ST·PAUL
United Methodist Church

November 29, 2026

WORSHIP AT 9 AM
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SONG OF PREPARATION Oldet Ibo, Accompanist
INTROIT *Come Sunday* Brooke Ward, Mezzo-soprano
John Ward, Saxophone
WELCOME Felix Koutsourais, Lay Leader
GREETING *Oh How He Loves You and Me*
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9
The Townes Family
***HYMNS** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* No. 211
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus No. 196
MESSAGE It Begins With a Baby
Dr. Don Pratt
Isaiah 9:2-7
***HYMN** *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* No. 204
APOSTLES' CREED
PRAYER WITH LORD'S PRAYER
OFFERING *Comfort Ye* Choir, John Ward - Flute
***DOXOLOGY**
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
***HYMN** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* No. 203
BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

9 AM Worship Leader - Dr. Robert Williams
11 AM Worship Leader - Alison Van Duyne
11 AM Liturgist - Felix Koutsourais

11 AM SET LIST

Joy to the World/Joy of the Lord, The First Noel
Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Light of the World

The Wiggle Room for nursing mothers and others with churldren 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** or join **our mailing list** to keep up to date on St. Paul UMC.

FILL OUT A CONNECT CARD

Let us know you're worshiping with us and share prayer requests and other needs: **stpaulumc.org/connect-card** Or scan the QR code on the left.

HOW TO GIVE ONLINE

Visit stpaulumc.org and click **the "Give" link** at the top of the page or scan the QR code on the right.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT THIS WEEK

Parents are invited to take the night off this Saturday, Dec. 5 while kids (6 months to 5th grade) have fun with us. Cost of $10 per child includes four hours of fun activities from 4-8 PM with dinner, snacks, a movie, a bounce house and more. You can register **on our website** now.

FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE

St. Paul Family Members of all ages are invited to a free Christmas Movie Matinee on Sat., Dec. 12 at 2 PM. We'll be watching The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, where a few troublemaking siblings bring chaos and mischief to the annual Christmas pageant. Martha's Loving Hearts will provide popcorn and snacks! This is a free event, but please RSVP on the Connect Card so we can make sure we have enough snacks for everyone.

SPECIAL WORSHIP TIMES

During the season of Advent and Christmas we invite you to join us for the special worship experiences below.

SUNDAY, DEC. 13 - 9 AM
CHRISTMAS CANATA

Our choir presents this year's cantata, Festival of Christmas.

THURS., DEC. 24 - 4 & 6 PM
CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Join us for Christmas music and candle lighting, as we celebrate the birth of our Lord. Our band leads music at 4 PM and our choir leads at 6.

SUNDAY, DEC. 27 - 10 AM
ONE WORSHIP TIME

We will end the year worshiping together as one St. Paul family with one worship time at 10 AM.

CHRISTMAS FOR PINELLAS

One of our favorite holiday traditions is Christmas FOR Pinellas, where we provide toys for kids in our community through Open Arms. If you'd like to be part of this joyful tradition, take a tag in the lobby and bring back an **unwrapped** gift (and roll of wrapping paper) for the gender/age on your tag by Dec. 13. Gift cards for Target or Walmart are also welcome.

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. Students worship, play games, discuss scripture and more on Sundays from 6-8 PM.

ADULTS

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

SUNDAY STUDIES

10 AM: Homeward Bound - Rm 202
10:15 AM: Friendship - Rm 201
10:30 AM: Inspirations - Rm 206

TUESDAY STUDIES

Light Seekers - 10:30 AM - Rm 201

HANDICAPABLE WORSHIP

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

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

Need to contact Dr. Don?
don.p@stpaulumc.org

StPaulUMCLargo
StPaulChildrensMinistry
stpaulstudentmin

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StPaul_Treehouse
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PRAYER LIST

Angela & Family
Big Mike S.
Bonnie & Family
Bryce, Lawson & Keith
Christopher
Dawn G.
Don and Ka'ren
Donna S.
Janis R.
John K.
Jordan F.
Judah
Linda S.
Loretta W.
Michelle M
Myshelle J.
Our leaders
Peggy E.
People of Israel & Gaza
People of Ukraine
Renee K.
Rich D.
Ryan S. & Family
Scott W.
Shannon
Tina O.
Tino O.
Wanda B.
Women in crisis



THANK YOU, PONCE

Our partner school, Ponce De Leon Elementary held a food drive to help gather food for Open Arms. What a generous way to serve our community. They filled the Open Arms truck with donations! Thank you, Ponce students and staff!

CHURCH CONFERENCE

We'll have a church conference at 12:30 PM next Sunday, Dec. 6 to vote on the proposal to sell the Clearwater Campus. If you have questions about the proposal, contact the church office (584-8165 or church@stpaulumc.org) before the meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting, but only St. Paul members are able to vote.



Take a look at the tree decorated by our Handicapable Ministry. The ornaments have pictures of our Handi members!



DORCAS CIRCLE

The Dorcas Sewing Circle recently donated more than 100 handmade wheelchair quilts, along with walker bags, fleece blankets, pillows, and more to assisted living facilities in our area. What a wonderful way to share God's love with our community! Anyone is welcome to be part of this ministry. They are currently on their winter break, but will return to meeting Wednesdays from 9 AM to Noon in January.





Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us decorate the church for Advent. We couldn't get it all done without you. Thank you for your hard work!