

October 1, 2026

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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, October 4

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am

Worship: 10:30am

Sunday, October 11

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am

Worship: 10:15am

Upcoming Events (see inside for details)

Sunday October 4:

- **10:30am: World Communion Sunday**

Friday October 9:

- 6-8pm: Family Game Night

Tuesday October 13:

- Agape: 1 Corinthians, Chapters 5 & 6, Freedom in Christ

A Note from Pastor Jim:



This picture is a copy of an image used by Knox Presbyterian Church, Pasadena, California, and it reminds us that this Sunday, October 4, 2021, is World Communion Sunday, a day of worship set aside for the ecumenical celebration of the Lord's Supper by Christians around the world.

What a privilege it is this Sunday for the congregation of St Paul Presbyterian Church once again to share in a combined worship service with our friends and fellow Christians from True Light Community Presbyterian Church who also worship in our church premises. With decorations in our Narthex and Fellowship Hall, with a potluck luncheon of flavorful dishes inspired by recipes from around the

world, and with hymns and liturgy sung and recited simultaneously in English and Korean, our worship service this Sunday will truly be an international, cross-cultural celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Interestingly, World Communion Sunday began in the Presbyterian Church. It was originally the brainchild of the Rev. Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr, pastor of Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg. The idea occurred to him in 1930 during his tenure as the moderator of the General Assembly of what was then known as the "northern" Presbyterian Church. The idea was formally adopted in 1936 by the Presbyterian Church as a denominational practice. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (the precursor to the National Council of Churches) endorsed the first Sunday in October as World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches of all denominations worldwide.

As the world descended into World War II, the idea of a worldwide celebration among Christians to commemorate Christ's vision of peace and harmony by "remembering him" in common communion gathered traction and continues to this day. As new wars rage in Ukraine, Iran, and elsewhere around the world, let us pray for peace as we await the final peace of Christ's return in victory.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Jim

Note from the Editors:

The next issue will publish October 29th, due to a very busy schedule.

News From Our Service Ministries:

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION [MCE]

Agape Calendar 26-27

Sept. 15	Ellen	1 Corinthians, Chapters 1 & 2 Unity in Christ, Wisdom from God
Sept. 29	Sue	1 Corinthians, Chapters 3 & 4 Connected in Christ
Oct. 13	Gayle & Terrie	1 Corinthians, Chapters 5 & 6 Freedom in Christ
Oct.27	Judi	1 Corinthians, Chapters 7 & 11:1-16 Living Freely and Responsibility to Care
Nov, 3	Ora	1 Corinthians, Chapters 8-10 For the Good of the Community
Nov. 17	Louella	1 Corinthians, Chapters 11:17-34, 12 Now YOU are the Body of Christ
Jan.12	Sue	1 Corinthians, Chapters 13-14 Christian Love
Jan.26	Deanna	1 Corinthians, Chapter 15 Hope in the Resurrection
Feb. 9	Joann	1 Corinthians, Chapter 16 Connected by Christ's Love

MINISTRY OF MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP [MMF]

Sunday, October 4 | 10:30 Am: World Communion & Community Celebration

Worship & luncheon in conjunction with True Light Community Church. For this special combined worship service, worship will commence at 10:30 AM in our sanctuary. Luncheon will immediately follow.

On World Communion Sunday, Christians around the world gather at the Lord's Table, celebrating our unity in Christ across nations, cultures, and traditions. This year, St. Paul Presbyterian Church, alongside True Light Community Church, will celebrate this beautiful connection by decorating our luncheon tables with centerpieces representing countries from around the world. Though we may come from many places and cultures, we are one family in Christ, gathered together at one table.

If you are able to contribute a dish for our potluck luncheon, please label it with its country of origin, your name, and the name of the dish, and include an allergen card. Weather permitting, desserts will be served on our outdoor patio, and cornhole and bubbles will be provided for enjoyment. Please call Sheila Moskowitz for more information. This event is sponsored by the Ministry of Worship and the Ministry of Membership & Fellowship.

Friday, October 9 | 6:00-8:00 PM: Family Fun Game Night

We would like to invite everyone to our upcoming Family Fun Night! This is a great opportunity to get to know each other outside of a formal church setting.

Where: St. Paul Fellowship Hall

Hosts: Christopher Smith & the Matthew Gobla family

Who: Adults and children; friends and family are welcome!

Bring: A snack to share

We will have a variety of card games, from relaxing games like Hearts and Go Fish to "ginormous fun" options like Giant UNO, Giant Spoons, and Giant Yahtzee! We hope to see you there for a fun evening.

Sunday, October 11 | After Worship: Pastor Appreciation Sunday

On Sunday, October 11, we will celebrate Pastor Appreciation Sunday and give thanks to God for Pastor Jim and the many ways he faithfully serves our congregation. Please join us immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall for a special cake reception as we celebrate Pastor Jim and show our appreciation for his leadership, care, and ministry among us. Everyone is invited to participate!

If you would like, please bring a card or note for Pastor Jim sharing a special word of thanks or encouragement. We will collect the cards and present them to him as a gift from his church family.

This Sunday also marks the beginning of our Stewardship Campaign. As we celebrate Pastor Jim and the ministry God has entrusted to us, we are reminded with grateful hearts of the many blessings we share as a church family and of our opportunity to support St. Paul's ministry and mission.

"I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."
— Jeremiah 3:15

Our Ministry of Membership & Fellowship is looking for more members to join our committee. Helping with set-up and clean-up, as you are able, is always appreciated.





St Paul Presbyterian Church Food Pantry (part of MMO)



Tuesday, 9/15: 63 households/213 people
 Tuesday, 9/22: 51 households/188 people
 Pickup Monday, 9/28: 1,700 pounds \$1,458.84
 Our pantry is serving 180 plus people per week.

Thank you for supporting the pantry.

To celebrate Halloween, individually wrapped candy will be added to the boxes Oct 27.

Please donate bags of candy by Sunday, Oct 25, if you want to participate. Our volunteers also bring bags of candy to add to the boxes.

If you wish to share a box with a homeless person, please come to the pantry on Tuesdays from 10-12. You can fill a bag with what will be useful to them. You may need to include a can opener. Your bag will be recorded as an anonymous visit.

Do you want to provide extra items for Thanksgiving? Green beans, mushroom soup, canned cranberries, potatoes, stuffing, oil, flour?

Remember: A lot of mixes require milk and butter—items we don't provide.

Turkeys are extremely expensive. Think about what is in our boxes and what we could add to make it special.

Top requested non-food items: toilet paper, diapers/baby wipes/ shampoo and conditioner, soap and body wash, toothpaste and toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products.

You are welcome to come visit us on Tuesday distribution between 10 and 12!

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for Trish, who has been battling ovarian cancer for four years. A tumor is blocking her stomach, and surgery is hoped to relieve it. Pray for a successful outcome, continued treatment, and strength for her family.
- Please pray for Rob, who is about halfway through 45 radiation treatments for cancer and is very weak.
- Please pray for William, who cannot see in one eye.
- Matt has passed the Colorado Bar Exam!
- Please pray for Jamie's mother, who fell and hit her head and was taken by ambulance, and for the family during this difficult time.
- Please pray for safe travel for the St. Paul women and other attendees returning from the women's retreat.
- Alex is traveling to France to study for a month. Please pray for safe travels and a meaningful experience.

Staying Connected

Streamed & Recorded Services:	https://stppc.org/worship/
Ask for a Prayer Request:	Email prayer-network@stppc.org or office@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/UC8VC2Q0iii62pJyIIntYmOQ>



Offerings and Donations

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

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM [additional as needed]
 Closed on Fridays

Newsletter Submissions

Submission Deadline	Publishes
Tuesday, October 27	Thursday, October 29
Tuesday, November 10	Thursday, November 12
Please send submissions to stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com	

October 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>
Debra Davis	10/02
Gary Childress	10/02
Alice Linsley	10/07
Christopher Ford	10/09
Sophie Crownover	10/10
Sally DeMent	10/15
Luke Hopkins	10/26
Bill Jones	10/27
Liz Ludchak	10/27
Katie Ford	10/29
Scott Carlson	10/29

<u>Happy Anniversary</u>	<u>Marriage Date</u>
D.R. and Katie Palmer	10/25
Cheryl & Doug Wetzel	10/28

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.