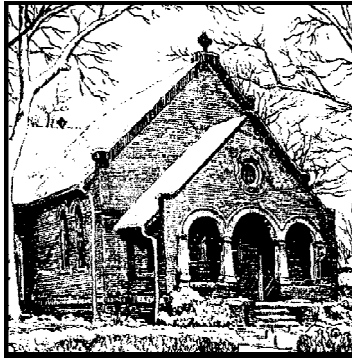


The Last Sunday After  
Pentecost,  
Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2009  
10:30 a.m.



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### In Memoriam

Ella C. Austin, November 22, 1999  
Hillary Freeman, November 23, 2003  
Helen Cunningham Laney, November 24, 1999  
Estelle Hough Secrest, November 25, 2002  
Claire Whitefleet Garbaccio, November 26, 2000  
Ella Peterson, November 26, 1994

### Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers today are given by Jerry and Debbie Smith to the greater glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Elam, and their beloved brother, Eddie Harr.

### Prayer List

Angie Baskins, Steve Birch, Kelli Bradley, Wilson Helms, Charlie Jenkins, Bill McWhorter, Carole Pyle, Elizabeth Rushing, Audrey Smith, Debbie Smith, Ellen Trayer, Volunteers who are working on the "Steps of Faith" House (being built by community churches and Union Habitat for Humanity). **Armed Forces:** Casey Jones

Note: Persons added to the Prayer List remain on the list for one month, after which they are removed. If you wish to have them added for an additional month, please contact Kristin in the Parish Office. Thank you!

### TODAY

Once again, it's time for the annual Thanksgiving Offering to benefit Thompson Child and Family Focus (formerly Thompson Children's Home). Today is the day for this historic and critically important offering throughout the Episcopal churches of North Carolina. The suggested donation is \$20. Please place your contribution in the purple envelope in today's bulletin and mail it to Thompson Child and Family Focus. Thank you!



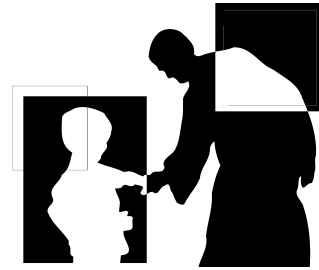
### Thanksgiving Offering

*Thanksgiving is the holiday of peace, the celebration of work and the simple life... a true folk-festival that speaks the poetry of the turn of the seasons, the beauty of seedtime and harvest, the ripe product of the year - and the deep, deep connection of all these things with God.*

Ray Stannard Baker

### Our New Rector Arrives Next Sunday!

We are excited to welcome The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith as the new Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church! **Next Sunday, November 29th will be Fr. Brad's first Sunday.** Please introduce yourself and make him feel loved and welcomed here at his new church.



### Office Closed

The parish office will be closed this Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th for Thanksgiving. If you have anything that needs to go in the bulletin for next Sunday, November 29th, please email it to or call Kristin **no later than 10am this Tuesday, November 24th.** Thank you!

### Advent Begins Next Sunday

Next Sunday, November 29th will be the first Sunday in Advent. The word "advent" comes from the Latin *advenio*, which means "to come to". During the season of Advent, we as Christians prepare to worthily celebrate the anniversary of Jesus' coming into the world as the incarnate God of love, and thereby make ourselves ready for His final coming as judge at the end of the world. Let's challenge ourselves to live for Christ more deeply this season!

Adapted from [www.newadvent.com](http://www.newadvent.com), encyclopedia article on "Advent."



### Almost Time to Order Poinsettias

Next Sunday there will be a order form in the bulletin from the Altar Guild to order poinsettias for Christmas. The cost will be \$8, and you will be able to dedicate your flowers in honor of, or in memory of loved ones. Dedications must be given to Kristin **no later than Friday, December 18th** in order to be published in the bulletin.

Tickets for *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*

Tickets are now available for St. Paul's very first production of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*! Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children (16 and under), \$6 for seniors (62 and over), or there is a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) available for \$20. You can purchase tickets through August Lily Florist, Key Printing and Graphics, any cast member, or the church office. Don't wait — pick up your tickets for a fabulous kick-start to the Christmas season!



It's Time!

Every family is being asked to consider increasing its pledge for the Every Member Canvass 2010. Please give this prayerful thought and consideration, as St. Paul's relies greatly on you for its day-to-day operations and ministries. A member of the EMC 2010 will be contacting you in the near future either by visit or telephone call. During this time, please feel free to share your suggestions, concerns, and questions. Let's continue "using the gifts God has given us to do the work God is calling us to do!"

A Stewardship Prayer

O God, you taught us by your Son Jesus Christ that all of our possessions come from You. Help us to be faithful stewards of our time, our talents, and our wealth; And to consecrate gladly to your service a due proportion for all that You have given us. Take us and make us your own; For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.



*The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving.*

H.U. Westermayer

### The Staff

Interim Rector  
Parish Secretary  
Organist & Music Director

The Rev. Gary D. Steber  
Kristin Barclay  
Kathleen Prevost

### The Vestry

Henry Jenkins, Sr. Warden  
Gary Noles, Jr. Warden  
Lisa Hilbish, Clerk  
Jan Lochary  
Tara Steffen

Jim Becker  
Ronnie Cutler  
Kyle Dunn  
Scott Rushing

### Serving Today

#### **Altar Guild**

Melody Colt, Pat Ambrose, Cheri Hill,  
Susan Long, Joyce Brown

#### **Chalice**

Chris Flack, Henry Jenkins

#### **Lector**

Jimm Wetherbee, Charlotte Jenkins

#### **Server**

Debbie Kiko

#### **Crucifer**

Nicole Kiko

#### **Torches**

Wyatt Brown, Ryan Clark

#### **Ushers**

Arlie Rushing, Lee Cutler

#### **Greeters**

Kevin and Melinda Plue

#### **Coffee Hosts**

Nancy Moore, Susan Long

#### **Vestry Lock-up**

Jan Lochary, Ronnie Cutler

### The Week Ahead

#### **TODAY**

12:30-4:00pm Ugly Quilts Meeting, Parish Hall

#### **Mon Nov 23**

6:30-8pm *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*

(TBCPE) Rehearsal, Parish Hall

#### **Thurs Nov 26**

**OFFICE CLOSED** (Thanksgiving Day)

#### **Fri Nov 27**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

#### **Sat Nov 28**

10:00am TBCPE Dry Tech Rehearsal (no cast),  
Parish Hall

*O, Let Us Give  
Thanks to the  
Lord!*

