

April 16, 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, April 19

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am

Worship: 10:15

Sunday, April 26

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Worship: 10:15

This Week's Events *(see inside for details)*

Saturday, April 18:

- SPY Bowling 6pm-8:30pm (see MCE details)

Sunday, April 19:

- Intergenerational Bible Jeopardy during Sunday School (see MCE details)
- Sign up to volunteer at Hampden Hills Post Acute Nursing Home (see MMO details)

From Pastor Jim: Getting to Know You

My wife, Sally, and I are thrilled to have been called to serve St. Paul Presbyterian Church for such time as God wills. Already, we are getting to know you and the incredible folks who work to carry out the missions of this church, Michelle Girard, Karen Petty, and Sirah Price, to name but a few. They, together with the many dozens of people who have introduced themselves, have made us feel so welcome.

Also, we so appreciated the lovely reception held after last Sunday's worship service. The cake was delicious, and do you know that the sweet children of this church presented Sally with a hanging basket of flowers? The card, which appeared to be homemade, had an owl on the front. The message on the inside said, "WHO welcomes you to St. Paul? We do!," and then each child had signed their name. So precious!

As we get to know all of you better, perhaps I should mention some things about Sally and me so that you can get to know us better as well. Sally and I have been married for 55 years. We have three adult children (a boy, Stephen, and a pair of girl-boy twins, Suzanne and Jonathan). Stephen (our confirmed bachelor) lives in Austin, Texas, as does Jonathan and his wife, Tanya, who are raising three of our grandchildren. Suzanne lives with her husband, Greg, in Castle Rock, Colorado, where they are raising our other two grandchildren. You might have guessed that the last sentence indicates another good reason we are excited to be in the Denver area!

I graduated from Texas Christian University, and Sally graduated from the University of Nebraska. After graduation, I attended Cornell Law School and then served four years in the U.S. Air Force as a JAG (legal) officer. Sally and I lived two years in San Angelo, Texas (where Stephen, our native Texan, was born) and then two years on the Island of Crete, Greece (where we were blessed with our twins who were born at the USAF hospital in Wiesbaden, Germany).

Sally retired after 28 years as an educator (teaching primarily third grade), and I thought I might retire after 35 years of practicing law in Houston, Texas. God had other plans for us, however, and so hearing his call to embark on a second career of Christian ministry, I attended Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. My first call as a Minister of Word and Sacrament was to the First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas, where I served for six years. After that, I served for two years as the Interim Minister at the First Presbyterian Church of El Campo, Texas.

And now I am happy to be worshipping the Lord together with the good saints at St. Paul's. I look forward to our exciting, worship-filled journey together. Now that you know a little bit about us, please introduce yourself and tell us about where you are from, about your family, and about how we can help you worship the Lord as we strive, together, to follow in his footsteps, spread the Gospel, and seek to build his kingdom on earth!

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Jim

Note from the Editors:

We are excited to welcome Pastor Jim and Sally to our family!



May is National Stroke Awareness Month

Friday, May 8th, from 8am-4:30pm:

Life Line Screening will be at St Paul's.

Screenings are fast, painless and affordable. Three key tests check for blocked carotid arteries, an irregular heart rhythm called atrial fibrillation, and high blood pressure, which are the three leading risk factors for stroke. Other tests check for abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered.

News from the Deacons:

Donations to the Deacons' fund from the Lenten Meals was over \$1,650.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and finances.

News From Our Service Ministries:

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION [MCE]

Saturday, April 18, 6:00pm-8:30pm SPY Bowling! Reservations have been made and we are excited about bowling with our youth and those of us young at heart. Pizza will be provided. Those not in middle school yet, need to be accompanied by an adult.



Sunday, April 19 at 9am: Intergenerational Bible Jeopardy during Sunday School for middle/high schoolers and adults! We had so much fun last time, we had to do it again.

MINISTRY OF MISSION AND OUTREACH [MMO]



HAMPDEN HILLS
P O S T A C U T E

The Ministry of Mission and Outreach will be offering a new volunteer opportunity for our congregation at Hampden Hills Post Acute Nursing Home,

14699 Hampden Ave, Aurora 80014. Hampden Hills is a skilled nursing facility offering short term rehabilitation and long term care to approximately 190 residents, most of whom are on Medicaid and some who have no family.

Their needs are one-on-one visits with appropriate residents, pen pals, assisting with their periodic activity/craft programs, donating items to their gift shop, and donations of books and magazines to their library.

Anyone who volunteers in the facility (visits, assisting with programs) will need to attend a short training session at the facility with the volunteer coordinator and undergo a background check, paid for by Hampden Hills.

On Sunday the 19th, we will have a sign-up sheet for anyone who is interested and handouts of the list of items to donate to the gift shop. There will also be a Minute for Mission with further information, and members of MMO will be available to answer your questions.

Please reach out to Kay Boteler with any questions.

MINISTRY OF MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP [MMF]

Sunday, April 26th: Sweet & Savory Potluck + Bunco

Immediately following worship, join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Sweet & Savory Snacks Potluck. You'll also have the option to participate in a fun game of BUNCO, led by MMF member Lois Ingram (using her rules—yes, there will be prizes!). We will conclude by 12:30 PM. Additional kitchen help is always appreciated.

Sunday, May 10th: Mother's Day and Graduates Celebration and Potluck

Join us as we celebrate the mothers and women of St. Paul as well as honoring our graduates for their achievements during the worship service followed by a potluck.

Sunday, May 24th: Pentecost & Music Appreciation with a Snack Potluck

Thank you very much to everyone who helped with our Easter celebration!

Prayer Requests:

- Prayers for the shooting victims, their families, and friends, in Georgia on Monday. Lauren Bullis was one who was fatally wounded during these random attacks and was a co-worker of Gary Crownover.
- Steve is back in the hospital again due to another bleed. Lisa is also dealing with stress and a kidney infection. Please pray for healing for both of them and for strength and guidance as they follow their doctors' care.
- Fletcher, brother-in-law of Jeannie Sheridan, passed away during the night and has gone home to be with God. Please pray for his family as they grieve this loss, especially as they are experiencing a second loss in such a short time.
- Kerry, the younger brother of Terrie Russell's brother-in-law, has been diagnosed with cancer behind his eye. Kerry is a deeply kind and faithful man who has been a pillar of strength in his community and a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Please pray for healing, for the removal of the cancer, for wisdom and guidance for his medical team, and for comfort, peace, and strength for him and his family.
- Robbie and Sue Robinson request prayers for Mike and Stephanie Darzer, who are both facing health issues. Lift them up in prayer for guidance, healing, and strength for whatever lies ahead.
- Please keep Karen Lindstrom, mother of Scott Carlson, in your prayers. She underwent surgery on April 14 to correct a fistula in her arm for dialysis. Pray for a successful procedure and for peace and comfort, as she has been through many surgeries recently.
- Please pray for Gary Childress as he continues to recover from AFib. Please pray for doctors to find the right medications to regulate his heart rate and for his healing and recovery.
- We give thanks and praise for the safe rescue of a missing American pilot in Iran. This is a significant and joyful accomplishment for the search and rescue community. Please continue to keep the U.S. military in your prayers.
- Please pray for the Gobla family as Ginger's brother Neal passed away this week.
- Prayers for Gene Pickett, Lisa Morin's father, 92, has a wound on his foot, and after previous treatment and surgery, healing didn't go well. Infection went to the bone. He is having toes amputated today. Gene's wife, Dana, is blind and relies on Gene for care and struggles to be flexible about working with alternative support.

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/UC8VC2Q0iii62pJyIIntYmOO>



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, April 28	Thursday, April 30
Tuesday, May 5th	Thursday, May 7
<p>Please send submissions to stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com</p>	

April and May Celebrations

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

<u>Happy Birthday</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
Andrew Lee	04/08
Lee Boteler	04/22
Terry Murphy	04/26
Lana Corbin	04/29
Jacomina Kandijoh	05/02
Lisa Morin	05/02
Richard Hartung	05/05
Michelle Girard	05/06
Cathy Walter	05/12
Craig Fidler	05/18
Matthew Gobla	05/24
Joni Evers	05/26
Kate Rothgeb	05/27
Chloe Wetzel	05/30

<u>Happy Anniversary</u>	<u>Marriage Date</u>
Emily & Donald Reh	04/07
Martin & Janice Cobb	04/11
Robbie & Sue Robertson	04/25
Jill & Nathan Reed	05/20
Jeanne & Ken Pote	05/23
Julius & Karen Petty	05/25
Liz & Robin Ludchak	05/25

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.