

March 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, March 22

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am
Worship: 10:15

Sunday, March 29

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Worship: 10:15

News from the Deacons and MOW:

Lenten Dinner and Study

Our Lenten Dinners and Study will continue each Wednesday, with supper at 6 P.M. followed our study from 6:45 - 7:30 P.M. Each dinner below is hosted by a Care Group and a free will offering will be received each week for the work of the Deacons.

March 18	Care Group 5	Salads	Ora & Christopher, deacons
March 25	Care Group 4	Soups	Terrie & Scott, deacons

Following dinner, a Lenten study from the book *An Unlikely Lent* by Rachel Billups will be led by Judi Garvey and will end at 7:30 P.M.

Topics will cover:

- 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.

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 about Worship Leaders:

Please welcome the following ministers to our pulpit this month:

- 3/22/26 Jordan Shive
- 3/29/26 Jordan Shive
- 4/2/26 (Maundy Thursday) Jordan Shive
- 4/5/26 (Easter) Bill Sanders
- 4/12/26 Katie Palmer

News From Our Service Ministries:

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION [MCE]

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!



If you are graduating this year (including this past December), please let us know. We are planning to recognize them in May and we want to make sure no one is missed!

Please email gwcrownover@gmail.com with your graduate's information.

Intergenerational Class: Our next intergenerational class (teens and adults) will be Sunday April 19! ***It will be a game day, so come ready!***



Vacation Bible School

Ahoy, me hearties! Be on the lookout for PIRATES!

We are planning an exciting Vacation Bible School this year.

We'll post more details soon, but alas, the plans are still in the making.

MINISTRY OF MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP [MMF]

MMF is in place to nurture fellowship within our church family through gatherings beyond worship service. Knowing others promotes God's love for us.

Thank you to those who have been helping MMF.

We really appreciate your help.



Get your picture taken!

Our team of expert photographers will be taking free pictures for anyone interested.

Palm Sunday, March 29th after worship: Jeanne Sheridan

Easter Sunday, April 5th after worship: Addy Goss

Fellowship Potluck for Palm Sunday, March 29th

Our next Potluck will be Palm Sunday, March 29th after worship.

Please bring a potluck dish to share. Beverages, utensils and tableware are provided.

Mark your calendars!

Easter Sunday Festivities, April 5th

Wishing you an Easter filled with the warmth of God's love and the joy of his presence. Please invite your family and friends to join us for worship at 10:15am, followed by a sweet breads potluck and, of course, our exciting annual Easter egg hunt!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We will not have any of our Sunday School Classes on Easter Sunday. All will resume as normal the following week.

EASTER EGG HUNT starts at 11:30am sharp!

Our annual Easter egg hunt will be held after our Easter worship service for friends and families of St. Paul and True Light Churches.

Children can bring their Easter basket or a bag will be provided for their egg collection. **Thank you in advance to those of you who are**

able to donate filled or unfilled plastic eggs. Candies should be individually wrapped. An alternative treat is toys or stickers. Eggs should be secured shut with a small piece of tape, so they don't pop open.

These filled eggs will be accepted until 9:30 AM Easter morning.



**Volunteers are needed to help hide the eggs prior to worship.
Sign up to help on clipboards in the Narthex!**

Please be mindful and help in guiding our children to stay out of the flowerbeds, or fragile vegetation areas, which could cause damage, if accidentally trampled. No eggs will be hidden in these areas.

In case of inclement weather, the hunt will take place in the narthex.

EASTER SWEETBREADS POTLUCK:

Following Easter worship, we will gather in our fellowship hall for our tradition of sharing sweetbreads for our fellowship snack time together. Some examples are cinnamon rolls, cross buns, and banana bread. Our children will join us after their egg hunt. Coffee & lemonade will be provided.

Fellowship Potluck and Bunko, April 26th

Fellowship Luncheon Potluck after worship. Stay for an hour and play Bunko!

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP [MOW]

Liturgists: A "Liturgist Box" has been added in the mailroom. Each week the laminated instructions, a current bulletin, and announcements are collected there to help prepare for our Sunday worship. After church, please return announcements and instructions to the box and put prayer requests on the desk. Thank you to all of those who help lead our weekly services!

Free Handbell Concert this coming Saturday, 3/21/26, at 4 pm at Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church in their fellowship hall building (10150 E Belleview, Englewood, CO 80110). Ringers from around the front range are gathering to combine ring...a truly unique experience. Colleen, Connor, and Michelle are participating and invite you to come join us for multiple massed songs, while Mike Kastner is repeating his prelude solo from this past Sunday.



MINISTRY OF MISSION AND OUTREACH [MMO]

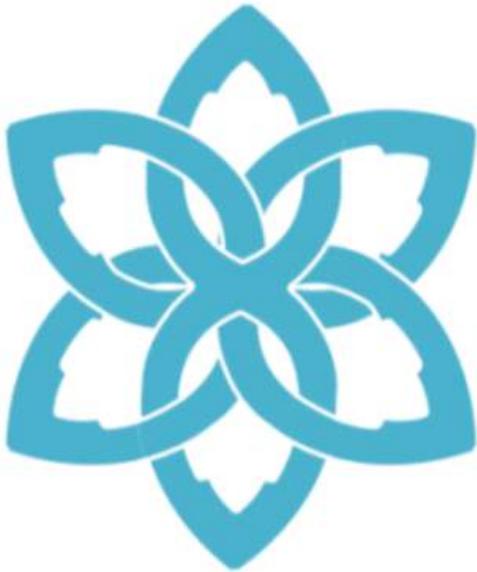


We are still collecting snacks for the students of Sunrise Elementary school for this year's upcoming state mandated standardized testing. The Narthex table is set up to gather donations until Easter Sunday, April 5th.

The school requests, due to dietary restrictions for some of the children, that we avoid foods with gelatin or meat.

Suggested items:

- Goldfish crackers
- Cheez it crackers
- Applesauce pouches
- Motts fruit snacks (these do not have gelatin)
- Chewy granola bars



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Typically received during the season of Lent, this Offering helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations.

In Isaiah 58, the prophet exclaims, “Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in” (Isaiah 58:12). As the people of Israel returned from the cloud of exile and struggled to rebuild their lives, Isaiah questioned their efforts: [Are you not called] “to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them?” (Isaiah 58:7).

When we give to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), we are combining our efforts with thousands of churches across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to repair peoples’ lives — people who are hurting, oppressed, lost or on the margins of society. The exact people about whom Isaiah is speaking of. The people we are called to connect with every day, but especially in the light of the Good News of the resurrection. This is an opportunity for our congregation to recommit to our participation to do our part to participate in God’s ongoing repair of the world God so loves.

[St Paul Presbyterian Church will receive the OGHS Special Offering on Palm Sunday, March 29 and on Easter Sunday, April 5.](#) Special Offering envelopes will be provided, or you can simply write OGHS on the memo line of your check. If you chose to give online or through Zelle, please be sure to note that it is a contribution to the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Thank you for your generosity and caring for those in need.

St Paul Presbyterian Church Food Pantry (part of MMO)



There is no way to plan attendance at the food pantry. On March 3rd there were 36 households served with 7 volunteers. On March 10th, there were 66 households served with just 4 volunteers. It is crazy!

Since 6-8 volunteers are needed each Tuesday from 9:45 to 12, Signup Genius cannot be used anymore. **The whiteboard next to the pantry is used to sign up for Tuesdays.**

Food Pantry balance as of February 28th is \$13,312. Purchases are made every other Monday from \$1,500 to \$2,000. So, this balance should last for approximately 3 months. The positive is that our congregation and neighbors regularly donate financially to the pantry.

If you know of any grants or companies that offer grants, please let me know.

Prayer Requests:

- Family of Timothy James Rivera: Timothy passed away in his sleep at the age of 23, for reasons unknown. He is the grandnephew of Nancy Anderson and Jim Degner.
- Elbie Mendenhall, Ellen's brother: Please pray for continued healing for Elbie after his successful pacemaker procedure.
- Chuck McDowell, Michelle Hodder's neighbor: Chuck slipped on his icy driveway and injured his neck. He has had 2 surgeries and will now go to rehab at Spaulding. Pray for peace, comfort, and healing.
- Prayer of concern for our enemies, for the girls who died at school in Iran, for the 14 U.S. service members fallen, and the 5,000 deployed to the Middle East.
- A joy for Joelle's sister Alex. She was once a teen mom who left school before graduating, and who just got a tenure professorship!
- Please pray for Ruby Strong. Ruby had a stroke just as she left church two weeks ago. She has had multiple appointments. She is concerned and scared. Please pray for wise medical care and peace for Ruby.
- Prayers of joy for Franky. He is celebrating his 34th year on earth! Seriously, he has been such a blessing in our lives. He continues to be a "table" for Lilianna and myself. -Rebekah

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/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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<p>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!</p> <p>We recommend calling before you come! 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 31	Thursday, April 2
Tuesday, April 14	Thursday, April 16
<p>Please send submissions to stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com</p>	

March & April Celebrations

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

<u>Happy Birthday</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
Victoria Crownover	03/04
Lillianna Turvin	03/11
Kim Emery	03/17
Connor Girard	03/20
Judy Straayer	03/21
Anne Gordon	03/22
Theresa Harris	03/27
Joann Goss	03/30
Karen Petty	03/31
Andrew Lee	04/08
Lee Boteler	04/22
Terry Murphy	04/26
Lana Corbin	04/29

<u>Happy Anniversary</u>	<u>Marriage Date</u>
Gary & Victoria Crownover	03/24
Emily & Donald Reh	04/07
Martin & Janice Cobb	04/11
Robbie & Sue Robertson	04/25

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.