

WORSHIP AT 9 AM

Welcome		Pastor Pam Dubov
Greeting	Oh, How He Loves You and Me	
*Hymns	Joy to the World	No. 246
	O Come All Ye Faithful	No. 234
*Apostles' Cre	eed	No. 881
Prayer with Lord's Prayer		No. 895
Offering	What Child is This	Melissa Petrescue
*Doxology	Praise God From Whom	No. 94
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Hymn	The First Noel	No. 245
Message	Simply Sharing	
	Pastor Bob Martin	
	Luke 2:15-20	
Directed Prayer		
*Hymn	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	No. 240
Thank You, Martin Family		
*Benediction		
Postlude	Good Christian Men, Rejoice	
	Worship Leader: Melissa Petrescue	

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. 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 or click on Give in our free St. Paul app (search St. Paul United Methodist in your app store).

FILL OUT A CONNECT CARD

Let us know you're worshipping with us and share prayer requests or other needs: **stpaulumc.org/connect-card**

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 27 & 28

RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP

We have snacks at the back of the worship center. Stay a while to say goodbye to Pastor Bob and Patti, and send them on to their next appointment with lots of love from their St. Paul family.

PRAYER LIST

AI Laura Harris BJ Lee M. **Bob and Bonnie** Lorraine P. Carl S. Marlene Carol Martha Carol & Jim Micahel & Lucy Carolyn G. Mike & Family Charlie & Family Our Country Chris M Pam C. Chuck & Dixie Pastor Bob & Patti Dan People sick at Dave & Do home and in Debbie hospitals Denise, Bri and Rachel, Cathy, Del Family & Amv Don N. Rebecca Fisher Richard and Fisher and Family Rebecca D. Frisco Family Rich Jamie, Tom and Shirlev R Family Sue & Joe Jennifer Susan A. Jerry J. Tammy B. Jesse R Tom M. John G. Windell W. Judy, Bill & Family Yvette C. Karen G. Keith Kim M. Larry Lashbrook

HANDICAPABLE RETURNING TO THE BUILDIING

In person Handicapable is returning this February! We're kicking off the new year with a Valentine's Party on Friday, Feb. 11 at 7 PM. Wednesday Handi worship will return on Feb. 16 at 6:30 PM. We will also continue to have online Handicapable worship videos each week on our Handi YouTube channel.

CONNECT FACEBOOK GROUPS FB Group - StPaulUMC FB group - StPaulParentsLounge

KIDS & STUDENTS

Connect with Children and Student Ministries online and in person. See below for social media links and visit our website for kids and students.

HANDICAPABLE

Join our Handicapable Ministry for adults with special needs **on YouTube** each Wednesday at 6:30 PM for a new worship video. In Person Handicapable returns in February.

ADULT STUDIES

Visit our website to learn about Adult Studies meeting in person or online.

Need help connecting? Email church@stpaulumc.org Fill out Connect Card



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LOVING HEARTS IS BACK

After 18 months off due to COVID, the Lov-Hearts Ministry is back! When ing a reception is requested while planning a memorial or funeral service with our pastors, the Loving Hearts ministry provides food and hostesses for the to help care for the grieving family. Loving Hearts has already provided receptions for two memorial services in December and have a faithful team of 17 members shining the light of Jesus. A big thanks goes out to Dee Rogers and Deb Byrnes for their help on the LeClair service. If anyone has questions about this ministry, or feels called to serve, please contact us or one of the ministries' co-coordinators Kathy Gould and Mary Vaughn.

A NOTE FROM PATTI MARTIN

Ruth 1:16 says "*Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God my God.*" I kept this verse close to my heart when 28 years ago Bob and I embarked upon our ministry journey. Our journey has taken us to 5 appointments, each with its own uniqueness, and each a part of God's plan.

We learned how to be a clergy family from the wonderful people in Robbins, NC who supported us during the seminary years. God's purpose there was made clear - learn how to love people and they will love you back. After seminary we moved to a big church in Orlando. God's purpose for our being there was for me to meet a woman who would become my spiritual mentor. When I think back to those 2 years, her words and lessons are what I cling to. When we were appointed to start a church in Sanford, we gave our hearts to the community there. My father was baptized there. Our daughters grew up there and it was at that church where they developed their Christian values and beliefs. God's plan for us was to build a community of faith out of 10 acres of bare land that would be important to the surrounding area. When we were appointed by the Bishop to leave there it was heart-breaking, but our purpose there had been served; and it was time for Bob to use his gifts somewhere that needed them.

That brought us to the west coast. We grieved our old church...and didn't understand why we were moved. But God showed us the reason when our oldest daughter met her husband at the new church. Our son-in-law is a blessing to our family, and would not have been a part of it if we did not follow where He leads. Once that purpose had been fulfilled, it was time to move on to what would become our longest appointment- St Paul UMC

And now... we leave St Paul. Once again God is saying "I have plans for you - follow me" and so we go. But I don't want to leave without saying this to all of our family: Thank you. Thank you for loving our family. Thank you for the ten years that you have trusted my husband. Thank you for being the ever present light of Christ during the highs and lows of my life. You celebrated with us the birth of 5 grandchildren. You cried and prayed with me and for me after the death of our granddaughter, my father and my mother. God knew we would need a loving family to surround us these past 10 years, and he brought us to you. So thank you... from the bottom of my heart.

God's plan is perfect. We may ask why, but as believers we trust and follow. Our plan was to retire at St Paul, but His plan is more perfect than ours. There is a congregation that needs Bob, and there is a new pastor that now needs you. I ask that you love him as you have loved us. St Paul is and will continue to be a pillar in the community, and I am excited to see what is next!

SO... not goodbye, because we know there is no end. We know as Christians that there is only "until we meet again".

With love and gratitude, Patti