

**December 11, 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, December 14**

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am

Worship: 10:15am

**Sunday, December 21**

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am

Worship: 10:15am

## News from the Deacons:

Your deacons are distributing Advent bags for each family after church.

***Please be sure to pick up your bag!***

## News From Our Service Ministries:

### **MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION [MCE]**

Thank you to all the kids and especially their adult helpers for a wonderful Christmas program on November 30!



### **MINISTRY OF MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP [MMF]**

#### **Fellowship Potluck, Cookie Exchange, & Children's Craft Workshop Sunday, December 14th, immediately following worship**

**Cookie Exchange:** Led by Judi & Ruby. Participation is optional. Bring 2 dozen for the exchange. Any extras can be placed directly on the snack table, located in our Fellowship Hall, to be served during our Fellowship hour.

**Fellowship Potluck:** Please bring a sweet or savory snack to share for our regular fellowship time. It will be enjoyed by all!

**Children's Craft:** Decorated gingerbread cookie trees & votive candles will be our featured crafts this year. Meeting in our Fellowship Hall, immediately following worship. All children are invited to participate in this fun and free activity!

Note: There will not be a potluck on December 28th, due to the Christmas holiday.

#### **Denver Bronze Holiday Concert at St Paul**

#### **Sunday, December 14th at 4pm**

Admission: Adults \$10, ages 13-18 \$5, 12 and under free

Tickets available at the door or online @ [denverbronze.org](http://denverbronze.org)

## **MINISTRY OF MISSION AND OUTREACH [MMO]**

### **Advent Season Giving Opportunities to Support**

As you consider your gift giving this Advent and Christmas season the Ministry of Mission and Outreach would like to offer these three options for giving gifts with meaning in the spirit of Christ's love.

#### **Sunrise Elementary School-Collections end Sunday, Dec 14**

Items needed for the PTO Holiday Shop, where students are allowed to select an item to give to a family member. The Sunrise PTO is looking for gifts specifically geared towards adults. Think of parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.

The Holiday Shop is geared towards kids finding a gift for those that take care of them.

- Personal care items
- Household items
- Games, candles, etc.
- We are also always short on gifts geared towards men, in particular.

#### **The St Paul Mitten Tree-Our longstanding tradition-Collections end Sunday, Dec 14**

The items most needed for the Mitten Tree include:

- Gloves and mittens for kids and adults
- Scarves, Hats, Earmuffs
- Socks for kids and adults
- Long underwear and sweat pants and sweat shirts

Mitten Tree items may be placed on or under the tree, and Holiday Shop items placed in the boxes on the table by the tree until Sunday December 14th. All collected donations will be delivered on Tuesday December 16.

### **The Presbyterian Giving Catalog**

Is there someone on your Christmas gift list that you can't decide what to give? Someone who doesn't need more "stuff?" Perhaps a gift given in their name through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog is just the solution. Pursue your passions by supporting the causes closest to your heart, or a cause that will be meaningful to the person in whose name you are gifting.

When you give gifts with a purpose, you'll be supporting families and communities around the globe who need it most. Take a look at the various options at <https://pcusa.org/giving/giving-catalog>. A few copies of the catalog are available at the church. Or speak to Maisie Livengood who can give you guidance.

### **Christmas Joy Offering: Supporting Our Leaders Past, Present, and Future**

November 30 - December 21, 2025

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we lift up past, present, and future leaders of the church. God has blessed the church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering provides support for Presbyterian church workers and their families in their time of need and leadership development and education for communities of color at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

50% supports the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, which provides critical financial assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need.

50% supports Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color to provide education and leadership development.

At St Paul Offering envelopes for the PC(USA) Christmas Joy Special offering will be provided on Sunday December 21, and at the Christmas Eve services on December 24. We hope you will consider giving generously to this cause at this special time of giving.

## St Paul Presbyterian Church Food Pantry (part of MMO)



What a wild 2 months at Food Pantry!

October 21, 65 households served (261 people)

October 29, 69 households served (493 people)

November 4, 60 households served (219 people)

November 11, 74 households served (280 people)

November 18, 74 households served (273 people). This is due to SNAP benefits being cancelled.

Food Bank of the Rockies came out with grants that saved our butts. They gave us around \$7,000. This amount covered our purchases for November and December. Then, St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic church brought food donations on Monday, December 1, after our food bank pickup.

On Monday, November 17, St. Michael's brought an even larger load of food donated by their congregation. After our trucks unloaded, St. Michael's showed up with lots of food. Chelsea Place, an Alzheimer's center, also brought in food on Monday, November 24. Because we had so much food and I had received notice of the grants from Food Bank of the Rockies (FBR), Thanksgiving bags were created on Tuesday, November 25, before the pantry. Approximately 28 bags were created with unique items donated. The Thanksgiving bags were in addition to the regular box received. Also, FBR gave us 15 gift cards for \$25 each. So, our clients on the 25th received the regular boxes and 43 families received extra.

### REVERSE ADVENT

Each day add an item to a box or bag, then return the box to STPPC Food Pantry on Sunday, December 21 or donate \$25 to buy a box of food. Turn the money in on Sunday, December 14 to Sue Shaw marked Christmas Food Pantry.

- November 30 1 can soup (chicken noodle, tomato or vegetable)
- December 1 1 can soup (chicken noodle, tomato, or vegetable)
- December 2 1 small jar peanut butter
- December 3 1 box powdered milk or evaporated milk
- December 4 1 can pinto, black or kidney beans
- December 5 1 can black, kidney or pinto beans
- December 6 1 can vegetables (green beans, corn, mix vegies, peas)
- December 7 1 can vegetables (corn, green beans, peas, mixed vegies)
- December 8 1 small can chicken
- December 9 1 small can chicken
- December 10 1 bag pasta
- December 11 1 package rice
- December 12 1 regular size box cereal or oatmeal

\*\*All the above is in a regular box. The items below are extra items if you choose to add them.

- December 13 Onions\*
- December 14 Small bag potatoes\*
- December 15 1 small bottle vegetable oil\*
- December 16 salt and pepper\*

### **December 21 TURN IN BOX**

Your completed box will be handed out as a regular box to our clients. One of your boxes per car and then our standard boxes will be used to complete their order.

Christmas bags/boxes will be in addition to the regular box received.

See Sue Shaw if you have any questions.

## Prayer Requests:

- Please keep Lee Boteler in your prayers as he continues to heal.
- Prayers for Randy Sheridan's family.
- Please pray for all those who are struggling.

## December Celebrations

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

<u>Happy Birthday</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
Peter Moskowitz	12/02
Erika Pepler	12/03
Laura Allensworth	12/04
Gary Hall	12/06
Cleve Dixon	12/10
Alea Carlson	12/13
Kaia Carlson	12/14
Karl Graber	12/14
Emma Girard	12/15
Mike Cary	12/19
Ora Brown	12/22
Karol Shupe	12/25
Mary Apodaca	12/27
Kay Boteler	12/28

<u>Happy Anniversary</u>	<u>Marriage Date</u>
Matthew Gobla & Christopher Smith	12/13
Kathleen & Gary Hall	12/29
Cleve & Nancy Dixon	12/30

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

Please leave a note in the church office, email [office@stppc.org](mailto: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.

## Staying Connected

<b>Streamed &amp; Recorded Services:</b>	<a href="https://stppc.org/worship/">https://stppc.org/worship/</a>
<b>Ask for a Prayer Request:</b>	Email <a href="mailto:prayer-network@stppc.org">prayer-network@stppc.org</a> or <a href="mailto:pastor@stppc.org">pastor@stppc.org</a>
<b>Join Prayer Network Email List:</b>	Send email w/subject "Join List" to <a href="mailto:prayer-network@stppc.org">prayer-network@stppc.org</a>
<b>View Church Calendar:</b>	<a href="https://stppc.org/whats-happening/church-calendar/">https://stppc.org/whats-happening/church-calendar/</a>
<b>Add to Church Calendar</b>	Send request to <a href="mailto:office@stppc.org">office@stppc.org</a>

## 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

<b>You may mail a check to:</b>	St. Paul Presbyterian Church 18901 E. Hampden Ave. Aurora, CO 80013
<b>Online Donation options:</b>	<a href="https://stppc.org/donations/">https://stppc.org/donations/</a>
<b>In person donations:</b>	Sunday during Worship or office during office hours

## Hours

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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, December 22 at noon	Tuesday, December 23
Tuesday, January 06 at noon	Thursday, January 08
<b>Please send submissions to <a href="mailto:stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com">stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com</a></b>	