





Welcome from Pastor Bob

Whether you're a first time visitor or a long time part of our St. Paul family, I'm glad you've joined us today on the first Sunday of Advent. Our Advent series this year uses "The Songs of Christmas" to explore God's answered promises and renew our hope and joy in the miracle of Jesus.

This year we're providing a daily devotional during Advent based on the songs of the season. If you haven't already signed up, mark the Connect Card on page 4 and you'll receive a daily email with a song, a scripture and thought to help you Grow in Faith during this season of miracles. You can also access the devotional each day on our free St. Paul app. We will provide a paper copy on Sundays for those who don't have email or access to the app or our website.

Plan to join us next Sunday at 9 a.m. Our choir's cantata is one of my favorite parts of the Christmas season each year and I know hearing their beautiful music will fill you with the spirit.

You can find more information about all our upcoming events in this bulletin, on our website - stpaulumc.org, on our 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!





WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude Kathy Tuminello, Accompanist

Lighting the Advent Candle: Hope

Welcome Don Morgan

*Greet Oh How He Loves You and Me

Dr. Robert Williams, Worship Leader

*Hymns Come Thou Long Expected Jesus No. 196
Hail to the Lord's Anointed No. 203

*Apostles' Creed No. 203
No. 203

Prayer with Lord's Prayer No. 895 Offertory Niño Preciouso Aysmara Miller

*Doxology Praise God From Whom... No. 94

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates No. 213

Message "O Holy Night"

Pastor Bob Martin Luke 1:28-33

Holy Communion

*Hymn Savior of the Nations, Come No. 214

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand, if you are able.

If you need assistance, let an usher know.

Baby changing tables are located in both men and women's restrooms.

9 AM Greeters: Joan Herman and Luis Lorenzo 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



DOWNLOAD OUR St. PAUL APP It's free for apple or android



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST SIGN UP ON THE CONNECT CARD



FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK StPaulUMCLargo

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SERMON NOTES		

10:30 AM WORSHIP

A typical 10:30 a.m. worship at St. Paul lasts about an hour. Worship is filled with current Christian music from our praise band. You are invited to sing along with the words on the screens or worship as the spirit leads you. You'll notice there is a time in our worship to give financially. This is how we support the ministries and missions of our church. If you're visiting us today there is no pressure for you to contribute. We hope you experience the love of God here today!







ABOUT 60 MIN.

PASSIONATE MUSIC

NO PRESSURE

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

Today's flowers were given by:

Dave Bossard. Happy Birthday! Loving blessings to my beautiful wife, Marilyn!

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. Bouquets are \$40.

Flowers Change

Starting at the beginning of the year, if you order flowers you will be able to pick them up after the first worship instead of waiting until after the second worship. Flower Ministry volunteers will also be able to prepare the flowers to take home or to the hospital after the first service. If you would like to serve with the Flower Ministry and deliver flowers to people who are in the hospital, rehab, or home bound, mark the Connect Card to let us know.

St. Paul United Methodist Church CONNECT CARD

Use this card to record your attendance and share your prayer requests, needs and interests. Tear off and return it in the offering plate, the basket in the lobby, or the Connection Center. You do not need to fill out the entire card, only the parts that apply to you!

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How can we pray for you?				
For Military Prayer List				
Do NOT publish in bulletin.				
Do NOT include on prayer chain.				
I would like to connect with a Stephen Minister.				
I would like to help with:				
☐ Livestream ☐ 9 AM ☐ 10:30 AM				
☐ Usher ☐ 9 AM ☐ 10:30 AM				
☐ Jumpstart ☐ Supervisor ☐ Tutor I can serve ☐ Every Tuesday ☐ Bimonthly ☐ Once a Month ☐ Other				
☐ Communion Preparation				
☐ I'm interested in being a Stephen Minister				
☐ Flower Ministry				
☐ Christmas FOR Pinellas—Dec. 20				
Christmas Eve Worship Usher □ 4 PM □ 6 PM Greeter □ 4 PM □ 6 PM □ Parking Attendant				

Remember to fill out the other side with your name and contact info!

Don't forget to fill out the other side!



WHAT IS "FOR PINELLAS"?

Too many times people only know what churches are against. We want the conversation to be about what St. Paul is FOR. We are FOR our neighbors, our community, families, elders, first responders, local businesses, those in need... We are FOR kindness, generosity, and positive change. We are FOR sharing God's love with our community. We are FOR Pinellas.

Being FOR Pinellas means reaching out to our community and showing them what God's love is all about. It also means lifting up the people in our community who are making Pinellas a great place to be!

#FORPINELLAS

If you have a social media account, share the positive things you see in our community, or positive things you're doing, with the hashtag #FORpinellas.

TAKE PART IN ST. PAUL MINISTRIES THAT IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY

Take part in our Jumpstart tutoring program, Packa-Sack, Handicapable, Open Arms, our FOR Our Neighbors project or one of the many other ways that St. Paul reaches out to the community.

WEAR THE SHIRT

Wear your FOR Pinellas shirt in the community and if anyone asks you what it means, tell them that St. Paul is FOR our community, and FOR them! If you don't have your FOR Pinellas shirt yet, you can get one for \$5 in the Connection Center today.

FOR PINELLAS CARDS

Carry FOR Pinellas cards with you and share them with people in the community who are doing something great or with people with whom you are sharing a random act of kindness.

ROW IN PAITS

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 207 - 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, thirties, and high school grads, are invited to join TNT tonight at 7 p.m. in room 202 of the CLEC for a standalone study. Next Sunday, Dec. 8 we'll be going off campus for some fun. We'll meet at Abe's (1250 S Missouri Ave) at 7 p.m. and then go to the Shockey's house afterward for a bonfire, desserts, and games. New people welcome! RSVP to Rachel Shockey at 614-596-4581 by Dec. 6 so we can include you in the reservation. Follow the TNT Facebook for updates about upcoming studies and events: **StPaulTNT**



Light Seekers

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. Join us this Tuesday, Dec. 3 as we begin a

new Advent series, "A Different Kind of Christmas" by Mike Slaughter. We will sing, praise God and enjoy a pot luck meal together. Bring a dish to share and join us for this Advent study to help us remember what this season is all about.



ADVENT: A SEASON OF PREPARATION

During each Sunday of the Advent season, we focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us as we light the four candles of Advent. At St. Paul we use three blue candles, and one pink candle to represent joy, along with one white candle as the Christ candle. The lighting of the first candle symbolizes hope and expectation, while the second symbolizes peace, the third joy and the fourth love. The white Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve reminding Christians that Jesus is the light of the world.

This week we focus on **HOPE**. WE CAN HAVE HOPE BECAUSE GOD IS FAITHFUL AND WILL KEEP THE PROMISES MADE TO US, OUR HOPE COMES FROM GOD.



Churchwide Christmas Devotional

During the season of Advent we're providing a daily email devotional based around the hymns and songs of the Christmas season. Each day's devotion includes a song, a scripture, and a thought to help us keep our focus on God and the miracle of Jesus during this busy time of year. Sign up to receive the email on the Connect Card or use the link on our website. The devotional will also be available each day on our St. Paul app. If you don't have access to email, we will provide a weekly version of the devotional on our website and a paper copy in the Con-5 nection Center each Sunday.



Be sure to stop by the Candlelight table outside the sanctuary to get your tickets after worship today. This is the LAST DAY to get tickets for the event this Friday!



Christmas Eve

Join us on Tuesday, December 24 for either of our candlelight Christmas Eve services. At 4 p.m. our worship will be led by our Praise Band, and at 6 p.m. our worship will be led by our choir. Come and celebrate the birth of our Lord with Christmas music, an uplifting message, and candlelighting at both worship times.



Christmas Cantata

Sunday, Dec. 8 | 9 AM | Sanctuary

On Sunday, Dec. 8 at our 9 AM worship, our sanctuary choir will present a beautiful cantata, "Have You Heard?" The cantata uses Celtic musical traditions and instrumentation. Familiar carols and beloved Irish and Welsh folk songs combine to present the Christmas story in a uniquely captivating way!



Preschool Christmas Program Friday, Dec. 13 | 6:30 PM | Sanctuary

Our preschool kids will present a Christmas program filled with music and dance on Dec. 13. This cute program is a perfect break from the busyness of the season! Join us in the courtyard after the program for cookies, cocoa and cider.



Stay and Pray Today

If you have anything weighing on your heart, any burdens, worries or pain you would like to give to God, we invite you to Stay and Pray in the chapel after either worship today. A member of our Prayer Team will pray with you, or you are welcome to spend some quiet



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.

Our Current Study: Unboxed

This month we're learning about JOY, finding a way to be happy even when things don't go your way. "Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!" - Philippians 4:4, NIrV



Parents Night Out: Dec. 6 5-9 PM | Children's Ministry Center Infants through 5th graders are invited to join us for

a FREE PJ Party in the Children's Ministry Center on Friday, December 6. Activities include: games and crafts, bounce house, a movie, a service project and more! Pizza and snacks are provided.

Kids are invited to wear their PJ's! Bring a pillow, sleeping bag or lawn chair to lounge in during the movie. (Please label properly.)

The event is free, but kids are asked to bring a package of spaghetti or a jar/can of sauce to help feed the hungry through our Open Arms Ministry.

We have limited spots available, so be sure to register online at www.stpaulumc.org by TODAY to make sure your kids are able to attend! You will need to use the password STPAUL to register.



Student Ministry

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

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For many students, Christmas is all about one thing: presents! While there may be a sense that the holiday is about more than what's under the tree, the truth is, it's easy for all of us to lose sight of what the holiday is really about. That's why, in this Christmas series, we want to help students shift their focus to what's most important: the gift of Jesus and how generous God is toward us-and how because of that, we can be generous toward others, too.



THIS SUNDAY: God sending Jesus is the ultimate example of generosity.

Middle and high school students 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.

Dec 22: Christmas Party

Our Student Ministry Christmas party is December 22 in the courtyard from 5:30-8 p.m. We'll have a potluck dinner. Students can sign up online to bring sides, desserts or drinks. We'll provide the main course. Bring a gift for the exchange gift valued at \$5 or less.

High School Winter Retreat

High schoolers are invited to join us at the lakehouse in Hawthorne, FL to spend time with the Lord, and with friends Jan. 24-26. Cost is \$45, due TO-DAY. You can make a payment online under the student menu of our website, or on our app. Go to ministries and select student.

GIVE IN LOVE



Christmas FOR Pinellas

Please take a tag from one of the Angel Trees in the lobby to help our Open Arms Resource Center provide toys for 500 children this Christmas.

- Buy a gift for the gender and age marked on the tag you choose, and drop your unwrapped gift off in the bin in the sanctuary lobby by December 15 or at Open Arms (2039 Druid Rd.) by December 18.
- Leave all presents unwrapped so parents can "shop" for their children's toys in our Christian Life Enrichment Center. Please bring a roll of wrapping paper or a gift bag with your donation. Parents will use these to wrap their gifts after they choose them.

This is a wonderful way to share the joy of Christmas with children in need, and we hope you will help us again this year.

If you can't donate a toy, consider helping with set up and distribution. Mark the Connect Card if you would like to help distribute toys on December 20.

Communion Helpers

We need people to help prepare the communion elements every other month. Can you help us prepare juice, bread, and wafers on Sunday morning? You are only needed on the first Sunday of every other month! If Fill out the Connect Card or email Senior Director of Worship Arts, Laurel Fortuna at laurel.f@stpaulumc.org if you can help.

Advent Helpers Needed

We expect to welcome many visitors during the season of Advent, especially on Christmas Eve, when we will worship at 4 and 6 p.m. If you would like to help with worship and make our visitors feel welcome by greeting or ushering mark the Connect Card on page 4 and let us know which worship time(s) you can help!

Greeters and Ushers: 4 p.m. (be at church by 3:15 p.m.) 6 p.m. (be at the church by 5:15 p.m.)

Parking Team. Five people needed to help direct parking before the 4 pm. and between 4 and 6 p.m. worships.

Mark the Connect Card if there is one or more worship time when you can help!



Jumpstart Ministry

Jumpstart is our middle school mentoring ministry. The number of kids signed up has grown this year, which is great news! We need both adults and high school students to help. Adult Supervisors oversee student tutoring and

games in the gym, help serve dinner and help clean up. High schoolers who serve as tutors receive community service hours. If you are interested in serving at Jumpstart in any of these ways, fill out the Connect Card or contact Alison Van Duyne at alison.v@stpaulumc.org or 727 -584-8165 x234.

Donate to St. Paul through Amazon!

If you're shopping on Amazon this holiday season, you can use Amazon Smile to donate 0.5% of your purchase price to St. Paul! Use smile.amazon.com to make your purchases and choose St. Paul United Methodist Church in Largo as your charity. It's the same Amazon account, cart and pricing - the only difference is the Amazon Smile Foundation will automatically make a donation to St. Paul when you shop!

Coming this Week

Sunday, December 1				
Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM			
Lil' Kidz Nursery	8:30 AM			
Worship	9:00 AM			
Children's Worship	9:00 AM			
Homeward Bound	9:15 AM			
Stay and Pray	10:00 AM			
Bereans	10:15 AM			
Inspirations	10:15 AM			
Friendship	10:30 AM			
Worship	10:30 AM			
Children's Worship	10:30 AM			
Stay and Pray	11:30 AM			
Homeless Meal	3:30 PM			
Student Ministry	5:30 PM			

Monday, December 2 **Boy Scouts** 7:00 PM

7:00 PM

TNT

Tuesday, December 3 Sonrise Men's Study 7:00 AM Toy Making—Druid 9:00 AM Light Seekers 10:30 AM 4:00 PM Jumpstart

Wednesday, December 4 Toy Making—Druid 9:00 AM Handicapable Worship 6:15 PM Open Adult Volleyball 7:45 PM

Thursday, December 5 9:00 AM Toy Making—Druid 4:30 PM Prayer Shawl Handbell Rehearsal 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

> Friday, December 6 Church Office Closed

Parents Night Out 5:00 PM Candlelight Christmas 6:30 PM

Saturday, December 7 Soaring Eagles 8:00 AM

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

Deaths

Please pray for the family and friends of Frances Fenton who recently passed on to life eternal.

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:

AΒ Jamie, Sarah, Chris & Marty Al & Deb Yvonne Meg, Jake, Brandi, Ka-Aleta Evelyn B mi, Karaline & Roger Amber B Faith & Kyle Meghann, Jim, Lynn, Faye Hartel Caitlyn & Chris Andrea Preston Michael Ann Marie Fisher Johnson Michelle Allen Anne David Gaeg Aubri & Jessi Gail Michelle McKimmie Barbara B Gary Mike & Family Barbara Sweat Glenda Neville

Baumann Family Greg & Family Harley Bratton Bill Elmhurst Blaze White Herbert Jacobs Bob, Troy & Sherry J. Dilard Hartel Jane Huter Bonnie Janet Johnson Brad Jones Jayma Bri, Kevin & Family Jennifer B

Brooke Chiodo Jenny & Kevin & Babies Bruce Jim Jody, Tony & Barb

Carl J John B Carmen John C Carol Quinton Naja Joni Allen Caroline Fields Jordan Santiano Family

Carolyn Goodwin Joseph Evanson Carolyn Purrington Karen Wolff Carolyn Ramano Kat F

Cathy, Del & Amy Kathy Herrell Hannas

Charles Bartlett Kecia

Charlie Stantz Keith & Family Chris Mitchell Kenny Packard Cliff Armbruster Kevin Curtis Kim Mobley Cynthia Pitts Kim Morris Dale, Cindy, Bud, Kandy Kristina Whited Kylea Johns Dave & Do Larie & Dave David Malone Larry Dawn Green's mom Lawson Debbie Dubov Libby Burke Debra Cummings LilyAnn

Dee Bartlett Linda, Michelle & Jack-

Del Robin's Son

Dennis Lord Linda Simon Dom & Char Lisa Cunningham Don Naja Lois Pierce Don Piro Lois Thomson Donna Koller Lucy Lyn Sears

Eileen Corsini Marcus Jenkins Family

Elsie, Alyssa, Kevin, Margo & Ed Barb, Jamie, Christy, Mariah Jenkins & Geo

Nancy Marshall Family Pat Jones

Patty & Dave Paul Kelley Peter H.

Rev. Hays McKay

Rick

Rita Penninton Ron & Judy Gety Ron Barker

Ron, Shirley, Samantha, Mike & Kyle Roy Neville Russ Ruth Aaron

Sandy Saylor Family Scott Coyner & Family

Sharon Johnson Shirley Register Skip & Joan Buchwald Stephanie Prevost Stephen Brower Steve Robinson Sue Sutherland Susan Blackburn Susan Cooper Tammy Barker Those in Need Tiffany Tarket Time Seitz

Tina & Sherry Trevor, Lahsai, Lasai &

Tua Walt Errett Walter Welch Family

Yvette Gonzalez Carter



GOOD NEWS



Capacity Crowd Gathers for Handicapable's

Thanksgiving Service!

Wednesday evening, Nov. 20, about 300 Handicapable members, church members and friends gathered for Handicapable's 21st annual Thanksgiving Worship Service in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall! The guests were treated to a chicken tender meal served by Pastor Bob's small group, followed by an hour-long service celebrating our blessings. Attendees got to see some of what's been happening in the Handicapable Ministry, and worship with individual prayers and songs lifted up by Handicapable students and leaders. It is truly amazing how this Holy Spirit-filled ministry has grown from 7 members in October of 1997 to over 250 members today! Handicapable thanks St. Paul Church and its many supporters in our community for their never-ending love, support, prayers and participation. May God bless you all!



SPOTLIGHT

Russ Munyan

Russ Munyan is one of our most dedicated Jumpstart volunteers, helping out almost every week. This year is his third year with the program. He rides the bus to help supervise the kids, helps track attendance and more. Russ



has such a great presence, and as a military vet and a former police officer, he has a quiet strength about him that our Jumpstart kids are drawn to and learn a lot from. Russ also helps with security on Sundays, helps prepare communion with his wife Carmen and is a lead usher for the 10:30 worship.

We are still in need of adult supervisors to help with Jumpstart this year. Take a look at page 8 for more about how you can help.

Update us on Your Calendar Dates

If your group or ministry is taking any weeks off for the holidays or adding holiday parties etc. be sure to contact the church office or email Karen Herrell Naja at karen.h@stpaulumc.org so we can update our calendar. We also need you to fill out a facilities request form for your 2020 events and meetings. Events do not roll over automatically from 2019 so please make sure we have your schedule!

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



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