

**February 19, 2026**



**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, February 22**

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am

Jeopardy this week!!

Worship: 10:15

**Sunday, March 1**

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am

Worship: 10:15

## News about Worship Leaders

Please welcome the following ministers to our pulpit this month:  
22 February – Jordan Shive

## News from the Deacons and MOW:

### Lenten Study

The season of Lent began on Wednesday, February 18th with the Deacon's annual pancake supper at 6 P.M. followed by the Ash Wednesday service at 6:45 P.M. This will continue each Wednesday throughout Lent.

Each dinner below is hosted by a Care Group and is at 6 P.M. A free will offering will be received each week for the work of the Deacons.

February 25	Care Group 1	Baked potato bar	Ellen & Sarah, deacons
March 4	Care Group 3	Italian	Michelle & Chuck, deacons
March 11	Care Group 2	Mexican	Bill & Theresa, deacons
March 18	Care Group 5	Salads	Ora & Christopher, deacons
March 25	Care Group 4	Soups	Terrie & Scott, deacons

Each week, following dinner, a Lenten study from the book *An Unlikely Lent* by Rachel Billups will be led by Judi Garvey from 6:45 – 7:30 P.M.

Topics will cover:

- Unlikely Opposition: The Servant Girl
- Unlikely Freedom: Barabbas
- Unlikely Companionship: Simon of Cyrene
- Unlikely Courage: The Women at the Cross
- Unlikely Allies: Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus

Please join us as we learn more about ourselves through this study. (Deacons & MOW)

### Lenten Bookmarks

Special Lenten bookmarks are available. All of the special dates during Lent and Holy Week are listed. Please pick one up to hang on your refrigerator to remind yourself of these special dates.

## News from Session



### Interim Pastor Search

On February 12, Session received a report from the Interim Pastor Search Committee. As of this date, the committee had reviewed the resumes of five potential interim pastor candidates. One candidate stood out among the others. Following an interview with this person, the committee felt he needed further consideration.

Session unanimously authorized the search committee to meet again with the candidate to explore questions around compensation, relocation and the timing of

him possibly coming to visit St. Paul. The Denver Presbytery's Ministry Relations Committee attended the Session meeting and offered advice to the search committee and Session as to the process and steps that need to be taken. Our prayers are with the committee as they continue to seek an interim pastor for St. Paul.

### **Other Notes from Our Recent Session Meeting**

St. Paul recently joined a new Covenant Community in Denver Presbytery to support the annual SISTR retreat. Several members of St Paul have participated in this event for the past few years, including several members of the MMO committee, and the committee affirmed this request with a desire to participate. Session unanimously approved our participation.

Session instructed Treasurer Nancy Dixon to pay in full St. Paul's per capita assessment in the amount of \$3,648 and the 2026 mission pledge to Denver Presbytery of \$3,800.

Karl Graber and Matthew Babcock requested to be removed from the active rolls.

Communion will not be served on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026, as previously approved but served the following Sunday, April 12, 2026, instead.

Cleve mentioned that the sermon given by incoming Denver Presbytery moderator Elder Chris Wineman was outstanding. Rev. Bill Sanders was installed as Vice Moderator. The Presbytery's theme for 2026 is Faithful Friction. Our own Sue Shaw helped lead in the assembly's worship by leading the Prayer of Confession, along with Rob Habinger, representing two of our presbytery Mission Partnerships -- Our Daily Bread (Sue), and Journey With Migrants (Rob).

### **Security Alert: Email Scams**

We are aware there are many different scams coming from emails. Please know that St Paul Presbyterian Church will not ask for gift cards and any other requests will only be in person at church or through our church's website: [stppc.org](http://stppc.org)

Please find another attachment to this email from the Social Security Administration about other scam emails and how to identify them.

### **News From Our Service Ministries:**



[Registration is now open for Highlands Summer Camp.](#)

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

**Fellowship Potluck**

Our next Potluck will be Palm Sunday, March 29th after worship!  
Mark your calendars.

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

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



Our numbers continue to stay high--60 to 70 households per week.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SOUPER BOWL OF CARING DONATIONS**



## Prayer Requests:

- Deanna Gordon's niece, Missy. She went to Skyridge Hospital on February 8, 2026 with severe and terrible pain. Please pray that the pain abates and all becomes well.
- Prayers for all those impacted by the latest government shutdown.
- Molly fractured her ankle. Prayers for a speedy recovery.
- Jason Rurup was diagnosed with a perforated intestine last week. The antibiotics have helped him feel better, and they are hoping it will close on its own without surgery. He feels a bit homebound, but hopes to be out tomorrow.
- Prayers for Jamie Sams who is traveling to California for her grandfather's funeral. There are many concerns for this trip. Please pray for comfort for her family in their loss and travel mercies for Jamie.
- Please pray for Joelle as she took a challenging exam involving intensive memorization and unfamiliar material. Prayers for peace of mind and positive results.
- Please pray for Katie and DR's granddaughter, Rameyaha, who is going through a difficult time.
- Please pray for all who suffer from dementia, and for the families who love and care for them. Prayers for comfort and support during a season of hurt.
- Sarah's uncle, Dan, has come through open heart surgery and is currently in ICU. Continued prayers for healing, strength, and a smooth recovery.
- Ruby is having some heart concerns, asks for prayers for wisdom in the medical team and healing.
- Ellen's brother, Elbie, is undergoing a procedure to remove abnormalities. Prayers for a successful procedure, safe travels for Ellen, and for Elbie's comfort and healing.
- Sam Levesque has fluid around his heart and is recovering from a kidney infection. Prayers for healing, restored strength, and full recovery.
- Julia Godfrey (Requested by Ora Brown – Feb 15)
- Julia (Ora's Sister) fell and damaged a nerve in her leg. She didn't break anything but has pain.
- Praise God for his healing and for guiding me to a great church family who has supported me in every way during my healing journey. - Louella and Frank
- Jeanne's son-in-law Bill Benton is in the Emergency Room at Parker Adventist.
- Please continue to pray for our church and the Interim Pastor Search Committee in this time of transition.

## 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
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<p><b>Please note:</b> 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!</p> <p><b>We recommend calling before you come!</b> We are not going to cover bad weather days and risk our volunteers driving and walking on ice.</p>	

## Newsletter Submissions

Submission Deadline	Publishes
Tuesday, March 3	Thursday, March 5
Tuesday, March 17	Thursday, March 19
<p><b>Please send submissions to <a href="mailto:stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com">stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com</a></b></p>	

## February & March Celebrations

If your birthday or anniversary is in February or March,  
we wish you the happiest of days!

<u>Happy Birthday</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
Thomas Moe	02/01
Patty Childress	02/02
Kathleen Hall	02/07
Mary Hagen	02/09
Logan Gaudreau	02/14
Nathan Reed	02/15
Gary Crownover	02/16
Colleen Green	02/20
Nancy Dixon	02/20
David Bill Manoy	02/24
Doug Wetzel	02/25
Cheryl Wetzel	02/27
Victoria Crownover	03/04
Lillianna Turvin	03/11
T.G. Frerichs	03/15
Kim Emery	03/17
Connor Girard	03/20
Judy Straayer	03/21
Matthew Babcock	03/21
Anne Gordon	03/22
Theresa Harris	03/27
Joann Goss	03/30
Karen Petty	03/31

<u>Happy Anniversary</u>	<u>Marriage Date</u>
Erika & Sean Pepler	02/25
Gary & Victoria Crownover	03/24

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.