



United Methodist Church

February 22, 2026

WORSHIP AT 9 AM

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SONG OF PREPARATION		Oldet Ibo, Accompanist
INTROIT	<i>O Love How Deep</i>	Choir
WELCOME		Brad Finkbiner, Liturgist
GREETING	<i>Oh How He Loves You and Me</i>	
SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 32		Responsive Reading
*HYMN	<i>Tell Me the Stories of Jesus</i>	No. 277
	<i>Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days</i>	No. 269
MESSAGE		Truth + Grace
		Time
		Dr. Don Pratt
		Luke 13:6-9
*HYMN	<i>Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands</i>	No. 273
APOSTLES' CREED		No. 881
PRAYER WITH LORD'S PRAYER		No. 895
OFFERING	<i>Close to Thee</i>	Choir
*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God From Whom...</i>	No. 94
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
*HYMN	<i>All Glory, Laud and Honor</i>	No. 280
*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

Praise You Anywhere, Made For More, What a God,
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)



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.



LENT AT ST. PAUL

LENT DEVOTIONAL

Pick up a daily devotional booklet for the season of Lent in the lobby or find the PDF on our website. The current booklet covers Feb. 22-March 14. A second booklet will be provided midway through Lent. The [online PDF](#) runs through all of Lent and the Easter season.

PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 29

Join us at 9 AM for our choir's Easter cantata: *Calvary's Love*. At 11 AM we'll have a message from Dr. Don.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

& GOOD FRIDAY: APRIL 2 & 3

We're combining our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday observances into one experience that will take us through the last days of Jesus. Join us Thurs. or Fri. (April 2 & 3) from 5-7 PM for self guided stations that will allow us to walk alongside Jesus on his journey to the cross.

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is tonight, Feb. 22 at 5 PM. Families with kids in preschool-5th grade are invited to join us! We'll have tacos for dinner and do some fun activities. Fill out the sign up form [on our website](#) to let us know you're coming. It's free!

FAMILY SOCCER

Parents, friends and neighbors are all welcome to come and play with the kids (5 and older) during an hour of family soccer before Messy Church. Join us tonight at 4 PM. It's another free way to have some fun together as a family!

STUDENT BIBLE STUDY

This Tuesday a new weekly student Bible study begins. We'll meet from 6 to 7:30 PM. Snacks will be provided and students should bring their own dinner if they want to eat during the study. Both middle and high school students are invited to join us.

TUESDAYS TOGETHER

Our next Tuesdays Together dinner is on March 3 at 5:30 PM. Cost is \$5/person or \$10/family. RSVP on the Connect Card or email church@stpaulumc.org by Feb. 26.

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

4 PM: Medium Adults (30s) - Treehouse

TUESDAY STUDIES

Light Seekers - 10:30 AM - Rm 201

Tuesdays Together: Prayer Study

6:30 PM - Worship Center

HANDICAPABLE WORSHIP

6:30 PM on Wednesdays.

Worship Center and on YouTube

[@stpaulhandi](#)

Need help connecting?

Email church@stpaulumc.org

Fill out Connect Card



StPaulUMCLargo
StPaulChildrensMinistry
stpaulstudentmin



StPaulUMCLargoFL
StPaul_Treehouse
stpaulstudentmin
stpaulyoungadults

PRAYER LIST

Brooke, John and baby John
Angela & Family
Bonnie & Family
Christopher
Don & Ka'ren
Donna
Evelyn S.
Healing
Janis R.
Jordan F.
Juanita S.
Judah
Justin B.
Kim & Jack M.
Linda

Linda S.
Lois & Steve
Mike G.
Nancy C.
Our leaders
People of Israel & Gaza
People of Ukraine
Rita
Shannon
Tina O.
Wanda B.
Women in crisis



We were blessed to celebrate the baptisms of Parker Egnor and Jason Weatherby last Sunday. Congratulations to these young men as they take an important step in their walk with Jesus.

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 or Tuesdays. New people are always welcome. We also have a couple women's small groups that are taking new members. Let us know on the Connect Card if you want more info.



LAUNDRY MINISTRY

Each month members of our Laundry Ministry extend a random act of kindness by paying for laundry loads at a local laundromat. This month we shared God's love with 18 of our neighbors through funds provided by Inspirations Bible Study. New people are always welcome to volunteer with us on second Fridays. Make a note on the Connect Card if you're interested in serving.

SUMMER CAMP

Registration for our K-6 summer camp is open now. We've got so many fun activities, field trips and more planned for the summer. We've also expanded our theater camp to two weeks! Check [our website](#) for more info.

MISSIONS ENVELOPES

Thank you so much for making donations to fund our student mission trip to do hurricane repair and other outreach like Messy Church and school partnerships! We're still accepting donations through next Sunday, March 1. You don't have to take an envelope, donations of any amount are welcome. Just be sure to mark your donation Missions & Outreach.