

St. Paul's Church - Open House

Friday from 12:00 – 4:00 PM
Sunday from 12:00 – 4:00 PM
Free – 1020 Jefferson Street

St Paul's Episcopal Church will be open for viewing, as well as Fenn House, the former priests' residence. The buildings are handicap accessible and there will be open restrooms. A garden and labyrinth in the center of the campus is open to all and offers a quiet place to sit, relax, and enjoy the beauty of Uptown in this historic seaport.

St. Paul's began as a Sunday school run by Mrs. W.H. Taylor in her Port Townsend home in 1858. Success of the Sunday school grew until, in 1860, missionary Bishop Thomas F. Scott sent the Reverend D. Ellis Willis to conduct services at the Jefferson County territorial courthouse. Beginning in 1861, builder A. Horace Tucker and shipwright Sam Brooks built St. Paul's "carpenter gothic" style church on donated land at the point of the bluff above today's Memorial Field. During the four-year construction, lay readers and visiting clergy continued conducting services in the courthouse. The first service in the new church was held on Easter Sunday, April 16, 1865. St. Paul's was the third Episcopal congregation in the State of Washington and the first to build its own church building, making ours the oldest Episcopal church building in continuous use in the state.

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