







Thank you for being with us today in worship. This season known as "Lent" is when we all take the time to step aside from life's busy daily rhythm and hit the pause button to reflect on what is really important. The next several weeks we find ourselves on a journey together where our goal is to come into the presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ. One of the values I love most about our church is that we extend open arms to everyone with the hope that together, we can become stronger and live more authentically. It's summed up in three words: "You Belong Here!"

Our Lent series "Encounter" will give us the opportunity to walk with Jesus, learn his values, and to understand the depth of a love that drove him to willingly die on a cross for us all. You can see more about Lent and our Holy Week services on page 5. It's going to be a great season!

You can find more information about all our upcoming events in this bulletin, on our website - stpaulumc.org, on Facebook or download our free app. I'm so glad you're part of St. Paul and the work we're doing for the Lord!

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WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude Introit	Blessed Assurance Kathy Tuminello, Accompanist For the Bread Which You Have Broken		
Welcome	Pastor Pam Dubov Oh How He Loves You and Me		
*Greet			
	Dr. Robert \	Nilliams, Worship Leader	
*Hymns	Be Present at Our Table, Lord No.		
•	Here, O My Lord	No. 623	
*Apostles' Creed		No. 881	
Prayer with L	ord's Prayer	No. 895	
Offertory	Agnes Ďei	Sanctuary Choir	
*Doxology	Praise God From Whom	No. 94	
Prayer of Thanksgiving			
Hymn	Bread of the World, In Mercy	Broken No. 624	
Message	"The Cost to Follow Je	sus"	
	Pastor Bob Martin		
	Matthew 8:18-22		
Directed Prayer			
Holy Commu	nion		
5	Go Forth for God	No. 670	
*Benediction			
*Postlude	Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty		
	*Please stand, if you are	e able.	

If you need assistance, let an usher know. Baby changing tables are located in both men and women's restrooms.

> 9 AM Greeters: Kay McAndrew and Melissa Hauck-Baker 10:30 AM Greeters: Dawn Green, Kathy Seitz, Rita Fowler

VISITING US TODAY?

If you're visiting us today, welcome! We hope you find St. Paul a comfortable place to worship and that you feel God's love. To find out more about us we invite you to:



VISIT OUR CONNECTION CENTER

If you have questions or would like to talk to someone about St. Paul and what we offer, visit the Connection Center to the side of the lobby. One of our pastors will be there after each service and would be happy to speak with you!



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.stpaulumc.org

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST SIGN UP ON THE CONNECT CARD

FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK StPaulUMCLargo OR INSTAGRAM StPaulUMCLargoFL

10:30 Worship Snapshot

A typical contemporary worship at St. Paul lasts about an hour. Our worship is filled with current Christian music from our praise band. You are invited to sing along with the words on the screens, or simply enjoy the music. Our scripture and message are the same theme as the 9 a.m. worship. You'll notice every week there's time in our service to give financially. While this is something we're called to do in scripture, it's also just our way of saying, "We love and support our church!"



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PASSIONATE MUSIC NO PRESSURE

Know someone who would like to worship with us, but is unable to join us in the sanctuary? Invite them to worship with us live online every Sunday at 9 or 10:30 a.m. Just visit stpaulumc.org and click "Watch."

DOWNLOAD THE APP

St. Paul has its own app available for free on both Android and Apple platforms. Just search St. Paul UMC Largo in your preferred app store and download it to your phone or tablet! Online Giving

It's easy to give online, make payments or set up one time or recurring contributions. Visit stpaulumc.org and click the Give link at the top of the page, download our



free St. Paul app for your phone or tablet or use this QR code.

Flowers

This week's flowers are:

 In honor of Joann Koth's 86th Birthday, with love from her family.

Happy Birthday!

If you would like to honor an event or a special person with flowers, you can give a flower bouquet to the Glory of God. Call the church office at 584-8165 or e-mail us at church@stpaulumc.org to make an order and share your inscription. Flowers can be picked up after 9 a.m. worship or donated to those who are in the hospital. Bouquets are \$40.

Stay and Pray

Our hearts are filled with chaos, fear and anxiety. We desperately need God's strength and peace. Let's remember to ask our Lord to send His Holy Spirit to lift us up and bring us the hope and joy that only God can provide. Let's remember to talk to Him about our circumstances. If you would like to have someone to pray with or for you, please come to Stay and Pray in chapel immediately following either service today. Our prayer partners will be there to pray with you.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Hudson Hart was baptized last Sunday during 10:30 worship. Congratulations to his parents Kelly and Trevor, grandparents Deb and Garrett Digman, and the rest of the family!

SERMON NOTES

Grow in Faith

Adult Studies

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

Adults of any age are invited to join one of our Sunday school classes:

9:15 a.m. Sunday school class Homeward Bound - Room 106 - CLEC

10:15 a.m. Sunday school classes

Inspirations - Purple Door Classroom (101) in Bldg C Bereans - Conference Room 2 in Bldg B

10:30 a.m. Sunday school classes Friendship-Room 201 (Community Room) - CLEC



TNT (Twenties 'N' Thirties) Adults in their twenties and thirties are invited to join TNT tonight at 7 p.m. in

room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center for study. We're starting a new study on Reasons for Faith from the C.S Lewis Institute. Over the next few weeks we'll ask questions like "Who is the Real Jesus?" and "Can We Prove Jesus Was Raised From the Dead?" This week we're asking whether the cosmos provides evidence that God exists. This is a great time for new people to join us! Follow the TNT Facebook for updates about upcoming studies and events:

StPaulTNT



Light Seeke

Tuesdays | 10:30 a.m. | LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall Light Seekers is a gathering of those who seek to know Christ in a personal way. They begin a Lenten study, "Walk as Jesus Walked," this Tuesday, March 3. Bring a lunch for fellowship time after the lesson.

Stephen Ministry Guest Speaker

March 17 | 6:30 PM | Room 201

Hear Yvette Carter, Director of Open Arms Ministry, speak at Stephen Ministry. Everyone is invited to hear Yvette share her inspirational story, as recorded in her book, "From Homeless and Hungry to Wholeness and Helping." Books will be available for purchase for \$10.



Weekly Griefshare Support Group Thursdays | 1 p.m. | Room 202 (CLEC)

Griefshare is a weekly grief support group that meets on Thursdays at 1 p.m. This thirteen week group is open to anyone over the age of 18 who has suffered the loss of a loved one and offers an opportunity to share the journey through grief with others who understand what you're going through. Weekly meetings include informational videos, group discussion and support, and a workbook with personal study exercises to help you work through the grieving process. You do not have to attend every week. If you plan to attend email stephenministry@stpaulumc.org. Workbook costs \$18. If you need childcare, let us know.

small**gr::ups** Small Groups

Small groups meet regularly to support each other in their faith journey and "do life together."

- **Grow** in personal relationship with God.
- Connect with other believers through worship, study, prayer, praise and service.
- Support each person in their faith walk.
- Serve within their group, church and community.
- Enjoy fun and fellowship together. •

If you would like to join a Small Group and bond with other believers contact Senior Director of Ministry Bobby Van Duyne at bobby.v@stpaulumcg.org or 727-584-8165 x233.

Lost and Found

If you lose something on Sunday, check the church office lost and found during the week. Give us a call at 727-584-8165 and we'll let you know if your item has been turned in. We only keep lost items for 90 days so don't wait too long.



LENT AT ST. PAUL

Lent is the period of 40 days leading up to Easter (note: Sundays don't count). It is a time of preparation and focus, reminiscent of Jesus' time in the wilderness before he started his public ministry. We believe that Jesus went to the wilderness to set aside the distractions of normal, "worldly" life and focus on God and God's will for him. So we attempt to do something similar during Lent. Here are four ways you can "enter the wilderness" this Lenten season and find some focus, too.

GIVE IT UP

Consider giving up something that distracts from your important relationships with your friends, family, and God. A few suggestions include:

- Cut out screen usage for several hours a day
- Take a day of true rest, 24 hours without work.

PLUG IN

Consider adding in something that helps you connect to God. Maybe that means:

- Read a book of the Bible or a devotional once a day
- Add specific prayer times to your routine

SERVE

Start a new routine of service or serve in ways you haven't before.

- Why not help us pack 25,000 meals for our community next Sunday?
- If you want to start a new routine, join one of our ministries like Jumpstart, Prayer Shawl,
 Dorcas Sewing Circle, the Carpenter's Shop, our homeless meal ministry and more. Visit pages 7 and 8 of the bulletin or the serve section of stpaulumc.org to find a place to serve.

SHARE IT

Make it a communal event. Share your Lent practice with your small group, study or friends group and/or attend worship.

LENTEN WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY: APRIL 5 Celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem at both worship times.

CANTATA

April 5 | 9 a.m. in the sanctuary. Join us on Palm Sunday for this Lenten concert presented by our sanctuary choir. **"Calvary's Love" is an** inspiring reminder of the gifts of love and life that are ours because of the price Jesus paid at Calvary. Be encouraged by this musical telling of the timeless message of God's sacrifice and love through Jesus.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 9 | 7 p.m. in the CLEC Join us in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall for worship including communion and foot washing.



GOOD FRIDAY

April 10 | 7 p.m. in the CLEC Join us at the cross as we remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 12

9 and 10:30 AM in the sanctuary Celebrate the Risen King with our choir at 9 a.m. and our praise team at 10:30 a.m.

Lenten Prayer Meeting

Each Tuesday during Lent the Prayer Room (Room 210) in the Christian Life Enrichment Center will be open from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and we invite you to come and meet in this room to pray.

If you aren't able to make it to the CLEC, you can still take a few moments out of your busy day during this time to pray and connect with God.



Children Infant– 5th Grade, Kaitie Zimmerman, Director of Children's Ministry, Kaitie.j@stpaulumc.org

Sunday Morning: Lil' Kidz Care

Lil' Kidz Nursery Care is available today for Infants to 4-year-olds, at 8:45 a.m. in the nursery building (Bldg B) next to the sanctuary. Sign in and you will be given a card that you will need to pick-up your child.

Sunday Morning: Preschool & K-5

Preschool and K-5 kds are invited to attend their own worship and lessons in the Children's Ministry Center in **Bldg C** at both 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Worship Arts

Kids ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in room 106 of the CLEC for our free Worship Arts Class. Each week kids learn to worship in creative ways and have fun with activities, games, and music. Pick-up is at 7:30 p.m. in the gym.



Summer Camp Registration is Open

The purpose of CampXP is for kids to explore and experience faith, friends and fun all summer. This summer we will explore message of faith and enjoy fun activities, field trips, and more. This year's theme is Refuel, where kids discover how to race toward God. Camp runs from June 1– August 7 and there will be a one week basketball camp available again this year. Summer Camp registration is now open! Visit our website stpaulumc.org to see more **information about this year's camp and register your** K-5 child to join us.



Student Ministry

6th-12th Grade Alison Van Duyne, Student Ministry Director, alison v@stpaulumc.org

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We're all making decisions now that can affect our laters—our futures—whether we like it or not and whether we realize it or not. In this series, students will use Proverbs to learn what it looks like to apply wisdom to their everyday decisions NOW, which can lead them to a better life and a better future LATER.



TONIGHT: Patient people know **there's** more to the story.

Middle and high schoolers are invited to join us for dinner in the Mariposa Café (CLEC) at 5:30 p.m. followed by group games, exciting crowd breakers, passionate worship, biblical teaching, and a chance to connect with others through Small Groups. Dinner is \$3 and you can sign up online. Time together ends at 8 p.m.

Teen Valley Ranch

Our annual summer retreat to Teen Valley Ranch is June 7-13. This week away at camp is filled with all kinds of fun activities and time with the Lord through devotions and worship. Our students look forward to this trip all year. The cost for the trip is \$425. The first \$150 was due Feb. 2. The second \$150 is due today and the remaining \$125 on April 5. Payments can be made by cash or check, or online. Visit the Student section of our website www.stpaulumc.org or app to make a payment. Forms and more information are also available on the website.

Give in Love



Serve Pinellas: NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday March 8, four of our local United Methodist Churches are coming together to Serve Pinellas. Each church will work to pack 25,000 meals! With all four churches, that will be 100,000 meals for the hungry in our community!

HOW DOES THE FOOD PACKING WORK?

SET-UP ON SATURDAY: We will set up tables and materials in the gym on Saturday, March 7 at 10 a.m. We will need some strong volunteers, as well as our table leaders to help with set-up. Table leaders will receive training so they can help instruct volunteers and make sure packing goes smoothly at their tables on Sunday.

PACKING ON SUNDAY: On Sunday, March 8 we will pack meals starting at 10 a.m. We invite everyone to come to the gym after you worship to help us pack the ingredients into bags. Each bag we pack provides at least 6 meals! Volunteers do not have to stay the entire time. We will rotate people in and out of the assembly lines as they are able to help, so **come serve for as long as you're able.**

WHO CAN HELP PACK MEALS?

Anyone! There are jobs for people of all ages and abilities. We do need a few strong people who can move bags and carry heavy things to help with set-up on Saturday and during the packing on Sunday. But there are many jobs that can also be done by kids and by those with limited mobility or those who need to be seated.

WHERE WILL THE FOOD GO?

Most of the food we pack will go to Open Arms to feed the families we serve there. Some food may also go to other food banks in the community so we can reach even more hungry people.

SIGN UP TO HELP

Fill out an online form on our website or app, or send an email church@stpaulumc.org. You can also write a note on the Connect Card or visit the Connection Center to fill out the sign up form there. Be sure to let us know whether you can help with Set-Up on Saturday or Packing on Sunday or both. Please note if you would like to be a table leader or if you are able to do some heavy lifting.

This is a great way for us to serve and have an impact FOR **Pinellas along with other churches so let's all get involved!**







Wonder Walk 2020

The United Methodist Women invite everyone to join us Saturday, March 28 at 9 a.m. at Redington Shores for this wonderful event for the whole family. It is only a 2 mile walk and raises money for Cornerstone Family Ministries, a UMW national mission which is here in our Gulf Central District.

Why donate or walk?

- Cornerstone Family Ministries has helped families in the area for over 120 years. They currently provide free services to nearly 80,000 children, including children at our Son Kissed Preschool.
- Help raise money for scholarship funds for children living below the poverty level which makes it possible for a child to receive a full-time (5 days a week) quality early childhood education and 3 nutritious meals a day so parents can work.

How You Can Help:

- Walk yourself. Get pledges from family and friends
- Support a walker with a donation
- Host your own "Virtual Walk" (you pick the location)
- Become a volunteer
- Help make care packages for kids

Contact: Lyn Sears at 727-480-7961 or Rita Fowler at 727-510-9977 to join our team. UMW ladies will be outside the sanctuary if you would like to make a donation or get more information about the walk.

Volunteer to Help Largo Police

The Largo Police Department is looking for volunteers. **Volunteers "patrol" the city as an extra set of eyes.** Included is: parking enforcement, documenting found property, traffic control, and helping with community events, such as parades, etc. Inside volunteers help with filing and other duties. If interested please contact Jerry Jiovani at 727-224-0282 or email jjiovan1@tampabay.rr.com. Jerry will be in the Connection Center after the 10:30 service to answer questions.

Flower Ministry

Our Flowers Ministry needs your help! Members of the Flower Ministry serve one Sunday a month by preparing flowers after the 9 a.m. worship so they can be picked up by the person who ordered them, or they can be delivered to hospitals. They also deliver flowers to members who are in the hospital and bring them a bit of joy from their St. Paul family. If **you aren't able to do both parts of the job, we can** still use your help to either prepare flowers on Sunday or deliver them. Fill out the Connect Card or email karen.n@stpaulumc.org and let us know if you can help prepare flowers, deliver them or both.

Order Easter Flowers

On Easter Sunday, we fill the sanctuary with colorful hydrangeas in celebration of our Risen Lord. If you want to dedicate an Easter flower to a loved one or to the Glory of God, flowers are \$10 each and can be picked up after the 10:30 a.m. worship on Easter, April 12. Call the office at 727-584-8165, fill out the form online, or email karen.n@stpaulumc.org to make an order. Don't forget to include your inscription! The deadline to be included in the flowers bulletin is March 10, but we have a limited number of flowers ordered, and they are first come, first served so we may sell out before then.



Carpenter's Shop Parking Lot Sale

The Carpenter's Shop is holding a parking lot sale Saturday, March 7 at our Druid Campus (2039 Druid Rd). The sale will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Items include hand and power tools no longer needed by the shop, a large collection of woodworking magazines and books, and many Intarsia (wood inlay) pieces. All proceeds of the sale will go to toy making.

Jumpstart Ministry

Jumpstart is our middle school mentoring ministry. We have grown this year, and we are still in need of Adult Supervisors to oversee student tutoring and games in the gym, help serve dinner and help clean up. If you are interested in serving at Jumpstart in any of these ways contact Alison Van Duyne at alison.v@stpaulumc.org or 727-584-8165 x234.

Coming this Week

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Sunday, March Courtyard Coffee Lil' Kidz Nursery Worship Children's Worship Homeward Bound Stay and Pray Bereans Inspirations Friendship Worship Children's Worship Stay and Pray Homeless Meal Student Ministry	8:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:00 AM 10:15 AM 10:15 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM 3:30 PM 5:30 PM	
TNT	7:00 PM	
Monday. Marc Toy Making–Druid		
Tuesday, Marc Sonrise Men's Study Toy Making—Druid Light Seekers Lent Prayer Meeting Jumpstart Stephen Ministry	<u>h 3</u> 7:00 AM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM	
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<u>Thursday, Marc</u> Toy Making—Druid Griefshare Prayer Shawl Ministry Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal	<u>ch 5</u> 8:00 AM 1:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:45 PM 7:00 PM	
Friday, March 6 Church Office Closed		
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All groups need to submit a facilities request form for ALL events, including meetings, one time and recurring events. Contact us at 584-8165 or karen.h@stpaulumc.org

Making a Prayer Request

Write your prayer request on the Connect Card and drop it in in the offering plate or make a prayer request on our app. You can also call our prayer line at any time: 559-PRAY (7729).

Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for these people with immediate prayer needs:

A Ann Amy Johnson Anne Davis Audrey Bittle Barbara Cruz Barbara D. Barbara Murray family Barbara Steele Bill & Marilyn Neville Bob & Sherry Hartel **Bonnie Spencer** Brad Jones Bruce Madden Bruce Robinson Caitlynn Timberlake Cancer Cure Carl J., Evelyn B., John B., Amber B., Cindy S. Carmen & Russ Munyan Carol Quinton Naja Caroline Fields Carolyn Goodwin Carolyn Purrington Children, Women, Youth Chris Mitchell Cliff Armbruster and family Curtis Dan Darlene Mitchell Dave & Do, Barb & Bob, Sharon & Fred, Jen & John, Judy & Bill, Gary & Barb, Pam & Jerry, Susan & Robert, Sue & Ed, Herb & Dee David Malone David Seitz Debbie Dubov Del Robinson Derek Joseph Don Naja Dorian Dryden, Sam & Priscilla Eileen Corsini Elsie, Barb, Jodi & Tony, Cathy, Del & Amy, Chris, Christy, Judy, Faye, Carol, Alyssa, Jamie, Bobbie Marriages In our Church Faith, Kyle, Michael Faye Suarez

Fred, Sharon, Peggy, Karen, Lainy, Gary Gabriel Manco Gail Gail Packard Gavin & Logan Grayson Greg, Tony, David Health Herbert Jacobs Holborrk family Ingrid Jan Joyce Jan Snow Jane Huter Janet Jones Javme Jeff Keyes Jerry Stewart Jim & Jennifer Joan & Skip Buchwald Joan @ Macy's John C. Joni Allen Joseph Evanson Josh DeLoach Judy Seitz June Davis Kat F. Kathy Herrell Hannas Kathy Seitz Kecia Richardson Kenneth Packard Kim Sudano Kristina Whited Kylea Johns Laura Morris & family Libby Burke LillyAnn Linda Evans Linda Grasso Linda, Michelle, Jackson Lisa Cunningham Lois Thomson Lynn Timberlake Lynn, Jim, Nate Lynn Jennings' friend Marie Emmerich Mary Matt Smith Meghann Timberlake

Mike & family, Tom & family, Greg & family, Leslee & family, Patty & Dave & family, Nancy & Chuck Bietz family Nancy Benson Ostomy Fair & group Our Church Our Country Pat Jones Penny Penny Upp Peter H. Rev. Hays McKay Rev. Jeanette Burton Ron & Judy Getz Ron Barker Ruth Aaron Samantha Saylor Family Seitz family Shannon Baad Shirley Shirley Register Stefanie, Brett, Mark, Chris & Cassidy Stephen Brower Susan Pelyak Tammy Barker Tammy Mullins Teresa Wunderlin Thankful Tim Seitz Tina, Sherry, Sandy G. Tonya Travel mercies Vicky Walker -Huff family Welch family Yvette Gonzalez Carter

Good news

Welcome New Members! Last Sunday we were excited to welcome new members at both worship times. Be sure to introduce yourself and say hello when you see them!





From left to right: Allen and Lois Finney, James and Shawn Killebrew. Bottom row: Clara Wallace and Mark Wallace, Kathy and Joe Tuminello. Buddy Lepley and Callee Suvak also joined.





Thank you to all the couples who attended our Thrive marriage conference to strengthen their relationships! We had a great group, learned a lot and ended with a vow renewal as we recommitted to each other.







– Dennis Willis, Dr. Bill Fritz and Prayer Shawl members

Record Attendance at Handi Wednesday Wednesday, Feb. 19, Handicapable had a recordbreaking crowd of 263 at its weekly worship service. Amazing! The wonderful work that is being done in our community and beyond was also highlighted by some special guests. Robin Lally, founder and owner of HUG (Help Us Gather), and her HUG team promoted the 2nd

Annual HUG Orange Party, held in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall. Many Handi members are HUG Ambassadors and Handicapable partners with HUG to serve the Special Needs community.



Dr. Bill Fritz, founder of the Handicapable Ministry in October 1997 and creator of the word "Handicapable", was present for his annual visit from Uxbridge Ontario, Canada. Bill shared how his church's Friends Ministry (a ministry like Handicapable's), has improved their worship experience because of the gifts of new audio/visual equipment that they received from Handicapable.

Patsy Schutzendorf and members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry also visited to share what their ministry does and give out over 200 handmade items that had been prayed over to our Handi members. Thank you to Prayer Shawl Ministry for these gifts! It was truly a time of great rejoicing and excitement for all!

The Reverend Bob Martin, Lead Pastor The Reverend Pam Dubov, Executive Pastor



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