

January 23, 2025



MISSION STATEMENT

*Called into community by the Spirit, we worship our Creator in the reformed tradition.
We proclaim God's love by welcoming all seeking to know and serve Christ
and to join us as we share His love in the community.*

VISION STATEMENT

*Continuously creating a vital congregation of faith, open to all,
as we worship God, and boldly answer Christ's call to service.*

Sunday, January 26, 2025

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am

Worship: 10:15

Sunday, February 2, 2025

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am

Worship: 10:15

News from Pastor:

My Dear Church Family,

My preaching schedule will be slightly different for the next six months. Essentially, instead of preaching from the Revised Common Lectionary (a 3 year cycle of suggested scripture readings which recognizes the seasons of the church year) which I have primarily done in the past, I will be preaching from the Narrative Lectionary (a 4 year cycle of scripture readings that devotes a year to each of the 4 gospels, as well as readings from the OT). Basically, what this means is, we will be taking an in depth journey through Luke for the next six months. We will begin with the Baptism of the Lord, go through his early ministry, teaching and preaching, miracles, healing, the death and resurrection, His appearance to the disciples, the Great Commission and Ascension, and wrap up on Pentecost. Some of the readings will be a little longer than we are used to, so I am going to be asking for people who would be willing to participate in a "Reading Theater". This means there will be more than one reader on any given Sunday. If this is of interest to you, please let me know. We will also be going back to having a responsive reading from the Psalms each week. Get ready to get those pew Bibles out! The schedule will be as follows from now until the Sunday before Lent:

- Jan. 12 – Baptism of the Lord, Luke 3:1-12
- Jan. 19 – Jesus' sermon in Nazareth, Luke 4:14-30
- Jan. 26 – Fishing for people, Luke 5:1-11
- Feb. 2 – Healing a man on the Sabbath; calling His disciples, Luke 6:1-16
- Feb. 9 – Healing of the Centurion's son and raising the widow's son, Luke 7:1-17
- Feb. 16 – The disciples report to John the Baptist about what Jesus is doing, Luke 7:18-35
- Feb. 23 – A sinful woman weeps at Jesus' feet and is forgiven, Luke 7:36-50
- Mar. 2 – Transfiguration Sunday, Luke 9:28-45

In our gospel reading from Luke this coming Sunday, the beginning of the reading says, "The people were filled with expectation." We live in a time of expectancy as well. As we begin this new year, let us be the ones to point to the One who is the Way.

Many Blessings,

Pastor Kim

Note from the Editors:

As promised, your first recipe for soup! Thanks to Kim for sharing! It's supposed to snow again this week, so take your phone to the store, open the newsletter, and get shopping for ingredients to keep you warm, cozy, and well fed for the weekend!

HAMBURGER/BARLEY/VEGETABLE SOUP

The nice thing about this recipe is that everything is to taste.

1 – 1 ½ pounds ground beef cooked and drained
1 cup cooked barley
1 can rotel tomatoes
1 small package frozen mixed vegetables, cooked
About 4 cups of beef, chicken, or vegetable broth
Salt, pepper, and Italian seasoning to taste

Add all ingredients to a big pot and simmer until it starts to come to a boil. You can add more or less barley, vegetables, and broth according to your taste. You can substitute the frozen vegetables with the vegetables of your choice. You can add an extra can of tomatoes if desired.

This would be amazing with cornbread or a lovely roll!

News from Session:

The 2024 Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26 following worship. The congregation will receive the ministry units reports from each committee and the 2025 budget approved by Session.

At the January session meeting, several motions were made and approved. St. Paul will again host a LifeLine screening event at the church on Friday, May 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

St. Paul will send in its mission pledge of \$3,750 to Denver Presbytery this month and will pay our full per capita assessment in February (\$3,680). Per capita envelopes will be made available during worship services beginning January 26th.

Elders and Deacons will participate in Officer Training, Saturday, January 25th from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

St. Paul was notified that a charitable trust that was set up by Rev. Hervey "Mac" Macferran will become available to St. Paul in 2026. Mac was St. Paul's first full time pastor, and his leadership and generosity is remembered as Fellowship Hall was named in his memory.

News from the Deacons:

Upcoming Fellowship Group Events:

Elderberries will meet on Thursday February 20, 2025; 11:30am at:

Thai Gardens
16911 E. Quincy Ave. Ste A7
Aurora, CO. 80015
303-400-1173

PLEASE RSVP to one of these lovely ladies:

gayledownen@icloud.com

terden89@comcast.net (Terrie Russell)

sttongrm82@gmail.com (Ruby Strong)

Hope to see you there! (Menu can be viewed online.)

The first St. Paul Men's Fellowship breakfast is tentatively planned for Friday, February 28 at 9:00 a.m. at the Village Inn near the church. Watch for additional reminders in upcoming newsletters as we get closer to that date. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Bill Jones or Elder Dave Goss. All men are welcome.

News From Our Service Ministries:

MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL [MAP]

MINISTRY OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS [MBG]

Thanks to Rich Hartung and Don Allensworth who successfully replaced the hot water heater for the upstairs restrooms. It was a complicated process but certainly saved St. Paul a lot of money by doing this work for us.

Building and Grounds has scheduled the spring service day for Saturday May 10th.

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION [MCE]

Sunday School for All Ages at 9:00 every Sunday!

- Children and Youth meet downstairs in our classrooms.
- The Adult Class is starting a study on the book of James as we look toward the Lenten season.
- Anyone interested should come. There are no tests, no homework, and we have plenty of room in the Fellowship Hall!

Agape Women's Bible Study – Ellen Ingram is coordinating

This Bible Study is from the Presbyterian Women's Organization is "Let Justice Roll Down, God's Call to Care for Neighbors and all Creation."

Meetings are at 1pm at the church on the following Tuesdays: January 28, February 11 and February 25.

NOTE: Are you looking for a way to become more involved in the church? We would love to have you join our committee! Or, if you want to help occasionally, that's great also! Just speak with Sheila Moskowitz or Gayle Downen, MMF co-chairs, or MMF committee members: Terrie Russell, Deanna Gordon, Ruby Strong or Cathy Walter.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP [MOW]

MINISTRY OF MISSION AND OUTREACH [MMO]

St Paul Presbyterian Church Food Pantry (part of MMO)

The Food Pantry requests soup (see the theme ;) and personal items for January

Prayer Requests:

- JoAnn had emergency surgery for a Hernia late Friday night. She is having difficulty with her recovery and is still at Aurora Medical Center. They are planning on sending her to Rehab at St. Andrews when she is able to be moved. Please pray for strength and healing.
- Please pray for Karl and the Graber family. We just found out Karl's brother died this afternoon.
- Rebekah Turvin is asking for prayers for her grandparents (who are like parents to her since they raised her), Ernest and Zelda Gutha. Ernest is in his final days of this earthly life and Rebekah suspects it is the same for Zelda. Please pray for a peaceful passing for both as they enter into eternal life and into God's glory.

By popular request...a warming, hearty photo of Chili Mac. Start planning your own Souper/Super Bowl Sunday snacks and picking your team... Chili mac, a cross between soup and cheesy comfort might be on our list!



Staying Connected

Streamed & Recorded Services:	https://stppc.org/worship/
Ask for a Prayer Request:	Email prayer-network@stppc.org or pastor@stppc.org
Join Prayer Network Email List:	Send email w/subject "Join List" to prayer-network@stppc.org
Food Pantry volunteer signup:	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084faaa629a1ff2-fpvolunteer
View Church Calendar:	https://stppc.org/whats-happening/church-calendar/
Add to Church Calendar	Send request to office@stppc.org
Submit to the Newsletter	Send request to newsletter@stppc.org

St. Paul Presbyterian's YouTube Channel

Scan this code with your smartphone to go to our YouTube channel or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8VC2Q0iii62pJyIIntYmQQ>



Offerings and Donations

You may mail a check to:	St. Paul Presbyterian Church 18901 E. Hampden Ave. Aurora, CO 80013
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Please note: Our church office is run by volunteers. We appreciate your patience when we step away from the desk. If you reach voice mail, please leave your name/number, and who you are trying to reach so we can return your call. Thank you!	
We recommend calling before you come!	
We are not going to cover bad weather days and risk our volunteers driving and walking on ice.	

Newsletter Submissions

Submission Deadline	Publishes
Tuesday, February 4, at noon	Thursday, February 11
Tuesday, February 18, at noon	Thursday, February 20

Please send submissions to newsletter@stppc.org

January Celebrations

If you have a birthday or anniversary in January or February we wish you the happiest of days!

<u>Happy Birthday</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
Dave Goss	01/01
Hali Wimbush	01/02
David Cho	01/02
Mia Gordon	01/07
Emily Reh	01/08
Cassie Parra	01/09
Ginger Norman	01/14
Christopher Smith	01/19
Mark Hopkins	01/25
Zane Capobianco	01/31
Freddy Ticoalu	01/31
Thomas Moe	02/01
Patty Childress	02/02
Kathleen Hall	02/07
Mary Hagen	02/09
Bruce Larson	02/14
Logan Gaudreau	02/14
Nathan Reed	02/15
Gary Crossover	02/16
Nancy Dixon	02/20
Colleen Green	02/20
David Bill Manoy	02/24
Doug Wetzel	02/25
Cheryl Wetzel	02/27

<u>Happy Anniversary</u>	<u>Marriage Date</u>
Kay & Mike Cary	01/29
Don & Laura Allensworth	02/15
Erika & Sean Pepler	02/25

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, we apologize.

Please leave a note in the church office, email office@stppc.org, or call the church office at 303-693-3434 so we can make sure your birthday, anniversary, and other important information is recorded.

Refrigerator Reminder Page

Submit all calendar dates to office@stppc.org

Full Calendar (all churches and activities) at: <https://stppc.org/whats-happening/church-calendar/>

THURS	1/23		
FRI	1/24		Office Closed
SAT	1/25	9:00 am	St. Paul Officer Training
		11:00 am	SPY Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive in neighborhood
SUN	1/26	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
		10:15 am	Worship [Sanctuary & Live Stream]
		11:30 am	St. Paul Annual Meeting
		11:30am	Potluck
		11:30am	Ministry of Mission and Outreach
MON	1/27	9:30 am	Food Pantry Setup & packing boxes
TUE	1/28	10:00 am	Food Pantry [Fellowship Hall]
		1:00pm	Agape
WED	1/29	7:00pm	Vocal choir rehearsal
THURS	1/30		
FRI	1/31		Office Closed
SAT	2/1		
SUN	2/2	9:00 am	Sunday School for adults
		10:15 am	Worship [Sanctuary & Live Stream]
		after worship	Food Pantry Box Packing
		11:30 am	Ministry of Buildings and Grounds
		11:30 am	Ministry of Membership and Fellowship
MON	2/3	9:30 am	Food Pantry Setup
TUE	2/4	10:00 am	Food Pantry [Fellowship Hall]
		3:00 pm	Ministry of Christian Education
		Noon	St Paul News submission deadline [newsletter@stppc.org]
WED	2/5	7:00 pm	Vocal Choir rehearsal
THURS	2/6		St. Paul News publishes
		6:30 pm	Deacons Meeting