October 29, 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, November 1
Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am
Worship: 10:15am

Sunday, November 8
Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am
Worship: 10:15am

Upcoming Events *(see inside for details)*

Sunday November 1:
- All Saints Day

Sunday November 3:
- Agape at 1:00 p.m., with Ora Brown. We will study 1 Corinthians 8–10, exploring "For the Good of the Community

Sunday November 6:
- Lifeline Screening event will take place at St. Paul in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday November 8:
- Consecration Sunday and a light luncheon hosted by the Stewardship Committee.

A Note from Pastor Jim:

CALLING ALL AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS!

Beloved Saints of St Paul Presbyterian Church,

Simply by listening to the lengthy list of announcements that we read every Sunday morning before we call ourselves to worship, we and visitors alike can sense what an active, vital church we are. Take a look again at the accompanying pictures: Bingo Night; World Communion Sunday Worship Service; World Communion Luncheon; and Reformation Sunday.

We are a "happenin' church!," and your Pastor believes we should share the joy, in pictures as well as by word of mouth. Each of the candid pictures above was unobtrusively taken by a member of our congregation with their smart phone. I would like to encourage us to do more of this. Last Sunday, I deputized everybody who has a smart phone (and raise your hand if you don't!) as an "official amateur church photographer." I want to ask everyone in our midst to pause a moment to take a picture of what you are doing in the church. Food bank? Adele Study Group? Adult Sunday School? Children's Sunday School? Special Worship Service? Choir/Handbell Rehearsal, Ministry Meeting (yes, even that!)? Why not take a picture to share with the congregation and our visitors?

All of us know that this can be done without intruding on the activity at hand. Each of the accompanying pictures was taken in an instant without disturbing anyone. When you take a joyful picture of what is happening in our midst, please forward it to office@stppc.org. We will print it and put it on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. We may include it in the next letter. Essentially, we want to publicize among ourselves and the world all the wonderful activities that are going on in our church. We are not bragging; we are just celebrating!

Nehemiah tells us that the joy of the Lord is our strength (8:10), and I believe that each of us finds such joy and such strength in all of the many ways we participate in the activities of this church, not only in our worship services, but equally in our service activities (choir practice, "office angels," food bank, Sunset Elementary School, Hampden Hills Acute Recovery, and so on and so on). Let us, therefore, take a moment to share our joy and strength in pictures.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Jim







Note from the Editors:



Please welcome the newest members of our editorial staff. Sirah and her assistant (pictured to the right) have stepped up to help with the newsletter. We are very excited to have them on the team!

News from Session:

Session accepted into membership Tyler Nevonen, Jamie Sands, Lois Ingram and Seth Meurer.

Session approved the installation of air conditioning in the Sanctuary early next year. After receiving five bids, we accepted a proposal from Hughes Mechanical at an estimated cost of $53,000. St. Paul has applied for a possible grant from Denver Presbytery to help defray the cost of the project. We are also applying to the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program for a loan of up to $60,000 if other funding is not sufficient.

One person has already made a separate donation to help with the purchase of air conditioning. If anyone would like to contribute to this project, please note on your gift that it is designated for Sanctuary air conditioning.

Pastor Jim asked for Session approval to take vacation January 11 through January 31, 2027. Session approved his request and MOW will begin setting up pulpit supply for January 17, 24 and 31. As a result, the January Session meeting will be held on January 7.

Session also agreed to hold the December Congregational meeting to receive the report of the Nominating Committee on Sunday, December 6 following worship. New officers for 2027 will be ordained and installed on January 10.

The congregational meeting to receive 2026 annual reports of ministry units and year-end financials will be set for either February 7 or 14.

The joint Deacon/Session dinner will be held on December 10 in Fellowship Hall, starting at 6:30 p.m. Deacons and Elders may meet in their respective meetings prior to that time.

News From Our Service Ministries:

MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL [MAP]

A Technology Safety Reminder from MAP & St. Paul Technology

Fake CAPTCHA scams can turn a familiar "prove you're human" prompt into a trick that installs harmful software on your computer. MAP and St. Paul Technology encourage everyone to read the accompanying article, "Be Careful with CAPTCHAs on the Internet," to learn the warning signs and what to do if you have followed suspicious instructions.

Thank you to D.R. Palmer for sharing this helpful reminder and helping keep our church family informed.

Be Careful with CAPTCHAs on the Internet



You probably have used CAPTCHAs on a website to prove that you are a human. Does this look familiar?

Did you know there are Fake CAPTCHA pages that try to trick you into installing bad software (malware) on your computer? It's true!

To stay safe, remember that a legitimate website will never ask you to run a command or use a keyboard shortcut to prove if you are human. Here's how to avoid being caught:

- **Close the Tab:** If a site asks you to open a "Run" box or paste code, it's a captcha scam. Close the window immediately.
- **Go Direct:** If you're worried a site is blocked, don't follow the links on the screen. Type the address directly into your browser yourself.

If you followed those keyboard prompts and think your computer might be infected by a captcha scam, don't panic—but act fast:

1. **Disconnect:** Turn off your Wi-Fi or unplug your internet cable. This "cuts the line" so the criminal can't send your data back to their server.
2. **Change Passwords:** Using a different, clean device (like your phone), change the passwords for any account where you used the same or similar password. Also, don't use the same password on more than one account.
3. **Scan for Viruses:** Run a full scan with a trusted antivirus program.
4. **Watch Your Money:** Check your bank statements for any charges you don't recognize.

For more information, see https://www.idtheftcenter.org/post/new-captcha-scam/

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION [MCE]

Agape Calendar 26-27

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 FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP [MOFS]

2027 Stewardship Campaign

We are halfway through the 2027 Stewardship Campaign. Each year, we take this time to highlight the importance of God's blessings on our church. We come into this place to hear God's words taught and preached, enjoy beautiful music, and fellowship with our friends in Christ. These are blessings that we want to hold on to.

We reflect on what we have done as Christ's community and consider carefully what we want to do in the future and how we will bring that about.

Our theme this year is "GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH." We have an ambitious budget for next year that reflects dreams for the future, and we will need your help to make those dreams a reality. We ask each giving unit to prayerfully consider increasing their pledge by at least 8%. For a pledge of $100 per month, that would be an increase of $8 per month.

As we receive pledges, we will add "flowers" made by our young Sunday School children to our "garden" flowerpots in the narthex. We hope the flowerpots will be full!

Pledge cards have been mailed, and extras are available at church. Completed cards may be returned to the office or placed in the box in the narthex. All pledges are CONFIDENTIAL; only the treasurer will see what is pledged.

Consecration Sunday will be November 8, and we will celebrate with an after-worship meal provided by the Ministry of Finance & Stewardship (MOFS).

Thank you for reflecting, praying, and committing.

"THEN THE PEOPLE REJOICE BECAUSE THESE HAD GIVEN WILLINGLY, FOR WITH SINGLE MIND THEY HAD OFFERED FREELY TO THE LORD; KING DAVID ALSO REJOICED GREATLY." - 1 CHRONICLES 29:9

MINISTRY OF MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP [MMF]

Sunday, November 8 | 11:30 AM: Consecration Sunday Luncheon

Please join us in Fellowship Hall immediately following our 10:15 AM worship service for a special luncheon hosted by the Ministry of Finance & Stewardship (MOFS). As we conclude our Annual Stewardship Campaign, we will gather in fellowship and celebrate our shared commitment to our church family.

Our pledge cards represent our renewed dedication of time, talents, and financial gifts in support of our church's mission. Together, we give thanks for the many blessings we share and the opportunity to support the ministry and mission of St. Paul.

Lunch will be provided, and everyone is welcome!

Wednesday, November 25 | 6:30 PM: Thanksgiving Eve Pie & Chili Social

Celebrate Thanksgiving with your church family! Please join us in Fellowship Hall immediately following our 6:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Vespers worship service for an evening of delicious food, friendship, and gratitude.

If you would like to bring a pie, please cut it into small slices ahead of time so everyone can enjoy a variety of flavors. Have a favorite chili recipe? We would love for you to share it! Please let Sheila or Gayle know if you can bring a pot of chili.

Invite your friends and family to join us for this special Thanksgiving tradition. Everyone is welcome!

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, these are our only two scheduled fellowship events for November.

Friends & Family Photo Board

Help us celebrate the faces of our church family! We are refreshing the Friends & Family Photo Board in Fellowship Hall and would love to include you.

If your photo is missing or outdated, please email a current photo to office@stppc.org, and we will be happy to print and display it. You may also bring a printed photo to church. Please include the names of everyone pictured.

Photos from recent church events, gatherings, and activities are also welcome. Send your favorites to the church office so we can celebrate the wonderful moments we share as a congregation.

A Friendly Name Tag Reminder

Please remember to wear your name tag during worship and fellowship activities. Name tags help us welcome visitors, learn one another's names, and strengthen our connections as a church family.

If you need a new name tag, simply leave a note on our office administrator Sirah's desk.

Thank you for helping make St. Paul a warm, welcoming, and connected church family!

With gratitude,
Ministry of Membership & Fellowship (MMF)

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP [MOW]

With Halloween arriving this weekend it is quite obviously time to start thinking about Christmas, right? That is certainly the message that all the retailers will be pushing.

As you make plans for Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays please don't forget the four week season of Advent when we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. And please mark your calendars to come assist with **Hanging of the Greens** on **FRIDAY November 27, at 9:00 a.m.** We will put up the Chrismon tree, hang wreaths and garland, set up the Advent wreath, Christmas candelabras, as well as all the other decorations in the narthex and fellowship hall. All are welcome, there are tasks both for folks who can lift heavy things and those who cannot. Children are also most welcome -- in fact, by tradition the last ornament on the Chrismon tree is to be placed by the youngest person helping. Many hands make for light work, so please come if you are able. Also mark **Saturday January 9, 2027 at 9:00 a.m.** to assist with taking it all down and packing it away.

If you have questions please contact Cleve Dixon, or any member of the Ministry of Worship.

Thanks!

Cleve

MINISTRY OF MISSION AND OUTREACH [MMO]

Thank you to all who have contributed to coats for the kids at Sunrise elementary. I will be delivering those collected so far this week. If any more are brought in on Sunday November 1 I will make a second delivery next week.

Cleve Dixon for MMO

St Paul Presbyterian Church Food Pantry (part of MMO)

Attendance:
Oct 13: 54 households 178 people
Oct 6: 63 households 236 people
Sept 29: 60 households 199 people

September balance $12,123.83
Oct 26 FBR invoice: $1,629.83
Oct 12 FBR Invoice: $1,974.65

Goal: to provide additional items for our food pantry clients

Date Due: Sunday, November 22, 2026

Items needed: (no glass) mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, cranberries, pumpkin, black olives, cream of mushroom soup, french fried onions.









Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for William his right eye hurts and he cannot see out of it.
- Steve and Lisa Morin share the joy of David Ricketts's 93rd birthday on October 11, with family gathering to celebrate.
- Please pray for Vince Reh, Don's brother, who was hospitalized last week, needed his heart shocked to restart, and hopes to begin rehabilitation Monday.
- Please pray for relief from Ruby's pain and guidance for the doctors caring for her.
- Please pray for Constance Singer, a neighbor served by our food pantry, as she regains strength following brain tumor treatments, grieves the loss of her son, and needs to find a new place to live.

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/UC8VC2Q0iii62pJyIlntYmOQ

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, November 10	Thursday, November 12
Monday, November 23	Wednesday, November 25

Please send submissions to stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com

November Celebrations

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

Happy Birthday	Birth Date
Greg Hopkins	11/01
Jennifer Gaudreau	11/02
Ayla Ludington	11/04
Gayle Fidler	11/04
Jett Capobianco	11/06
Louella Grgic	11/07
Jason Rurup	11/10
Jeanne Sheridan	11/15
Joelle Brouner	11/20
Desmond Ludington	11/21
Lanette Moe	11/21
Gayle Downen	11/23
Katie Palmer	11/27
Rose Ludchak	11/29
Conrad Parra	11/30
Theodore Klaus	11/30

Happy Anniversary	Marriage Date
Ginger Norman & Michael Gobla	11/20

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.