



United Methodist Church

September 27, 2026

## WORSHIP AT 9 AM

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### MESSY CHURCH TONIGHT

Messy Church returns tonight! Families with children in preschool through 5th grade are invited to join us at 5 PM tonight for dinner and fun activities. This month we're learning about Adam and Eve. RSVP [on our website](#) for this free event!

### STUDENT BIBLE STUDY

Students will begin a six week Wednesday night Bible study this week. Middle and high schoolers are invited to bring their Bibles and join us in the Student Room this Wednesday at 6 PM.

### OPEN ARMS MOVING

This year we had issues at our Clearwater Campus facility that caused us to close Open Arms for several months. As the cost of repairs and maintenance at this facility have continued to rise and create obstacles to the ministry's work, we've decided that the best way to support Open Arms and serve our community is to move the ministry back to our building here in Largo. This will also allow us to connect the people we serve at Open Arms more easily with the other things we're doing at St. Paul, whether that's worship, ways to grow in faith, or other ministries. You can find a video on our website later today where Pastor Don explains more about the reasons why this decision was made.

### WORK DAY THIS SATURDAY

We plan to host the ministry in the storage area next to the Treehouse, which has its own entrance for Open Arms clients and food deliveries. There are currently supplies for other ministries stored in this area, so we will be holding a work day this **Saturday, October 3** to clear the area and prepare it for Open Arms. If you're physically able to help, we'll be working here at the Largo campus from **9 AM to noon**.

Thank you for all you do to support Open Arms! We are committed to Open Arms and to continuing its important work in our community.

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| SONG OF PREPARATION             |                                         | Oldet Ibo, Accompanist                                 |
| *INTROIT                        | <i>Rejoice the Lord is King</i>         | Choir                                                  |
| WELCOME                         |                                         | Brad Finkbiner, Liturgist                              |
| GREETING                        | <i>Oh How He Loves You and Me</i>       |                                                        |
| SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 25:1-9 |                                         | Jim Bush                                               |
| *HYMNS                          | <i>Come, Thou Almighty King</i>         | No. 61                                                 |
|                                 | <i>Lord, I Want to Be a Christian</i>   | No. 402                                                |
| MESSAGE                         |                                         | Merciful<br>Dr. Don Pratt<br>Matthew 5:7               |
| SPECIAL MUSIC                   | <i>'Quia Respexit (from Magnificat)</i> | Kayla Reed                                             |
| APOSTLES' CREED                 |                                         | No. 881                                                |
| PRAYER WITH LORD'S PRAYER       |                                         | No. 895                                                |
| OFFERING                        | <i>Precious Lord</i>                    | Valerie Lauser, Kayla Reed<br>Cindy Pratt, Brooke Ward |
| *DOXOLOGY                       | <i>Praise God From Whom...</i>          | No. 94                                                 |
| PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING          |                                         |                                                        |
| *HYMN                           | <i>Sent Forth By God's Blessing</i>     | No. 664                                                |
| *BENEDICTION                    |                                         |                                                        |

9 AM Worship Leader - Dr. Robert Williams

11 AM Worship Leader - Alison Van Duyne

11 AM Liturgist - Devon Klenk

### 11 AM SET LIST

Let the People Sing, Your Love Never Fails,  
Who You Say I Am, Jesus We Love You



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](http://stpaulumc.org) or join our mailing list to keep up to date on 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](http://stpaulumc.org/connect-card) Or scan the QR code on the left.

## HOW TO GIVE ONLINE

Visit [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org) and click the "Give" link at the top of the page or scan the QR code on the right.



# CONNECT

## FACEBOOK GROUPS

**General:** [StPaulUMC](#)

**Children:** [StPaulParentsLounge](#)

**Students:** [SPUMCParents](#)

## KIDS & STUDENTS

See below for social media links and visit our website for [kids](#) and [students](#). Kids are invited to join us in the Treehouse during worship and on Tuesdays at 6 PM. Families are invited to Breakfast Club on first Sundays from 10-11 AM. Students worship, play games and more on Sundays from 6-8 PM. They also have a weekly Bible study on Weds. 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 204

### TUESDAY STUDIES

Light Seekers - 10:30 AM - Rm 201

Tuesdays Together Study - 6 PM

Worship Center

### HANDICAPABLE WORSHIP

6:30 PM on Wednesdays.

Worship Center and on YouTube  
[@stpaulhandi](#)

**Need help connecting?**

Email [church@stpaulumc.org](mailto:church@stpaulumc.org)

Fill out Connect Card

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## PRAYER LIST

Angela & Family  
Bonnie & Family  
Christopher  
Don and Ka'ren  
George H.  
Ginny  
Janis R.  
Jean  
John K.  
Jordan F.  
Joseph E.  
Judah  
Julia S.  
Kristina & Joe  
Linda S.  
Lois & Allen  
Loretta W.  
Marc B.  
Michelle M.

Myrna J.  
Our leaders  
People of Israel & Gaza  
People of Ukraine  
Rich  
Shannon  
Stephen B.  
Suzie E.  
Wanda B.  
Windell W.  
Women in crisis



### HANDI HOEDOWN

Handicapable held its annual Western Hoedown Party on Friday, Sept. 18. After eating dinner, everyone had a great time posing for pictures and dancing to country songs and other favorites. A huge thanks to the volunteers who make fun events like this possible!

### STICKERS AVAILABLE

We have new car-safe St. Paul stickers available in the Connection Center for \$2 each. Pick one up and let everyone know you're part of our St. Paul family. All proceeds from the sales of the stickers will go toward helping fund our St. Paul budget.

### GYM HOSTS NEEDED

We have some upcoming opportunities to rent out the gym, but we need hosts to help manage these events on Saturdays. Hosts will be paid for their time. If you're interested in more info or would like to be a paid host, contact us at [church@stpaulumc.org](mailto:church@stpaulumc.org) or fill out a [Connect Card](#).

### GROW IN FAITH

If you're interested in growing in faith with other Christians, check the sidebar to the left for our weekly studies on Sundays and Tuesdays.