



THE GOOD NEWS

TO KNOW CHRIST BETTER AND TO MAKE HIM BETTER KNOWN

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Rector's Message

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson

Be Still and know that I am God. Ps. 46:10

Humanity is living through a period of great anxiety, fear and uncertainty. It is somewhat easy to fall into a mindset of feeling like we are in a situation that is unlike any humanity has ever known or will know again. It's easy to fall into self-pity and a sense of deep calamity. The reality, however, is that God's people have faced great ordeals all through the history of humanity. The psalmist doesn't quote the voice of God calling God's people to stillness in a meaningless situation. Throughout the many years during which the psalms are said to have been written, many threats, devastations, invasions and conditions of exile beset the people of Israel, intermingled with times of joy and celebration. The psalmists do their best to express the people's sense of where they are spiritually and in relation to God throughout those years, while also sharing the prophetic insight into God's perspective on things.

The discernment of where we are in our living requires us to take seriously God's call to stillness. It is only a willful decision to remove oneself from the chaos of daily living, of the so-called rat race, that will allow us the necessary time and mental freedom to hear and understand what God is trying to say. The world doesn't want us to stop. The world wants us to continue living at an exhausting pace, where the needs of the world and the flesh take precedence and mind and spirit serve the pleasures of the former. Even our vacations, retreats and getaways have been usurped and corrupted. We hear of companies inviting their staff to go on retreats (mostly known as working retreats), which simply become more time working on what benefits the company and not the employees. This almost seems to emulate the way Satan disrupts Jesus' time in the wilderness and tests him time and time again.

Many times we go on vacation, even to places far away, where people take siestas, or sit at the beach for hours doing nothing. But we arrive with an itinerary, knowing exactly how we want to spend every moment of our time there, instead of choosing the stillness that the place invites us into. We hear of people going off to monasteries or a meditation center and returning feeling like they wasted their money because they were asked to do nothing. We have been trained to believe that doing nothing is wasting time.

During Jesus' ministry, we hear time and time again how, when he tried to take time away to pray and to be alone with God and his thoughts, people sought him out, wanting more of what they felt was most important, frequently not recognizing the true value of what they received.

The life of the prophets, of people like Moses, Elisha, Samuel, Job, Ruth, Elizabeth, Mary, Mary (Lazarus' sister) and many other



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Skip the Resolutions – Make a Rule of Life

The Rev. Anne Jensen

Maybe you, like thousands of others, have set January 1 as a starting point to improve your lives, based on goals you hope to meet, only to give up after four to six weeks, and maybe not even that long.

The church in her wisdom has developed practices that have proved sustaining through hard times and bountiful times. One is to develop a rule of life. It's not hard to do and takes into consideration every part of your life: relationships, family, work, spirituality, self-care, and service. The most important requirement is to be honest with yourself about what is realistic and honest with God as you discern how your deepest desires can shape your life and the lives of those around you. For an excellent guide to making a rule of life click [here](#).

The other practice is called the Examen.

The Examen is a short, easy way to reflect on your day and become more mindful about where you are experiencing grace or goodness and where there is room in your actions and life for growth. It's a time for reviewing your day in the presence of God, setting time aside for thankful reflection on where God is in your everyday life. It has five steps, which most people take in order, and it usually takes 15 to 20 minutes per day. To see the steps for this practice, click [here](#).

Prayer is an essential part of our faith, and these two practices are proven paths to greater intimacy with God. If anyone is interested in talking about these practices, please contact the Rev. Anne Jensen.



Archbishop Desmond Tutu: A Life Well Lived

Robert & Carolyn Knapp

On December 26th, the world, and, especially, the Anglican world, lost Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a truly saintly man. In 2016 Carolyn and I were part of a group that had the privilege of meeting Archbishop Tutu, traveling briefly with him, hearing him preach in St. George's Cathedral, Cape Town, and sharing a lunch in his home. Just being near such a man deeply affected us both. Below is an excerpt from a sermon he gave in the National Cathedral in 2002. We share it here as small homage to a great man.



Dear friends, in many ways, we, all of us, are vulnerable, fragile. For vulnerability is of the essence of creaturehood. Only God is ultimately invincible. The Bible has wonderful images of God holding back the waters of chaos that seek to overwhelm. God holding back the desert that seeks to take over the arable land. For it is only because God restrains the forces of evil that you and I are able to beat it off/to be at all. And the Bible has this incredible image of you, of me, of all of us, each one, held as something precious, fragile in the palms of God's hands. And that you and I exist only because God forever is blowing God's breath into our being. And we exist only because God keeps us in being. And so, God says to you, "I love you. You are precious in this fragility and this vulnerability. Your being is a gift. I breathe into you and hold you as something, as something precious."

You remember the defiant ones, the two convicts shackled to one another escape and fall into a ditch of dirty water, and one of them almost made it to the top, but can't because his mate is still down there, and he's shackled to him, and he slithers down. The only way they can ever make it is up, up, up and out together. We are bound to one another. We can be human only together. We can be free only together. We can be safe only together. We can be prosperous only together.

Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving, power and might, be to our God forever and ever, Amen.

The entire sermon can be found at <https://cathedral.org/sermons/sermon-2002-09-11-000000/>

From the Senior Warden Sharon Pilmer

For those of you who have been attending services, either in person or online, you may have noticed some changes in the music program. First, we happily welcomed back our volunteer choir on Advent I. As a member of that small but mighty ensemble, it felt good to be back singing with the group!

On a sad note, Christopher Kula is no longer with St. Paul's. We are grateful for his service and musicianship. We wish him the very best.

We are grateful for the leadership of Philip Saunders, who has stepped into the conducting role once again, and has done so over the years when the need has presented itself. We also want to thank and acknowledge Michael Page, a long-time member of St. Paul's, accomplished organist and curator of our Austin organ, who "took the bench" during Advent. Michael and his partner Mark will be moving to Oregon in early 2022; we will certainly miss him.

We are beginning our search for a new permanent music director. We are fortunate to welcome Mark Bruce, former organist and choirmaster, who predated David Farr, back to St. Paul's for the interim period. Mark will start the first weekend in January. Please reach out to me if you are interested in serving on a small group to help us discern the future direction of the music program. Conversations with the congregation will happen in the weeks to come.

As we approach our second "pandemic Christmas," I want to acknowledge the toll that this prolonged event has had on all of us, especially now with the emergence of the omicron variant. I suspect that many of you, like me, are experiencing feelings of anxiety, sadness, and isolation, just to name a few. Please reach out to clergy or each other if you need help or support. We will get through this.

Steps you can take to stay well: get your booster shot if you haven't already had it, invest in some high filtration masks like N95 or KN95, keep hands clean, and stay home if you aren't feeling well! In the meantime, we continue to do everything we can to maintain a safe environment during worship. As a reminder, doors and windows remain open during worship to improve ventilation, and it's been chilly, so please dress appropriately. Everyone has a different level of risk tolerance, so for those who feel more comfortable participating online, that is available to you via our Facebook Group page. Be safe out there!!



Melissa Ridlon, May She Rest In Peace

December 19, 2021, the Church and, most especially, the Diocese of California lost an extraordinary Christian. Melissa Ridlon died at Kaiser Oakland, with her sister Marcy and brother-in-law Peter, her cousin Barbara Carlyle, and her friend Dr. Travis Stevens with her. Melissa had been a member of St. Paul's before moving over to St. James, Oakland. One of her many ministries was preparing sandwiches for workers, a joyous project that some of us at St. Paul's participated in even after the project moved to St. James. Melissa was a wonderful human being and will be greatly missed. May her soul rest in peace.



Treasurer's Update

Ann Goggins Gregory

Through November 30, 2021, we are just about where we expected to be in our net income projection. In fact, over the course of the year, we have closed the budget-vs-actuals gap we'd seen earlier in 2021. Our lower-than-anticipated expenses have helped make this possible. As a reminder, St. Paul's taps into its reserves to cover its costs. For 2021, we have budgeted a loss of \$128,800.

I've included a summary of financials below, with some additional notes on revenue and expense trends.

REVENUE DYNAMICS:

Pledges are tracking close to budget year to date. After a slower start to pledge revenue, we have caught up on pledges in the latter half of this calendar year.

Plate revenue remains significantly off budget (by \$13K) for the year.

Investment income is \$8K below budget, but this is a timing issue (this income is "lumpy").

Space usage/rentals (e.g., for concerts, meetings) is down by \$10K, likely due to COVID.

EXPENSE DYNAMICS:

Personnel is under budget by 14%, or \$39K. These savings continue to be driven by the open Children & Youth Ministries position.

Maintenance and repair is over budget by \$15K for the year. This is due to A/V sound system maintenance; elevator contracts and repairs; and safety repairs in preparation for reopening.

On the investment side, year-to-date have been significant: our investment portfolio balance has grown to ~\$2.5M.

As always, I'm available for your questions or comments at goggins.gregory@gmail.com



Stewardship Update

Sharon Pilmer



GROWING TOGETHER

ST. PAUL'S OAKLAND 150 YEARS

website, www.stpaulsoakland.org. It is not too late to make a pledge and there is no gift too small; we are grateful for all gifts that we receive.

The stewardship committee is taking a breather in December. Our pledge totals for 2022 remain at \$189,625 total, with 55 family units giving. This represents a 60% increase in total pledged amount and a 43% increase in the number of pledges from last year. We expect to receive additional pledges in the next month. Despite this good news, just like you, we are looking at increasing costs for just about everything, and must compensate staff appropriately. If you have yet to make your 2022 pledge, you may find a pledge card on our

2022 St. Paul's Annual Meeting January 16th 10 am



The Vestry offers these nominations for service on the Vestry during 2022. Additional nominations can be offered by any St. Paul's member.

Indira Balkissoon

Though I was born in Washington, D.C. my first church was St Mark's Episcopal Church in Van Nuys, CA. In 5th grade, my family moved back to Washington, D.C. and I spent all of my free time while in Middle School at the National Cathedral, not as a parishioner, but as a member of a youth group led by Cathedral ministers who ran a Coffee House for young people on the Cathedral Grounds. We organized musical events and put on light shows. Over the years there, I was able to watch the stonemasons build the Cathedral. Many years later after I had my family, I joined St. John's Episcopal Church in Reading, MA where I taught Sunday school and developed a xeriscape garden. My family and I moved to Piedmont in 2000 and I began attending St Paul's with my mother Gloria Balkissoon in 2004. On the career side, I have degrees from Beloit College, New Mexico School of Mining and Technology and Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government in Geology, Anthropology and Public Administration and am a retired VP from an environmental firm.



Maria Paull

I was born in Colorado in a rural area east of Denver where my father was the rector of Saint Charles Episcopal Church. In 1970 my father got a position within the Diocese and my family moved to Denver. In addition to his role at the Diocese, he also led a small parish in the old silver mining town Georgetown, Colorado in which I was one of the first female acolytes in the state. Receiving a scholarship to CCA, I arrived in Oakland in 1981. I worked a variety of jobs during those years, and in 2004 I went back to school in order to get my Master's degree and a license in Marriage Family Therapy and Art Therapy. I now have a private practice in Berkeley and am building my practice.



Matthew Schooler

I was born in Arizona and raised in Tucson. My parents were both Methodists from the Midwest. I went to a fairly religious school up in Wyoming. I had my first introduction to the Episcopal Church by a friend who attended St. Philips in the Hills in Tucson, Arizona. When I moved to Los Angeles, I attended but didn't have membership in St. Thomas Hollywood, a very high church. In 2001 I joined when a new rector came to serve. I served as head of the community outreach committee as a non-vestry member. I eventually joined the vestry and served as vestry community outreach committee head. I didn't complete my term as I moved to Palm Springs and eventually ended up in the East Bay. My experience with St Paul's started when I was in hospital and the chaplain invited Deacon Carolyn to give me the Holy Communion. I moved to Emeryville and became a member and love every part of this incredible and sacred place.



The Joys of Christmas!

The Greening of the Church on December 19th

A large group of parishioners, young and old, set about greening our beautiful church. It was great fun! The sanctuary and nave have never looked more festive!



A Giving Tree—Thank you St. Paul's!



On December 22nd, Paula Hawthorn reported:

“I delivered the gifts to the Center for the Vulnerable Child this morning, they have been delivered to the families & they are very grateful. We did it! There was not one ‘missing’ gift.”



The Joys of Christmas!

Deacon Bolton Does it Again! (With a little help from her friends!)

On Christmas Morning, volunteers from St. Paul's and elsewhere once again jumped into action! Organized, led, and inspired by our very own Deacon Carolyn, 200 meals were delivered to needy persons and families.

Father Wilson and family, George Strait and grandchildren, the Knapps and many others worked to make this a happy and blessed act of Christian compassion.



Carolyn Knapp and granddaughter Ava Cruz deliver meals to the Allen Temple Arms.

Pantry of Hope



The Sunday before Christmas, St. Paul's regular bi-weekly distribution of food took place. Generous bags of fresh and packaged items helped the food insecure to manage in these difficult times.



Loaves & Fishes Needs YOU!

Katie Lauter

Attention all parish members, we need your help!



Last year we started a new ministry called Loaves and Fishes to bring meals to parishioners in their time of need. The group has been hard at work. Thus far **we only have eight members**, so our capacity is limited. And we have several families with babies on the way early next year who will need our help!

If you are interested in occasionally helping out (**you don't need to sign up every time!**) by cooking a meal (or sending restaurant food) for a parishioner in need, please email

me—**your care for fellow parishioners is greatly needed!**

Thank you!

Katie Lauter

Katie.a.lauter@gmail.com

P.S. - If you are in need (birth, death, injury, etc.), please contact the church office to get your own church meal train on the tracks to your home!



Swords into Plowshares

Paula Hawthorn

Isaiah said: “They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.” And across the country there is a movement to do just that: take guns and melt them down into garden tools. St. Paul’s is at the forefront of this movement in Oakland: we have obtained Bishop Marc’s support; we have the full support & cooperation of the Oakland Police Department; Faith in Action, East Bay is helping to sponsor this work. We are closing in on getting a local blacksmith to help. And we hope sometime this spring to have the first of a series of Swords Into Plowshares events. The first one will be at the church “At Thy Word” in East Oakland, which is ideal because it has a flowthrough parking lot. And we do need help in the planning of this event! Please contact Paula Hawthorn paula.hawthorn@gmail.com if you are interested.



Any member of the Parish may attend Vestry meetings, which are at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise noted; the full minutes of the meeting are available to parish members upon request by contacting the parish administrator or a member of the Vestry

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2021 VESTRY

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson, Rector
Sharon Pilmer, Senior Warden
Will Cowart Jr., Junior Warden
Erica Terry-Derryck, Clerk
Ann Giggins Gregory, Treasurer

VESTRY BY CLASS Class of 2021

Erica Terry-Derryck
Sergio Prieto
Lisa Strait
Class of 2022
Will Cowart
Ann Gregory
Sharon Pilmer
Class of 2023
Flarnie Adams
Brian Stanke
Maura Lane

DEANERY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

2020

Delegates
Melanie Blake
Tom McGarrell
Jeanette Dinwiddie-
Moore
Alternates
-vacancy-

Vestry Highlights

Meeting of December 15, 2021

Robert Knapp, newsletter correspondent

Because of a mix-up on scheduling, I was not able to attend this Vestry meeting. I believe that the Senior Warden's Report, Treasurer's Report, and the introduction of Vestry nominations for 2020 cover most of what transpired.



Annual Meeting 2022



Our Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 16th. We will hear a call to order at the beginning of the 10 am service. At the end of the service we will remain in the church to continue the meeting.

Update on the Youth Minister situation

The rector and search committee continue the quest to find a person to conduct chapel for the School and lead the parish in a children and youth ministry. Candidates are few and far between due to the high cost of living in the Bay area and the salary we and the school are able to pay. In addition, other churches in the area are searching for a similar person.

Update on the A/V situation



The current system of using an iPhone camera and audio feed to post the services at St. Paul's to the internet appears to be meeting the needs of the many of you, near and far, who receive inspiration from our broadcasts. This arrangement will therefore continue with any further action held in abeyance until needs, technology, and finances leads to the formation of new committee to assess and recommend upgrades.

Here's a BIG shout-out

to St. Paul's deacon, Carolyn Bolton! Deacon Carolyn has been a miracle worker in spearheading St. Paul's drive to help our neighbors who suffer from food insecurity. The Pantry of Hope, which she founded, and the annual Thanksgiving and Christmas food distributions to the needy are only the "tip of the iceberg" of all the good Carolyn does in the parish and in the Oakland community.

Thank You, Carolyn!!



Familiar Faces

Helen Devlin: From Stockton to St. Paul's Carolyn Knapp

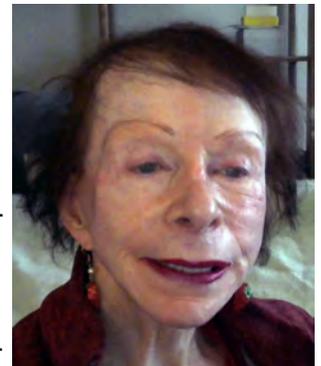
It's hard to imagine the St. Paul's Altar Guild without the quiet presence of Helen Devlin, but she is indeed retiring after over 40 years of faithful service. She is not retiring from St. Paul's, however!

Helen grew up in Stockton where she attended Catholic schools, but she always had a connection to Oakland. A beloved uncle used to show her around town when she came up for girlhood visits, and an aunt who taught at Stockton Junior (now San Joaquin Delta Community) College regularly took a sublet apartment on Lakeshore to spend summers in the big city. So it was natural that she came to Oakland in the 1970's, not long after getting a BA in sociology, to look for a federal government job, attracted by the regular hours and excellent benefits. Deciding social work was not for her, she found a clerical position at the National Labor Relations Board and stuck with them as they moved from the old [Breuner's building](#) (okay, old-timers, how many of you remember that one?) to the "new" Federal Building. And she stayed in Oakland.

But Helen actually came to St. Paul's because she was jogging on the San Francisco Marina with a jogging encounter group led by Robert Cromey, who was assisting Don Seaton. Robert invited her to come to church, where she met Liz Hunt (now Hook), Liz's parents, and many other kindred spirits. Although she'd been told the Episcopal church was a "high-status" church, in her opinion, St. Paul's has always welcomed everyone. When an apartment next door to the church became available, she signed a lease and moved across Lake Merritt to be closer to St. Paul's and along a good transportation artery.

She is a fitness aficionado and continues to be a gym member at the Club at City Center where she is an expert about their equipment. In fact, it was fitness that led her to become a regular member of the 8 a.m. Sunday congregation, as she could join friends for walks and workouts afterwards. She became one of the principal readers at that service and, in addition to doing flower arrangements and other Altar Guild work, served on the stewardship committee for a time.

Helen goes to the 10 a.m. service now. She loves the liturgy and the singing and is glad to worship in person at her church next door.



The Ordination of Stephen Tiffenson

Indira Balkisson

The bells rang and incense filled the air with all of the pomp and circumstance Grace Cathedral brings to happy celebrations. Stephen Tiffenson of our own St Paul's and Miguel Bustos of St. John the Evangelist of the Mission were ordained as deacons on December 4th.

The readings from Acts were in both English and Spanish. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Marc Handley Andrus, Bishop, presided and the Ven. Hailey McKeefrey Dolmas, Archdeacon, preached. The sermon made comparisons to Downton Abbey while describing the vocation of deacons in the church, in particular their role in grounding and interpreting the needs of the community and the world for the church. Many members of Stephen's lovely family were in attendance. His wife, Colleen, was radiant with pride as were his sisters, Patricia and her husband Victor, and Pearl and her husband Neville; his brother, Wayne, as well as Colleen's mother Alma, also joined in the celebration.



Members of St. Paul's were present including our own Father Wilson, Father Christian, Scott Buckingham, Archdeacon Carolyn, and many others. Stephen lay prostrate in front of the altar as Bishop Marc prayed over the two ordinands. The highlight was when the bishop laid his hands on Stephen's head, sealing his passage into deaconhood. Congratulations Stephen on your ordination and God be with you always!



A Very Special Visitor

On Sunday, December 19th, St. Paul's was blessed by a visit from Barbara Seaton. Barbara's husband, Don Seaton, was rector of St. Paul's for sixteen years, 1975-1991. Daughter Alexandra went to the very first kindergarten class at St. Paul's Episcopal School and is now on the school board! She was a one of our youth group kids (1986-1988). Barbara offered interesting and important material to Liz Hook as she wrote the history of St. Paul's. We warmly welcomed the Seaton's!



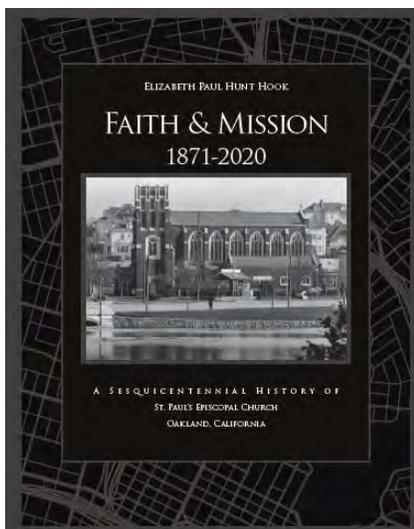
Left to right, Barbara Seaton, Father Wilson, Alexandra Seaton Ament, and Liz Hook

The history of St. Paul's is on the way!

Liz Hook's

Faith and Mission 1871-2020. A Sesquicentennial History of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Oakland, California

is in the final stages of production. The Vestry has generously agreed to underwrite production costs. We should have the book in our hands in January 2022. Watch for an announcement on availability!



The Windows of St. Paul's

Robert Knapp

Windows from "Old St. Paul's"

The Contemplative Christ Window

The clerestory window on the right, closest to the chancel, has three lancets. The center shows a bearded man, devoid of any attributes, who gazes pensively downward; lancets on right and left have at the bottom a rectangular design that includes an inscription. Only the middle lancet contains stained glass. Some erosion of the stained glass is visible in the head, left hand, and elsewhere, showing its age. The two lancets right and left are plain obscure amber glass. The window came from the old church. The window's artist is unknown.

The figure stands on the tiled floor of a building before a window that looks out to brown land, green water, purple hills and white sky. The Sea of Galilee is intended. The figure is unidentified but is probably the figure Christ depicted with a halo. The hand gestures might have distinct meaning, particularly the left hand in the traditional blessing configuration. It is most likely, however, that the hand positions do not carry specific messages and are simply expressing thoughtful contemplation.

The text on the glass below the figure reads:

In Memory of Mary Mason Gurnett AD 1886

Mary Mason Buffington (1844-1882) married twice. Her second husband, Albert Gurnett, was a stock broker. She is buried in Mountain View Cemetery.



My surmise is that the two other lancets represent windows lost in the move to the present St. Paul's. My guess is that the original building had three window lancets placed by the vestry "in memory of the faithful services of these men to our Parish", one each for Judge John A. Stanley, Captain Watson Webb, and Dr. George A. Parker. In the move, none of the lancets survived; the memorial tablets for Parker and Webb did, but not that of Stanley.

At the bottom of the lancet to the left is a memorial to George A. Parker:

In memory of George A. Parker, A Vestryman AD 1877

Dr. George Amasa Parker (1823-1877) was a member of the California Pioneers and a civic minded individual. Among other things, he was among the group that spearheaded the establishment of an "Italian Opera Association" in San Francisco in 1866. His wealth came from gold and silver mining in Nevada.



At the bottom of the lancet to the right is a memorial to Watson Webb:

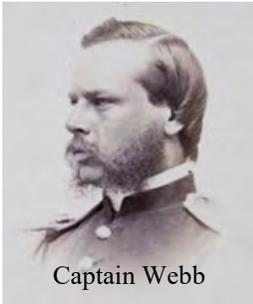
In memory of Watson Webb, A Vestryman AD 1876

Watson Webb (1833-1876) was born in New York City. He graduated from Hobart College, Geneva, New York in 1849. Ten years later, he came to California. During the Civil War he was a first lieutenant in the third artillery



M. M. Gurnett monument, Mt. View Cemetery





Captain Webb

regiment stationed on Alcatraz Island at Fort Point. After the war, promoted to captain, he returned to the East, married in Hartford, Connecticut, and returned to California to settle in Oakland. In the year of his death the *Oakland Tribune* reports that he was elected to St. Paul's vestry along with Dr. George A. Parker (his life is noted above) and John A. Stanley (his life is noted below). Webb's obituaries in Oakland newspapers note that his death "of a most unexpected and painful character" had deprived the city of "a gentleman of great character and refinement," "of unquestioned integrity, trusted and esteemed by all who knew him;" "although reserved and taciturn among strangers, he was exceedingly sociable and affable." He came to California as an agent of the

North American Life Insurance Company. Later, he also invested in Nevada mining and in various local companies. He and his wife were active in Oakland's social life. He was one of the founders of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He also served the Diocese of California in various capacities such as assistant to the secretary of the diocese, was on the diocesan Board of Missions, treasurer in 1874 and in that year a delegate to the national convention in New York City. In addition, he had served as a trustee of the General Seminary in New York City. Bishop Kipp presided at his funeral at St. Paul's. He is interred in Mountain View Cemetery.



Captain Webb's grave, Mt. View Cemetery
He is interred in Mountain View Cemetery.

The missing memorial plaque is in honor of John A. Stanley. John Stanley was a member of Old St. John's, St. Paul's mother church. He left that church and was a founding vestry member and treasurer of St. Paul's as it was formed in 1871. He was an attorney, judge in Alameda County Court, an investor in mining, and a dairyman. He was also a trustee of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Asylum in Berkeley. He ran for Oakland mayor on the Democratic ticket in 1876 losing to Republican Enoch Pardee (*The Oakland Daily Transcript* wrote: "The election of every man on the Republican ticket is a foregone conclusion.").

Concerts at St. Paul's

Prometheus Symphony Orchestra
2021-2022 Concert Series
Celebrating 57 Years
of Music Making

Sunday, January 30, 2022
3:00 PM (Preconcert talk at 2:40PM)

Claude Debussy • *La Mer*

Johannes Brahms • *Double Concerto for Violin & Cello*
Valery and Starla Breshears (violin and cello)
Co-Winners Khuner Young Artist Concerto Competition

Audience members must show proof of vaccination for admittance.

Admission Free

Families with children are always welcome.

There is no admission fee for our concerts, but donations are gratefully accepted.

Go to <https://www.prometheussymphony.org/> for more information.

Prometheus Symphony Orchestra
Eric Hansen, Music Director



January Worship Schedule

All services will be live-streamed on the [Church's Facebook page](#). You will need a reservation to attend in-person services. Folks on the Parish e-mail list will receive an invitation the Tuesday before the Sunday service. Missed the invitation? Go to the Church website beginning Wednesday morning and follow the directions there. To get on the reservation email list, send a note to admin@stpaulsoakland.org.

Sunday, January 2: Second Sunday of Christmas

8:00am
Holy Eucharist
10:00am
Choral Eucharist
streamed
4:00pm
Evensong



(in-person) &
streamed

Wednesday, January 19

12:10pm
Holy Eucharist (streamed)

Sunday, January 23: Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Observance of the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul
8:00am

Wednesday, January 5

12:10pm
Holy Eucharist (streamed)

Sunday, January 9: First Sunday after the Epiphany:

The Baptism of our Lord
8:00am



Holy Eucharist (streamed)
10:00am
Holy Baptism, with Eucharist, in-person (by reservation) & streamed

Wednesday, January 12

12:10pm
Holy Eucharist (streamed)

Sunday, January 16: Second Sunday after the Epiphany

8:00am
Holy Eucharist (streamed)
10:00am
Choral Eucharist, in-person (by reservation) & streamed
Annual Parish Meeting



Holy Eucharist (streamed)
10:00am
Choral Eucharist, in-person (by reservation) & streamed
8:00pm
Compline, in-person (by reservation) & streamed

Wednesday, January 26

12:10pm
Holy Eucharist (streamed)

Sunday, January 30: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

8:00am
Holy Eucharist (streamed)
10:00am
Choral Eucharist, in-person (by reservation) & streamed

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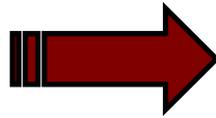
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From the Editors:

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biblical figures teach us that in finding the time to be still we can become more in tune with the voice and message that God has to share and we can be better disciples of the Gospel. It is as Jesus said to Peter: *Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.* (Mat. 16:7)

Amid chaos, whether it be Covid-19, from Alpha to Omicron, or social injustice and unrest, or anything else we may be facing in our time, God continues revealing God's self to us. We must find the stillness to listen.



St. Paul's was 150 years young in 2021. This is "Old St. Paul's" as it looked in 1907, just before the move to the current building.