December 10, 2023



## WORSHIP AT 9 AM SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

INTROIT The Birthday of a King Valerie Lauser, Soloist SONG OF PREPARATION Away in a Manger Dr. Kathy Tuminello WELCOME Dr. Brad Finkbiner, Liturgist GREETING Oh How He Loves You and Me

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: ISAIAH 40:1-11** \*HYMNS No. 221 In the Bleak Midwinter Good Christian Friends, Rejoice No. 224 MESSAGE For All: A Prophet Is Sent The Rev. Dr. Don Pratt Mark 1:1-8 \*HYMN The Friendly Beasts No. 227 **APOSTLES' CREED** PRAYER WITH LORD'S PRAYER **OFFERING** Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light Choir **DOXOLOGY** Praise God From Whom... No. 95 PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING No. 228 \*HYMN He Is Born \*BENEDICTION **POSTLUDE** O Come, All Ye Faithful

> 9 AM Worship Leader: Dr. Robert Williams 11 AM Worship Leader: Alison Van Duyne

The Wiggle Room for nursing mothers and others with children is on the right side of the lobby.

# **VISITING US TODAY?**

Stop by the Connection Center at the back of the worship center! You can also visit our website: **stpaulumc.org**, download our app, or join our mailing list to keep up to date on what's going on at St. Paul UMC.

# **FILL OUT A CONNECT CARD**

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

# **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).

### CHRISTMAS FOR PINELLAS

Want to help give local children a Merry Christmas? Take a tag from one of the Angel Trees in the lobby, then drop off an unwrapped toy appropriate for the age/ gender on your tag no later than next Sunday, Dec. 17. You can drop off toys, and a separate gift bag or wrapping paper, in the lobby or the church office. You can also donate gift cards for Target or Walmart or **make a monetary donation** marked Open Arms. Thank you for sharing God's love with our community!

### STUDENT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Students are invited to join us at the Clearwater Campus (2039 Druid Rd in Clearwater) next Sunday at 6 PM for a Christmas party! Bring a dessert or appetizer to share, and a white elephant gift for the gift exchange. This year's graduates are also welcome to attend.

### ADVENT SERVICES

#### Christmas Cantata

Our choir presents this year's cantata: Festival of Christmas Next Sunday, December 17 at 9 AM

#### **Christmas Eve Services**

Christmas Eve is on Sunday this year, so we will have four services. Sunday morning will be our normal worship format at 9 and 11 AM. Then at 4 and 6 PM we will have candlelight services. The band will lead at 4 PM and the choir will lead at 6 PM. Take an invite card or two from the lobby and invite someone to join us!



Thanks to all the volunteers who made Parents Night Out so much fun! The kids had a great time with the Polar Express theme, complete with snowballs, snow cones, and hot chocolate!

# CONNECT

## FACEBOOK GROUPS FB Group - StPaulUMC FB group - StPaulParentsLounge

# **KIDS & STUDENTS**

See below for social media links and visit our website for kids and students. Kids are invited to join us on Weds for Worship Arts and one Sunday a month for Messy Church. Students worship, play games and more on Sundays at 6 PM.

## **ADULTS**

Visit our website to learn about Adult Studies and Adult Ministries.

## SUNDAY STUDIES

10 AM: Homeward Bound - Rm 202 10:15 AM: Friendship - Rm 201 10:30 AM: Inspirations - Rm 212 7 PM on 1st Sun: Young Adults - Clrwtr

**TUESDAY STUDIES** 10:30 AM Lightseekers - Rm 201

## HANDICAPABLE WORSHIP

6:30 PM on Wednesdays Worship Center and On YouTube @stpaulhandi

> YOGA CLASS SECOND TUESDAY 5:30PM - Worship Center Bring your own mat.

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



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**Our leaders** Pat Pattv People of Israel & Gaza People of Ukraine Rachel Rich & Becky D. Rita P. Shannon Stephen B. Tom & Family Tom M. Tracy Turkey & Syria Tyson **US** Prisoners in Russia Val & Dave Victims of shootings Women in crisis Yvette C.



The Hallelujah Girls Bible study donated 44 gift bags to the Barrington Arms Senior Living Facility for seniors who have no family. They also provided cookies and candy, and extra personal items, such as soap and hand lotions. What a great way to love our neighbors!

### YOGA CLASS

All ages and abilities are welcome at our free yoga class this Tuesday at 5:30 PM. Just bring your own mat!



Thanks to Martha's Loving Hearts for providing meals for Jumpstart once a month! We have several ministries and members that have chipped in this school year to help provide meals! And a huge thanks, as always, to our awesome Jumpstart volunteers who make the program possible!

