

Hope IS BORN



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WORSHIP AT 9 AM

Prelude	Kathy Tuminello, Accompanist
Welcome	Pastor Pam Dubov
Offering	
Prayer of Thanksgiving	
<i>Send Your Word</i>	Dr. Don Morgan
Reading: John 1:14,16-18	
<i>Come Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	Elaine Pepper
Reading: Luke 1:46-55	
<i>Ye Who Claim the Hope of Jesus</i>	Duke Low
Reading: Luke 1:68-75, 78-79	
<i>My Soul Gives Glory to My God</i>	Lyn Sears
Prayer with Lord's Prayer	No. 895
Message	"Hope Wins" Pastor Bob Martin Matthew 1:18-21
Directed Prayer	
*Hymn	<i>While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks</i> No. 236
*Benediction	
Postlude	
9 AM Worship Leader: Dr. Robert Williams	
11 AM Worship Leader: Alison Van Duyne	

HOW TO STREAM ONLINE

We stream both worships at 9 and 11 AM. There are currently three ways to stream:

- 1) **Visit our website** stpaulumc.org and click on the link on the front page. You can also click on Live Worship in our free app or [click here](#) to visit the streaming site directly. When the streaming site opens, click on the play triangle to start streaming.
- 2) **If you have Facebook** follow us to get a notification when we start streaming. You can also visit our Facebook Live page: facebook.com/StPaulUMCLargo/live
- 3) **Stream on Youtube:** youtube.com/stpaulumclargo1

HOW TO GIVE ONLINE

Visit our website stpaulumc.org and click the **"Give" link** at the top of the page. You can also click on Give in our free St. Paul app (search St. Paul United Methodist in your app store). Make a one time gift or set up a recurring gift. You can use credit card or ACH to donate.

11 AM SET LIST

BATTLE BELONGS

by Brian Johnson and Phil Wickham

GLORIA

by James Chadwick and Harrison Wood

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

by Rowland Hugh Prichard, Jacob Sooter, Meredith Andrews, and Charles Wesley

WE PRAISE YOU

by Brandon Lake, Brian Johnson, Matt Redman, and Phil Wickham



ADVENT CANDLES

Every week of Advent we light a candle during worship representing one of the themes of Advent. This week our candle represents PEACE. Our world is not always a peaceful world. People hurt other people and speak out of rage and hate. Countries are at war. But God promises peace. We recall the words of Jesus in John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." During Advent, we pray that we, as well as all people, will seek God's peace and remember that God's intention is a place of peace where people shake hands instead of harm one another. Join us on our [Facebook group](#) to dig deeper into God's peace and what it means for our lives.

CONNECT

FACEBOOK GROUPS

FB Group - [StPaulUMC](#)

FB group - [StPaulParentsLounge](#)

FACEBOOK LIVE

Wednesdays at 1 PM

Join Pastor Bob on our St. Paul Facebook ([StPaulUMCLargo](#)) for news, inspiration from scripture and more on Wednesdays at 1 PM.

KIDS & STUDENTS

Connect with Children and Student Ministries online and in person. Check page 4 for more information.

HANDICAPABLE

Join our Handicapable Ministry for adults with special needs [on YouTube](#) each Wednesday at 6:30 PM for a new worship video.

CHOIR CHAT

Check-in with the choir on zoom Thursdays at 7 PM. To join in, email church@stpaulumc.org for a link to the zoom.

Need help connecting?

Email church@stpaulumc.org



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PRAYER LIST

All Medical Staff	Kathy H.
Angel	Kevin S.
Anna	Kim M.
Anna	Laura G.
Audrey B.	Lauren D.
Barbara M.	Lorraine & Don P.
Barker Children	Lucy
Bob & Bonnie C.	Mary V.'s Son
Bob R.	Michael
Carolyn G.	MiKayla S. & Family
Chris M.	Our Country & Leaders
Christyal H.	Pat
Cindy P.	Patty
Cindy S.	Phyllis S.
Cortland B.	Rev. Hays M.
COVID	Richie
Debbie	Robyn
Don & Pat B.	Ron
Don N.	Russ M.
Dorian	Shirley & Harold R.
Duane W.	Stephen B.
Eileen C.	Stephen H.
Family of Kristina W.	Tammy B.
Great Grandmother	Tim S.
Janice S.'s Mother	TK "Tom" J.
Jerry	Tom M.
Jesse	Wanda
Jojo R.	Yvette C.
Judi & Family	Zachary
Judy	

HELP KEEP OUR PRAYER LIST UPDATED

If you would like us to keep your prayer request on the list for more than one week, please be sure to mark "Keep on Prayer List" on the Connect Card or let us know in your email. These requests are kept on the prayer list for one month and prayed over by our Prayer Team each week. If you need a request to be on the list for longer, please specify the end date in your request.

Each year we start our military prayer list from scratch to ensure that it is up to date. If you know of anyone in the military for us to pray over, send us their name and mark "For Military Prayer List" on the Connect Card or send an email to karen.n@stpaulumc.org. We will continue to pray for those who are added to the list all year long.



ADVENT STUDY

During the Advent season we're posting daily in our Facebook group, StPaulUMC, with additional scripture, discussions prompts, and other resources and information to help us dig deeper in to the themes of advent and our Sunday messages. If you would like to grow in faith with us this advent be sure to join our Facebook group. If you're already part of the group, join the conversation and share on the posts that inspire you.

OUR FACEBOOK GROUP

CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

During the Christmas season some of our regularly scheduled ministries will not meet.

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on December 28 and 29. We will resume our normal office hours of 9 AM to 4 PM on December 30.

WEDNESDAYS AT 1

There will not be a Wednesday at 1 on Wednesday, December 30. We will return to Facebook Live at 1 PM on Jan. 6.

CHOIR CHAT

There will not be a choir chat on Christmas Eve. You are invited to join us for one of our worship times at 4 or 6 PM.

STUDENT MINISTRY

There will be no Student Ministry on Sunday, Dec. 27.



CHRISTMAS EVE

Celebrate the birth of Jesus with us at one of our Christmas Eve worship times this Thursday! We'll be worshipping both in the building and online. At 4 PM our praise band will lead joyful Christmas music and Mrs. Kaitie will have games for the kids. At 6 PM a string quartet will share some of our favorite Christmas hymns and songs.

Click the link below to make your reservation and guarantee that we have a seat for you in worship. We often have a large number of visitors on Christmas Eve, and we do have limited seating this year due to social distancing, so it is very important to make your reservation. If we run out of seats, add yourself to the waitlist and you will receive an email when seats open up so that you have a chance to claim them.

RESERVE YOUR SEATS

If you RSVP and then your plans change, please cancel your reservation so we can make your seat available to someone else. You can use the modify reservation link in the confirmation email sent by Eventbrite to cancel, or just [contact us](#) and we will take care of it for you.

We're excited to celebrate with you whether in person or online. Hope is born!

GIVING ENVELOPES

2021 Giving Envelopes are now available. You can pick yours up on Sunday in the Connection Center or at the church office during the week (Monday-Thursday, 9AM to 4 PM).



CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY

Our Student Ministry Christmas party is this Sunday, December 20. This year our party will be off site at Largo Central Park, Shelter 1. We'll do a gift exchange (gifts valued at \$5 or less), play games and enjoy the lights. Join us for a fun celebration!

**THERE IS NO STUDENT
MINISTRY NEXT SUN, DEC.
27. ENJOY THE HOLIDAY!**

WEDNESDAYS ON ZOOM

Connect with our Student Ministry each Wednesday night at 6 PM through zoom. We'll talk and listen to each other, and then have the chance to go deeper as we reflect on the Word for the week (Sunday's message). For zoom info contact Alison Van Duyne alison.v@stpaulumc.org

LARGO PD SCAM WARNING

The Largo Police Department has experienced an increase in scams where the victim gets a phone call saying a loved one (like a child or grandchild) was arrested. Often they will claim it was a DUI or manslaughter crash. The scammers will tell you that your loved one needs bail money or something similar. You will also receive another phone call from the scammers pretending to be a lawyer involved in the same crisis. Do NOT send any money! Do NOT call the phone number they give you. Call the loved one to verify the information or call the booking (jail) agency where your loved one is supposedly being detained. Be careful and don't let yourself be taken advantage of!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Kids from infant through 5th grade are invited to join us at 9 and 11 AM in the CLEC for Children's Ministry. Please pre-register your child using our worship RSVP system. Select "Child RSVP" for your child. You can find each Sunday's link on the website or app starting around noon the Sunday before. You can also join us online on zoom at 9:30 and 11:30. Contact Children's Ministry Director, Kaitie Zimmerman for zoom info: Kaitie.z@stpaulumc.org

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Last Sunday, December 13 we were blessed to welcome new members to St. Paul for the first time since we shut down the building in March! We are so excited to have them as part of our St. Paul family! If you see our new members in worship at the building or online, be sure to say hello and introduce yourself!



*Anne Schaffner and
Robb Waples*



John and Julia Smitten



Chris and Carrie Rokosz and Jim Bush