



United Methodist Church

December 14, 2025

WORSHIP AT 9 AM

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HELP GIVE AWAY TOYS

We'll be giving away the toys we collected this Wednesday, Dec. 17 at Open Arms. We need volunteers to help parents navigate the tables and pick out their gifts. Volunteers will need to arrive at Open Arms (2039 Druid Rd) at noon to receive instructions and help with final preparations before we begin giving toys out at 1 PM. If you can help, please make a note on a [Connect Card](#) or email church@stpaulumc.org and let us know.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Plan to join us for Christmas worship, and invite someone to come along! You can pick up invite cards in the lobby with our Christmas worship times.

NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 21

CANTATA- 9 AM | MESSAGE-11 AM

At 9 AM our choir presents a Christmas Cantata celebrating the birth of Jesus, the bright and morning star. At 11 AM, Dr. Don will deliver a message about what's going on behind the curtain of Christmas.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24

CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP-4 & 6 PM

Both of our Christmas Eve worship times will include Christmas music and candle lighting. Our band will lead worship at 4 PM and our choir will lead at 6.

HELP WITH CHRISTMAS EVE

Can you help with Christmas Eve worship on Wednesday, Dec. 24? We particularly need ushers at both worship times. Make a note on the [Connect Card](#) or send an email to church@stpaulumc.org and let us know which time you can help.

STUDENT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Students are invited to a Christmas Party next Sunday, Dec. 21 from 6 to 8 PM. Bring a gift for the White Elephant exchange. Instead of buying something make it, take it or bake it. Dinner's on us!

FINAL TUESDAY MIX

This Tuesday, Dec. 16 is the last Tuesday Mix of the year. Middle and high school students are invited to join us after school from 3 to 6 PM. Enter through the north gym doors. Pickup can happen any time.

SONG OF PREPARATION	Oldet Ibo, Accompanist
INTROIT	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i> Choir
WELCOME	Felix Koutsourais, Lay Leader
GREETING	<i>Oh How He Loves You and Me</i>
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING— ISAIAH 35:1-10	The Feldts
*HYMN	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i> No. 238
	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i> No. 221
MESSAGE	Jesus
	Dr. Don Pratt
	Matthew 1:18-25
*HYMN	<i>There's Something About That Name</i> No. 171
APOSTLES' CREED	No. 881
PRAYER WITH LORD'S PRAYER	No. 895
OFFERING	<i>Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light</i> Choir
*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God From Whom...</i> No. 94
*HYMN	<i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i> No. 234
*BENEDICTION	
POSTLUDE	

9 AM Worship Leader - Dr. Robert Williams
11 AM Worship Leader - Alison Van Duyne
11 AM Liturgist - Felix Koutsourais
11 AM Advent Candle Lighting- The Maleskys

11 AM SET LIST

The Joy/Joy to the World, Manger Throne,
Light of the World, Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)



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 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 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.



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. Breakfast Club meets every first Sunday of the month from 10-11 AM for cereal and conversation. Students worship, play games and more on Sundays from 6-8 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

TUESDAY STUDIES

Light Seekers - 10:30 AM - Rm 201

HANDICAPABLE WORSHIP

6:30 PM on Wednesdays.

Worship Center and on YouTube

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Need help connecting?

Email church@stpaulumc.org

Fill out Connect Card

www.stpaulumc.org

Need to contact Dr. Don?

don.p@stpaulumc.org



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StPaul_Treehouse
[stpaulstudentmin](https://www.instagram.com/stpaulstudentmin)
[stpaulyoungadults](https://www.instagram.com/stpaulyoungadults)

PRAYER LIST

Angela & Family
Bette
Bonnie & Family
Britt
Carl J.
Daniel & Judah
David & boys
Don & Ka'ren
George H.
Jan S.
Janis R.
Jordan F.
Judah

Kathy S.
Kathy S.
Kay M.
Kim & Jack M.
Laura
Linda S.
Loretta S.
Miguel
Mike
Neeta K.
Nicole
Our leaders
People of Israel &

Gaza
People of Ukraine
Renee K.
Rich & Becky D.
Shannon
William M.
William S.
Women in crisis

THANK YOU



A big thanks to Pinellas Academy of Math and Science for collecting canned foods for Open Arms! We love the generosity of our Pinellas community!

PARENTS NIGHT OUT



Thank you to all the Children's Ministry volunteers and St. Paul students who made this year's Parents Night Out so much fun. We couldn't do it without you!

2025 GIVING DEADLINE

If you're giving year-end gifts that you want to be counted as part of your 2025 giving, or to fulfill a 2025 commitment, we need to receive them **by Jan. 7, 2026**. Checks must be dated 2025 to count toward 2025 giving. If you give a year-end cash gift in Jan., please be sure to mark the envelope for 2025. Any gifts received after this deadline will be counted toward 2026 giving.

ONLINE GIVING

If you're making a gift online, we now accept both apple pay and google pay! We also accept credit cards, Paypal, and ACH payments. Visit stpaulumc.org and click the **"Give"** link at the top of the page or scan this QR code.



HOLIDAY HOURS

Weds., Dec. 24 - 9 AM to noon. No Handicapable.

Thurs., Dec. 25 & Mon., Dec. 29. Church closed. No meetings or groups.

Weds, Dec. 31 - 9 AM to noon. No Handicapable.

Thurs., Jan. 1-Church closed. No groups or meetings at the church.