

June 4, 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, June 7

Adult Book Study: 8:30

Worship: 9:30

Sunday, June 14

Adult Book Study: 8:30

Worship: 9:30

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

Sunday, June 7:

- Worship moves to summer hours and begins at 9:30am!

Thursday, June 18 at 11:30am: Elderberries Luncheon

A Note From Pastor Jim



For several hundred years, the term "hocus pocus" has been associated with magic tricks. Like "presto," a magician will waive his "magic wand" at the climax of a trick, and the bunny will appear from out of the hat or the shredded 100-dollar bill would emerge from the magician's hand made whole again.

Your pastor has always believed it interesting that many etymologists believe the term "hocus pocus" evolved from the Latin mass in the Middle Evil ages. Priests would chant the holy words of the mass, but of course common people could not understand Latin and so, in effect, what they were hearing was gibberish.

There is a part of the mass where the priest incants the phrase "Hoc est corpus meum" ("this is my body ..."), a phrase which could easily become "hocus pocus" among those unimpressed or amused by the trappings of the holy Latin mass.

This Sunday, June 7th, the worshipers at St. Paul's will, as is their custom on the first Sunday of almost every month, celebrate communion or as it is formally called in the Presbyterian Book of Worship, the Lord's Supper or Eucharist (meaning "Thanksgiving"). And indeed, during the celebration of the sacrament, your pastor will say "this is my body broken for you", and of course he will say it in English, the language of the congregation.

Your pastor feels strongly about the beauty and the significance of our celebration of the Lord's Supper. God forbid that it should ever become gibberish to those who participate in it! I encourage you, therefore, to listen carefully to the words we use during the celebration.

For those who are interested, the liturgy used by your pastor and printed in the Bulletin contains some of the most cherished original texts of the Eucharist used by the early church. There is the Invitation to the Table ("they shall come from east and west to sit at table in the kingdom of God") and the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, the last line of which is only used during the Eucharist ("It is right to give our thanks and praise"). There is the Sanctus ("Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might ...") and the Mystery of Faith ("Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again").

This Sunday, and every Sunday when we celebrate the Lord's Supper, I urge you to listen to these words as I recite them carefully and as you respond. Encapsulated in the liturgy of the Eucharist is the very core of our Christian faith, not to mention that on every such occasion Christ beckons us to remember him, to "do this in remembrance of me."

See you Sunday!
Pastor Jim

Note from the Editors:

Time Change is finally here!

Beginning June 7, our worship service will move to 9:30am and adult book study will begin at 8:30am.

News from Session:

True Light Community Church no longer needs Classroom 9 and it is being returned to St. Paul resulting in a modest reduction in True Light's rent. Building and Grounds will recommend to Session what the room will be used for later this year.

Mile High Fellowship has asked to use the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex (not the Sanctuary or any classrooms) on June 11-12 for a two-day Vacation Bible School for approximately 25 of their youth. They have also asked to extend their Saturday hours on the first, third and fifth Saturdays to provide additional time for study and singing.

The Tower Ridge HOA will now meet in Fellowship Hall on the second Thursday of each month. They were meeting on the second Tuesday.

St. Paul is opening a checking account to manage the funds of the Nakai Mission Partnership which has been managed by Denver Presbytery since it was formed. These funds are completely separate from St. Paul's accounts.

Pastor Jim will be on vacation from June 8 to June 14 which we knew at the time he was hired.

Session will meet on June 18 instead of June 11.

News from the Office Administrator:

As June 23 approaches, I've found myself reflecting on what an incredible blessing this past year has been. It is hard to believe that it has almost been a year since I first joined the staff here.

From the very beginning, I was welcomed with kindness, encouragement, and grace. I want to sincerely thank everyone who has supported me, offered help, shared kind words, or simply made me feel appreciated throughout this journey. Your love and generosity have meant more to me than I could ever fully express. It reminded me that sometimes blessings arrive exactly when they are needed most.

It is rare to find an environment where people genuinely care for one another the way they do here, and I do not take that for granted.

Thank you again to everyone who has made this past year so special. I am incredibly grateful to be here and look forward to continuing to grow alongside such a caring community.

With love and gratitude,
Sirah Price

Elderberries Luncheon: Thursday June 18, 2026 at 11:30am

Terrie Russell and Gayle Downen have chosen **The Olive Branch Grill** for the next Elderberries Luncheon. Mediterranean food.

Here's all the information:

Olive Branch Grill
6583 S. Parker Road
Centennial, CO 80016
Phone: 303-502-3444 olivebranchgrill.com

Please RSVP to Terrie Russell so an accurate count can be given to the restaurant at terden89@comcast.net. Please feel free to Text or Call Terry as well at 303-929-0723.



News From Our Service Ministries:

MINISTRY OF MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP [MMF]

Sunday June 21st is Father's Day!

We thank God for our fathers and the men of St. Paul, this Father's Day and always. No fellowship activities are planned, however we will have our youth passing out a sweet treat to all the men of our church, at the conclusion of our worship service.

Looking ahead: After taking July and August off, our next celebration will be an ICE CREAM SOCIAL on Sunday September 13th. Have a wonderful and blessed summer.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP [MOW]



Thank you so much to all of our amazing musicians at St. Paul! The music throughout this past year has been fantastic and is so appreciated by all who attend our worship. You add to our time together, and we are blessed to have such talent shared with us each week. Music Sunday was joyful and wonderful. I delight in all of you and your time and your talents - I wish you all a wonderful summer!!!

That said - **if anyone would like to provide special music during our summer worship** (remember it starts at 9:30 so you can still get out there after church!!) please let me know. I am looking for people from Sunday, June 28th up through Sunday, September 6th. Please get in touch with me if you are interested.

Thanks so much,
Michelle

MINISTRY OF MISSION AND OUTREACH [MMO]

St Paul Presbyterian Church Food Pantry (part of MMO)



June Pantry News Highlights:

- April 30 Balance \$13,685.64
 - April received \$4,010.69
 - April spent \$2,226.50
- April includes \$2,500 for Daily Bread Mission Project from Denver Presbytery
- Received \$750 from Covenant Food Pantry due to overwhelming support in donations in D. J. Day's name.

- **May: 183 Households; served 669 people**
- Closed 1 st Tuesday in May due to order mix up.
- June 1 donation from St. Michaels the Archangel Catholic church. Three brown tables of food.
- Donations from client of youth diapers, pads, Pedia sure, adult wipes, and other personal items
- Besides church donations—neighbors drop off donations from \$25 to \$100 per month

Thank you for your financial support, prayer and time support of your largest mission project.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for Karalyn who is moving back to Colorado and Don driving a trailer back. Also, Alec and Emily moving to Florida. - Emily Reh
- Thank you for all the prayers which facilitated my recovery. - Gayle D.
- I am on AccessARide and met a wonderful woman, Sadie, that is having surgery next week. She served in Afghanistan and was put on the front line and got hit by a bomb. She still has shrapnel in her back. Her sister was also serving and lost her leg and was shot. Prayers for both. They are fighters and I am thankful they both came home. - Colleen
- I ran into Jamie and Tyler outside the Church today as I left. He asked for prayers for Ila and Steven Martinez. She has been moved into hospice. Prayers for peace and comfort and that she is comfortable as they go through this journey. - Michelle
- Also, Mike's sister, Stacey Morgan, has been diagnosed with cancer, and having met with her oncologist team in Dallas will be doing surgery next month. It is a 2-hour drive from their home, and thankfully she can stay with their mom when she has these appointments. Prayers for timing and healing for Stacey. - Michelle
- Please pray for a friend, Nanette, who has been diagnosed with ALS, kidney disease and latent tuberculosis. - Ellen

- My sister in law, Anita Archer is suffering from breathing difficulties. She was briefly hospitalized and is now in a recovery facility for physical and occupational therapy. Prayers for healing for her and wisdom for her care.
- As Memorial Day approaches, I ask for prayer for my fellow veterans who suffer from the unseen wounds of war. Also wisdom and guidance for myself as I consider seeking help from a Christian group in Texas for painful memories that still haunt me 55 year later.
- I wanted to ask for prayers for my Dad, Eugene Pickett. He is going to have another surgery for his foot that is infected. I put my name and email on the orange prayer list in the narthex. - Lisa Morin
- Please pray for friend, Owen, and his family as they face his diagnosis of esophageal cancer and possible pancreatic involvement. Thank you. - Shirley
- Safe travels as I fly to Albuquerque to celebrate my granddaughter Sloan's 3rd birthday. - Katie Ford
- Prayers for multiple of Victoria Crownover's co-workers. There are lots of things impacting people right now including people experiencing layoffs, cancer diagnosis, death of a grandchild, job transitions, and open heart surgery.

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

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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 3	Thursday, March 5
Tuesday, March 17	Thursday, March 19
<p>Please send submissions to stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com</p>	

June and July Celebrations

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

<u>Happy Birthday</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
Ethan Klaus	06/01
Marsha Belt	06/01
Kelly Baker	06/06
Lucy Carlson	06/08
David Rageth	06/12
Molly Crownover	06/13
Caleb Babcock	06/15
Terrie Russell	06/15
Apollo Klaus	06/16
Deanna Gordon	06/19
Kevin Burnett	06/21
Robin Ludchak	06/23
Donna Layne	06/26
John Max Manoy	06/26
Kelsey Klaus	06/26
Kay Cary	07/04
Michael Gobla	07/09
Cheryl Rageth	07/11
Rebekah Turvin	07/12
Jill Reed	07/13
Sheila Moskowitz	07/15
Sean Pepler	07/16
Ellen Ingram	07/17
Martin Cobb	07/19
Sarah Hall	07/23
JoAnn Cunningham	07/29
Steve Morin	07/30

<u>Happy Anniversary</u>	<u>Marriage Date</u>
Cassie & Conrad Parra	06/25
Gary & Patty Childress	06/25
Kate & Steven Rothgeb	06/30
Dave & Joann Goss	07/06
Gayle & Craig Fidler	07/12
Scott & Lucy Carlson	07/29
Lana & Layne Corbin	07/30

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.