul's vestry bought it in 1975 for offices. In 2005-2006, it was fully rehabilitated for use as the Rectory. The building has over 3,600 square feet and sits on .2 acres of land. The house offers 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, sunrooms, an office, 3 off-street parking spaces and many other features.



The residence is within a diverse and mixed-use neighborhood featuring several churches, restaurants, schools, shops, offices, and residences all within walking distance. It is less than a mile to Forsyth Park and nicely situated along the Lincoln Street bike path, providing access to downtown and areas south.



Our Diocese

<https://gaepiscopal.org/about/>

Headquartered in Savannah, GA, our Diocese consists of 65 congregations serving Central, South and Coastal Georgia.

Our Historic City

Savannah is a truly distinctive and inspiring place to live and minister — a city where history, beauty, and community come together in a way that's hard to find anywhere else. Located on Georgia's southeastern coast, Savannah is one of the oldest cities in the United States, founded in 1733, and is renowned for its stunning architecture, cobblestone streets, and iconic public squares shaded by majestic live oaks draped in Spanish moss.



The city consistently earns national recognition as one of America's most beautiful and hospitable destinations. Savannah has been named one of the 'Top 10 Friendliest Cities in the U.S.' by Condé Nast Traveler readers, and it's frequently featured in travel magazines like Southern Living, Travel, Leisure, and National Geographic for its charm, walkability, and unique character. In fact, Savannah's historic district is one of the largest National Historic Landmark districts in the country, attracting millions of visitors each year while remaining a beloved home for its residents.



Our Historic City



But beyond its physical beauty, Savannah offers a vibrant and diverse community life and a slower pace. The city has a thriving arts and cultural scene, with the Savannah Music Festival, Savannah Film Festival, 2nd largest St. Patrick's Day festivities in the US, Savannah Philharmonics, numerous museums, SCAD (Savannah College of Art and Design), Savannah State University, and Georgia Southern University at Savannah bringing creativity and energy to the area. There are countless opportunities to enjoy live music, theater, and art, as well as a robust culinary scene known for its Lowcountry and coastal cuisine.



Savannah is also surrounded by natural beauty, with easy access to rivers, marshes, and the Atlantic Ocean.

Residents enjoy outdoor activities like kayaking, fishing, and walking on the beach at nearby Tybee Island. The climate here is mild in the winter and hot and humid in the summer (sometimes oppressively so). We are afforded the opportunity with 9 months of outdoor fellowship and recreation.

Spiritually, Savannah has a deep and enduring faith heritage, with historic churches, synagogues, and a growing diversity of worship communities. It is a place where relationships and community bonds are highly valued, and where a priest can play an important role in bringing people together and serving both spiritual and social needs.

We believe Savannah offers an exceptional quality of life — a place where you can experience both peace and vitality, tradition and innovation, all within a welcoming and close-knit community. We're excited at the prospect of welcoming someone who is ready to bring their gifts to this wonderful city and to share in its story.



Living in Chatham County

The rectory and church are located in Chatham County which you can learn about here:

<https://www.savannahchamber.com/relocation/>



Schools: Public and Private

The Savannah-Chatham County Public School System (SCCPSS) serves the entire county and is the largest school district in coastal Georgia. Savannah also has a variety of faith based and other private schools. There is also a growing homeschooling and charter school community, reflecting the diversity of educational preferences.



Crime and Safety

Like many historic and tourist-heavy cities, Savannah does have areas of higher crime, particularly in some parts of the urban core. The Savannah Police Department and Chatham County Police are actively engaged in community policing and there are ongoing efforts to address root causes of crimes.

Transportation and Traffic

While Savannah is compact and walkable in its historic core, public transit is limited, and most people rely on cars. Commuting times are generally modest, but traffic can be frustrating at peak times, especially on key bridges and during tourist season.

Flooding and Hurricanes

Being on the coast, Chatham County is vulnerable to hurricanes and occasional flooding. Residents need to be aware of evacuation zones and preparedness during hurricane season (June–November).

Growth and Development

There are active conversations (and some tensions) in the community about balancing historic preservation with economic growth, tourism with livability, and maintaining the character of neighborhoods amid development.



Conclusion

We trust that God will bring St. Paul's the right leader for this point in time, and guide us into the future together, so we may bear witness to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in our small corner of Savannah.

To apply for the position of Rector at St Paul's Church, please email llasch@gaepiscopal.org with your cover letter, resume, and OTM profile. Additionally, please send us links (video preferred) to 2 sermons and respond to the following questions (200 words maximum per question)

1. What originally moved you to accept God's call to ordained ministry?
2. What draws you to St Paul's now?
3. What does it mean to you to walk in the way of the cross?

Application packages will be accepted until
October 13, 2025.

Cash compensation: \$110,000
including value of provided housing.
Annual Salary plus SECA is \$84,615.

**We seek a diverse group of candidates
that reflect the full breadth of our
Episcopal community!**

Thank You

