

November 13, 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, November 16

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am

Worship: 10:15am

Sunday, November 23

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Worship: 10:15am

Our Pulpit Supply Pastors for November are:

11/2 Jordan Shive
11/9 Katie Palmer
11/16 Katie Palmer
11/23 Joelle Brouner
11/26 Ministry of Worship members (Thanksgiving Vespers)
11/30 Children's Program; TBD minister (beginning of Advent)

News from the Deacons:

Your deacons will be distributing Advent bags for each family on November 30 after church.

Please be sure to pick up your bag!

Elderberries Luncheon November 20th:

The Elderberries will meet for lunch at Cheddar's, 15775 E. Briarwood Circle, Aurora (Arapahoe and Parker), **11:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 20**. Please let Katie or D.R. Palmer know if you plan to attend. Looking forward to enjoying good company!

News From Our Service Ministries:

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION [MCE]

Our Sunday School classes will begin focusing on the Advent season. St Paul Youth (SPY) will begin on Nov 16 and the Adult Class will begin on Nov 23. Times for all classes will remain the same: 9:00am.

On the first official Sunday of Advent, Nov 30, the children will present a special Christmas story during the worship service starting at 10:15am. You will not want to miss this!



MINISTRY OF MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP [MMF]

We have a wonderful lineup of opportunities for fellowship and community:

Friday, Nov 14th: Game & Craft Night (6:30-8 pm)

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of fun for the whole family! Bring your favorite games or a craft project you're working on. We'll also enjoy shared snacks and wonderful fellowship.

Wednesday, Nov 26th: Vespers Worship Service & Potluck Pie Social (6pm)

A Vespers Worship Service will be held in the Sanctuary at 6:00 PM. Immediately following, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for our traditional POTLUCK PIE SOCIAL. Please kindly label and pre-slice your pies. This is a treasured tradition to enjoy with family and friends the evening before Thanksgiving.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Friday, December 5th, Advent Craft & Game Night. (6:30-8 pm)

Advent Craft & Game Night meeting in our Fellowship Hall. Fun for the whole family! Sharing a snack is always welcome and enjoyed by all! More information to come.

We look forward to seeing you at these events!

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP [MOW]

Hanging of the Greens

In the last newsletter you received a "save the date" for our annual day of beautifying our church for Advent and Christmas Seasons. We do this on the Friday following Thanksgiving because we've found that it's a great family activity on a day when most are off work and school, and it gets the job done without interfering with the Mile High Fellowship that meets on Saturday.

There are jobs for all ages and abilities.

Please arrive on Friday, November 28 by 9:00am and help with getting decorations out of storage, and a whole variety of jobs throughout the church. We are usually done by noon, but that is dependent on having enough help. More hands make lighter work, and more fun!

Please come join the fun!

MINISTRY OF MISSION AND OUTREACH [MMO]

Small Actions Add Up to Fewer Hungry People

In October 2025, 12.5% of Americans faced food insecurity, according to the USDA and Feeding America. St. Paul is committed to addressing this need by collecting nonperishable food every Sunday during Advent. Please drop items in the Narthex receptacle.

This Reverse Advent initiative honors the light of Christ while supporting our food pantry.



Food insecurity means limited access to safe, nutritious food. Statistically, among the roughly 120 members at St. Paul, approximately 15 face this challenge, of whom 8 are likely attending Sunday worship. If you are among them, please don't hesitate to reach out to your deacon for discreet assistance in receiving weekly food boxes.

For those who can give, your donations are vital. Consider involving children in the process, using our list of Reverse Advent items. Donations of diapers, menstrual supplies, and nutritious options like canned protein, grains, and fruits are especially needed. Additionally, cleaning supplies can help families manage their budgets.

Due to the overwhelming need, St. Paul will not provide Thanksgiving or Christmas baskets this year. We appreciate your continued generosity as we work together to address the community's hunger weekly. Thank you!

St Paul Presbyterian Church Food Pantry (part of MMO)



The food pantry has had 60+ households each week since mid-October. October 31 and November 4 had over half of our households anonymous—which means they are new to the pantry. It is good that our pantry is available, but food is running out the door. All sacks and boxes were used last week. Plastic bags were resorted to. Three plastic bags were used for each order to keep the food from falling out.

Food Bank of the Rockies gave food pantries a grant of \$600 which was used November 3 for our purchase. Another \$1,500 grant is available for our next purchase.

The food pantry needs:

- Donations to purchase food
- Paper bags, small boxes, shopping bags
- Personal items such as women's sanitary items, toilet paper, spices, socks, etc.

St. Michael's Catholic Church is holding a food drive in December. About 5 ladies from St. Michael's volunteer on Tuesday distribution.

Due to our increased numbers, Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes will not be available from us for our clients.

Prayer Requests:

- Prayers of gratitude to all who have served; both in our military or in any other capacity.
- Please keep Lee Boteler in your prayers as he heals.
- Prayers for Randy and Jeanne Sheridan during this time.
- Please pray for all those who are struggling.
- Prayers for peace and understanding in our nation, our state, our city, and our church community.

Help us to remember that God loves us all and calls us to love each other.

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
View Church Calendar:	https://stppc.org/whats-happening/church-calendar/
Add to Church Calendar	Send request to office@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/UC8VC2Q0iii62pJyIIntYmOQ>



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
Monday, November 24 at noon	Wednesday, November 26
Tuesday, December 09 at noon	Thursday, December 11
Please send submissions to stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com	

November Celebrations

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

<u>Happy Birthday</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
Greg Hopkins	11/01
Jennifer Gaudreau	11/02
Ayla Ludington	11/04
Gayle Fidler	11/04
Jett Capobianco	11/06
Louella Grgic	11/07
Jason Rurup	11/10
Jeanne Sheridan	11/15
Joelle Brouner	11/20
Desmond Ludington	11/21
Lanette Moe	11/21
Gayle Downen	11/23
Rose Ludchak	11/29
Conrad Parra	11/30
Theodore Klaus	11/30

<u>Happy Anniversary</u>	<u>Marriage Date</u>
Ginger Norman & Michael Gobla	11/20

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.