



Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

4 PM BAND LED  6 PM CHOIR LED

CANDLELIGHTING AND
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM
PASTOR BOB AT
BOTH WORSHIP TIMES.

NURSERY PROVIDED.



 **ST-PAUL**
United Methodist Church

December 23, 2018

Welcome from Pastor Bob

Whether you're a first time guest or already a part of our St. Paul family, I'm glad you've joined us during Advent. This year our series, "Christmas 365," is about keeping the joy, hope, love and peace of Christmas alive all year long. Today we're talking about love. Jesus taught us to love others as he loves us. How much love is that? It's a lot! Jesus loved us so much he gave his life to save us. As followers of Jesus, love should be the guiding principle in everything we do. How are you showing the love of Christ to others this Christmas and all year long?

Tomorrow is Christmas Eve! I hope you'll join us for our special worship times at 4 and 6 p.m. This is truly a night to draw closer to God as we light candles, sing songs of Christmas, and hear a Christmas message. The 4 p.m. worship will be led by our band and the 6 p.m. worship will be led by our choir. Invite a friend or family member to join you!

Be sure to look through this bulletin, visit our website - stpaulumc.org, or follow our Facebook: StPaulUMCLargo to keep up with everything that's going on at St. Paul. You can also download our app for Apple or Android! I'm so glad you're part of the work we're doing for the Lord here at St. Paul!



Bob Martin

Bob Martin, Lead Pastor

Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love



WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude		Aaron Cassette, Accompanist
Introit	<i>All Glory Laud and Honor</i>	Bells of St. Paul
Welcome		Robert Williams, Worship Leader
*Greet	<i>Oh How He Loves You and Me</i>	
*Hymns	<i>While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks</i>	No. 236
	<i>Sing We Now of Christmas</i>	No. 237
*Apostles' Creed		Pastor Pam Dubov
*Prayer with Lord's Prayer		
Offertory	<i>Keep Your Lamps</i>	Sanctuary Choir
*Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom...</i>	No. 94
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Transitional Hymn	<i>Angels From the Realms of Glory</i>	No. 220
Special Dance: Winter Snow		
Message	"Loving Every Day"	Pastor Bob Martin
Directed Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	No. 238
*Benediction		
*Postlude		

*Please stand, if you are able.

If you need assistance, let an usher know.

Baby changing tables are located in both men and women's restrooms.

9 AM Greeters: Danny and Sandy Parks

10:30 AM Greeter: Deb Byrnes



During each Sunday of the Advent season, we focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us as we light the four candles of Advent. At St. Paul we use three blue candles, and one pink candle to represent joy, along with one larger, white candle as the Christ candle. The lighting of the first candle symbolizes hope and expectation, while the second symbolizes peace, the third joy and the fourth love. The white Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve reminding Christians that Jesus is the light of the world.

LOVE

THIS WEEK WE FOCUS ON **LOVE**.

JESUS' COMMAND TO US IS TO LOVE OTHERS AS HE LOVED US. LET'S LIVE BY ASKING WHAT LOVE REQUIRES OF US, NOT JUST DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON BUT ALL YEAR LONG.

DOWNLOAD THE APP



St. Paul has its own app available for free on both Android and Apple platforms. Just search St. Paul UMC Largo in your preferred app store and download it to your phone or

Visit our website stpaulumc.org for more information about how to use the app!

VISITING US TODAY?

If you're visiting us today, welcome! We hope you find St. Paul a comfortable place to worship and that you feel God's love. To find out more about us we invite you to:



VISIT OUR CONNECTION CENTER

If you have questions or would like to talk to someone about St. Paul and what we offer, visit the Connection Center to the side of the lobby. One of our pastors will be there after each service and would be happy to speak with you!



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.stpaulumc.org



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST
SIGN UP ON THE CONNECT CARD



FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK
StPaulUMCLargo
OR INSTAGRAM
StPaulUMCLargoFL

Turn to page 9 for the Prayer List.

10:30 AM WORSHIP

A typical 10:30 a.m. worship at St. Paul lasts about an hour. Worship is filled with current Christian music from our praise band. You are invited to sing along with the words on the screens, or simply enjoy the music. You'll notice there is a time in our worship to give financially. This is how we support the ministries and missions of our church. We hope you experience the love of God with us today!



ABOUT
60 MIN.



PASSIONATE
MUSIC



NO
PRESSURE

Flowers

Today's flowers are provided by:

♥ Mike & Marie Davis, in loving memory of Sara Randall. *Merry Christmas! Love Mike & Marie*

If you would like to honor an event or a special person with flowers, you can give a flower bouquet to the Glory of God. Call the church office at 584-8165 or e-mail us at church@stpaulumc.org to make an order and share your inscription. Bouquets are \$40. You can pick up the flowers after the second worship or donate them to members who are in the hospital.



The family of Daretta June Aldrich, remembering her on this first year anniversary of her passing:

*Our hearts are missing you and
loving you always. our mom and Mamaw.*



The family of Harry and June Aldrich, remembering them at Christmas:

*The family of Harry and June Aldrich.
blessed for all the memories of
our Christmas past. Missing you mom
and dad. Mamaw and Papaw.*

St. Paul United Methodist Church CONNECT CARD

Use this card to record your attendance and share your prayer requests, needs and interests. Tear off and return it in the offering plate, the basket in the lobby, or the Connection Center. You do not need to fill out the entire card, only the parts that apply to you!

Date: December 23, 2018 9 AM 10:30 AM

Name: _____
First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Home
 Cell

Address: _____

Please update my information.

I am a:

- 1st Time Guest 2nd Time Guest
 Regular Attendee Member(s)
 Winter Resident: Here from _____ to _____

I came today because:

- I drove by I visited the website
 I've been here before I received a mailing
 I was invited by _____
Other: _____

I want to join your e-mail list:

- Weekly Pastor's E-Note Student
 Weekly St. Paul Newsletter Children
Other: _____

Be sure to put your e-mail address at the top of the card!

How can we pray for you?

- For Military Prayer List
 Do NOT publish in bulletin.
 Do NOT include on prayer chain.
 I would like to connect with a Stephen Minister.

Don't forget to fill out the other side!

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I am interested in:

- Rededicating my life to Jesus
- Being baptized
- Becoming a member
- Joining a Small Group
- Serving at the church

How: _____

- Serving in the community

How: _____

- Learning more about St. Paul ministries

Specifically: _____

- Taking a Spiritual Gifts Assessment

Other: _____

I need a name tag for:

(Name tags can be picked up in the Connection Center to the side of the lobby two weeks after your request is placed.)

I would like to help with:

- Livestream Ministry
- Open Arms (10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mon-Thurs)
 - Pick-Ups
 - Stocking
 - Other Help
- Christmas Eve Worship: Parking Attendant
 - Coffee Team
 - Coordinator
 - Make Coffee/Clean Up
- Flower Team

I plan to attend:

- Discover St. Paul - Wednesdays: Jan 9-23
- Journey 101: Loving God - Weds: Jan. 9- Feb. 13
Cost: \$10

Remember to fill out the other side with your name and contact info!

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Online Giving

It's easy to give online, make payments or set up one time or recurring contributions. Visit stpaulumc.org and click the Give link at the top of the page or use this QR code. Our Giving page is more user friendly than ever!



You can pay by ACH (e-check) or by credit/debit card. We ask that you check the box when making a credit card payment to add 3% to your payment or gift and offset the fee we are charged for each online payment. There is no fee for ACH payments.



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If you're doing any of your Christmas shopping on Amazon this year, you can use Amazon Smile to donate 0.5% of your purchase price to St. Paul! Just use smile.amazon.com to make your purchases and choose St. Paul United Methodist Church in Largo as your charity. It's the same Amazon you know, the same Amazon account, cart and pricing - the only difference is the Amazon Smile Foundation will automatically make a donation to St. Paul when you shop! Use the QR code or visit the Giving page of our website for the link to choose St. Paul in Largo, FL as your charity.

Pick up Your Offering Envelopes

If you requested offering envelopes, you can pick them up today on the table outside the sanctuary.

Prayer Shawl Adding Study in 2019

In addition to their meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month, when our Prayer Shawl Ministry works on prayers shawls and other crochet and knitting projects, next year the ministry will add meetings on the second and fourth Thursday. During these meetings they will offer an informal Bible study (no homework required!) Attendees are welcome to bring their projects and work on them during the study, or just focus on the teaching. Prayer Shawl will continue to hold a pot luck whenever there is a fifth Thursday as well. Join them weekly at 4:30 p.m. in room 212 (Arts and Crafts) in the new year.

Grow in Faith

Adult Studies

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

Adults of any age are invited to join one of our Sunday school classes:

9:15 a.m. Sunday school class

Room 202 in **Bldg C**

10:15 a.m. Sunday school classes

Inspirations - Purple Door Classroom (101) in **Bldg C**

Bereans - Conference Room 2 in **Bldg B**

Friendship—Room 201 (Community Room) - **CLEC**



Christmas Eve Tomorrow

Join us for Christmas Eve worship tomorrow. Both worship times will include candlelighting, beautiful music, and a Christmas message from Pastor Bob. Children are invited to join their families in worship. Nursery will be provided at both worship times.

Join us as we celebrate the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ!

4 PM - BAND LED | 6 PM - CHOIR LED

Open Arms Hours Change

Starting in January 2019, the Open Arms Resource Center will be changing its Thursday hours to 4-6 PM to better serve working parents. Monday-Wednesday hours will continue to be from 1-3 PM.

TNT (Twenties 'N' Thirties) Hiatus

TNT is on hiatus for the rest of December. We'll see you on January 20! To keep up with TNT and upcoming studies and events follow the TNT Facebook:



DISCOVER ST. PAUL

Wednesdays: January 9-23

Discover St. Paul is a three week introduction to our St. Paul community of faith. In this class we learn about:

- What we share in common with all Christians
- What makes United Methodists unique
- How we grow as disciples
- St. Paul's mission to Glorify God, Grow in Faith, Give in Love
- Next steps to membership and service

Anyone who wants to know more about St. Paul and our faith is welcome to join us! If you're thinking about joining St. Paul, we'll be receiving new members on January 27 and we encourage you to take this class first. Sign up on the Connect Card if you want to attend Discover St. Paul.



Journey 101: Loving God

Wednesdays: January 9- February 13 | Cost: \$10

Journey 101 Loving God is the second session of *Journey 101: Knowing, Loving, Serving God*. This three-part basic faith course led by Pastor Bob helps to answer essential faith questions as it guides participants on the journey of growing as a Christian. The three studies are grounded in 15 core traits of a deeply committed Christian. You can attend this session without having attending the first session, *Knowing God*.

The *Loving God* section of the study teaches spiritual practices that will help you fall more in love with God as you grow in your relationship with God and others. You can sign up to attend the class on the Connect Card.



Children Infant- 5th Grade, Kaitie Zimmerman,
Director of Children's Ministry, Kaitie.j@stpaulumc.org

Sunday Morning: Lil' Kidz Care

Lil' Kidz Nursery Care is available today for infants to 4-year-olds, at 8:45 a.m. in the nursery building (Bldg B) next to the sanctuary. Sign in and you will be given a card that you will need to pick-up your child.

Sunday Morning: Preschool & K-5

Preschool and K-5 are invited to attend their own worship and lessons in the Children's Ministry Center in **Bldg C** at both 9 and 10:30 a.m.



Our Current Study: Undercover Christmas

This month, kids are learning from biblical lessons about compassion, caring enough to do something about someone else's need. *"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life."* - John 3:16, NIV

Worship Arts Resumes in January

Worship Arts will resume on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. Kids in preschool through 5th grade are invited to join us next year on Wednesdays in the Student Room of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. We'll see you in the new year!

XPerience Sunday

On the first Sunday of each month, Xperience Sunday allows fifth, eighth and twelfth graders to experience what worship is like at the next age level. Starting on Sunday, January 6 fifth graders are invited to join our Student Ministry and eighth graders join our high school group. High school seniors are invited to join our TNT group starting with the first Sunday of February.



One Day Camp: Monday, February 18
Camp XP offers a One Day "Adventure Xperience" camp on Pinellas County Teacher Work Days. Kids have the chance to do fun crafts, play silly games, and have a summer camp experience in one day.

COST: \$20/CHILD

This includes two snacks and lunch for your campers. Payment can be made when filling out the online registration form.

TIMES: 7:00 AM- 6:00 PM

There will be an additional cost for children who are picked up after this time.

REGISTER NOW: STPAULUMC.ORG
Or visit the Children's Ministry section of our app





Student Ministry

6th-12th Grade
Alison Van Duyne, Student Ministry
Director, alison.v@stpaulumc.org

 SPUMCLighthouse

Sunday Night

There is no Student Ministry this Sunday, December 23 or next Sunday, December 30. Enjoy your Christmas and New Years!

On January 6 Student Ministry resumes. Join middle and high school students in the new year from 5:30–8 p.m. for **group games, exciting crowd breakers, passionate worship, biblical teaching, and a chance to connect with others through Small Groups.** The group meets in the Mariposa Café, in the Christian Life Enrichment Center at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, then branches out depending on activities. Dinner is \$3. Register for dinner on our website: stpaulumc.org.



High School Winter Retreat

January 11-13

Cost: \$35

This January our high school students are invited to join us at Lake Mason in Hawthorne, FL for a winter

retreat. Spend time together, have fun, and grow closer to God. Cost is \$35. Contact Alison Van Duyne if you're interested in attending 727-584-8165 ext. 234 or alison.v@stpaulumc.org.

Mission Trip in March

Students over the age of 14 are invited to join us on this year's mission trip March 9-16. This year we'll be doing repairs to hurricane damaged homes in the Florida panhandle. A \$75 deposit is required at sign up. You can pay by check or online. Visit the Mission Trip page on www.stpaulumc.org for more info.



Confirmation

Confirmation marks a new phase in a student's faith formation, one in which they are starting to think about what they believe and why. It will be offered to all students in January. The cost is \$50, which covers our kick off event, a new Bible for each student, a participant book, and other supplies. Financial aid may be available, so please inquire if this cost would keep your student from being involved. Sign up online or contact Alison Van Duyne, alison.v@stpaulumc.org

CONFIRMATION KICK OFF

Friday, Jan. 18 from 6-11 p.m.

We'll meet and do two sessions on kick off, then head to Xtreme Fun Center for laser tag.

WEEKLY CONFIRMATION SESSIONS

4 p.m. in the TNT room (202)

Session 2: Sunday, Jan. 20

Session 3: Sunday, Jan. 27

Session 4: Sunday, Feb. 3

Session 5: Sunday, Feb. 10

Session 6: Sunday, Feb. 17

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: FEB. 24

Students will be confirmed at the 10:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, Feb. 24.



Galentine's Day

The ladies of Student Ministry will have a Galentine's Day celebration and sleepover on Friday, Feb. 15 in the Student Room

Give in Love

Donate Toilet Paper

In addition to food, Open Arms distributes some other necessities like toilet paper. Each roll of toilet paper distributed by Open Arms is prayed over and includes a sticker provided by missionary Carolyn Goodwin with the scripture verse Phil 4:19: *"And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Jesus Christ."* If you would like to donate toilet paper to a family in need, you can leave your donations in the bin in the sanctuary lobby or at Open Arms - 2039 Druid Rd.



Courtyard Coffee Coordinator

We are in need of people to join the Coffee Team, as well as a coordinator to work with the team and schedule people to make and serve coffee on Sundays. If you would like to help coordinate the Coffee Team or to serve on it, mark the Connect Card or contact Senior Director of Music and Worship Arts, Laurel Fortuna, at laurel.f@stpaulumc.org.



Advent Helpers Needed

We expect to welcome many visitors tomorrow night on Christmas Eve, when we will worship at 4 and 6 p.m. If you would like to make our visitors feel welcome by helping to park cars, mark the Connect Card on page 4 and let us know which worship time(s) you can help!

Parking Team. Five people are needed to help direct parking before the 4 p.m. worship and between 4 and 6 p.m. worships.

Mark the Connect Card if there is one or more worship time when you can help!



Join the Flower Team

Each week a member of the Flower Team takes the sanctuary flowers and divides them out into vases, then delivers them to members who are in the hospital or rehab. Flower Team members

each take one week of the month, and we are currently in need of people to help out on the first and the second weeks of the month. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, and bringing joy to people in the hospital, fill out the Connect Card on page 4 and let us know which week you can help with.

LOVING HEARTS MEMORIAL FOOD MINISTRY

When families are suffering with grief over the loss of a loved one, there is a need for the church family to rally around them and show their love and support. Loving Hearts Memorial Food Ministry does this by providing food for memorial receptions at no cost to the family. If you are interested in volunteering to help provide food please fill out the Connect Card or contact the church office at 584-8165.



Open Arms Food Drive for January

Thank you for the fantastic response to our first food drive! Our next set of items that we'll be collecting for Open Arms are **tuna, mac and cheese, and cereal**. Bring any of these items with you on Sunday, January 6 and drop them off in the sanctuary lobby.

Join our Livestream Team

We need people to help stream our worship online each Sunday. You do not need any experience—anyone can learn! We can also use people to run the lyrics on the screens and do other jobs during worship. If you are interested in serving, fill out the Connect Card or contact Snr. Director of Music & Worship Arts, Laurel Fortuna: laurel.f@stpaulumc.org.

Coming this Week

Sunday, December 23

Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM
Lil' Kidz Nursery	8:30 AM
Worship	9:00 AM
Children's Worship	9:00 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Bereans	10:15 AM
Friendship	10:15 AM
Inspirations	10:15 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Children's Worship	10:30 AM
Homeless Meal	3:30 PM

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship	4:00 PM
Christmas Eve Worship	6:00 PM

Tuesday, December 25

*Church Office Closed
for Christmas*



Wednesday, December 26

*Church Office Closed
for Christmas*

Thursday, December 27

Toy Making—Druid	9:00 AM
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Friday, December 28

Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 29

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
Basketball	8:15 AM

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If you have an event to schedule,
contact us at 584-8165 or
church@stpaulumc.org

Making a Prayer Request

Write your prayer request on the Connect Card and drop it in in the offering plate. You can call our prayer line at any time: 559-PRAY (7729).

Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for these people with immediate prayer needs:

A Ann	Greg, Meg, Jackson & Connor	Mark Nadeau
Aaron Medlin	Harold & Shirley Register	Mary Thalman
Adelynn	Harriett Phillips	Meghann Timberlake
Allison Hall	Health and Healing	Melissa & Sarah
Andrew Medlin	Jace Michael	Melissa Depew
Audrey Talbert	Jackson	Michael
Baby Charlotte	Jay	Michael P White
Barbara Murray's Family & Friends	Jenny Walter	Michelle Allen
Baumann family	Jeremiah & Kristina	Mike Constantinou
Betsy Haines daughter and her son	Jessica	Mike Whelan
Bill Neville	Jessica W.	Mildred
Blaze Rockwell	Jessie H.	My Faith
Bob & Mary	Jill & Dennis Derschell family	My Family
Bob & Troy Hartel	Jim	Nicole, David, Calvin
Bob Riley	Joan Pitts	Noah's family
Bobby Quinton	John's family and mother Becky	Olga
Brad Jones	John B.	Patsy McLaughlin Bauer
Bree Whitaker	John Click	Peace in the World
Brenda Kohn & Family	John Dibble	Peter H.
Brian Kemler	John Fady	Phyllis Spaulding
Brittney Spears	Johnny	Rich Stemboroski
Brooke Chiodo	Josh Altop	Richard Buckley
Bruce Medlin	Josh DeLoach	Ron & Judy Getz
Bud Haskell	Josiah Seitz	Ron & Wanda Barker
Caitlynn Timberlake	Karen S.	Ron Fowler
Carl J.	Karla Crabtree Mihovitz	Roni
Carol Quinton	Karleen Younger	Roy Smoak
Caroline Fields	Kat F.	Samantha
Carolyn Goodwin	Kat Farhangi	Shaku's family
Charlie Stantz & the family	Kathy Biddle	Shelley Hamilton
Charlie Tucker	Kathy G.	Shelli Rose
Chris & Steve Brower	Kathy Herrell Hannas	Shirley
Cliff Armbruster	Keith & family	Shirley Stabler
Colton M.	Kenneth Packard	St. Paul UMC
Connie Trank	Kevin Thompson	Stephanie Prevost
Curtis	Kevin, Heather, Malachi, Josiah	Steve Brower
Dale Metler	Kim Morris	Stevie & Tyler
Dave W.	Kristi	Sung San
Destiny	Kristi Burslem	Suzanne Peach family
DeYong Family	Larry Bucholtz	Ted & Nancy Pelyak
Duane Wells	Libby Burke	Terry B
Emma	Lilly & Jane Huter	Thanking God
Evelyn B.	Linda Weaver Hank	Todd Smyzer
Faith Bishop	Lois Thomson	Tom & Glenda Neville
Gail Bladd Bloomgren	Lori, Andy & David	Tommy
Gail Terbush	Margie Lovejoy	Travis Ward
Gary G.	Margie Stillwell	Trevor Birt
Gilbert Quinn	Mark LaPolla	Uganda
Gloria Tompkins		Vicky
Green family		Vin D'Agelo
		Wendy, JJ & Family
		Yvette Carter
		Zackary Kueker

Good News

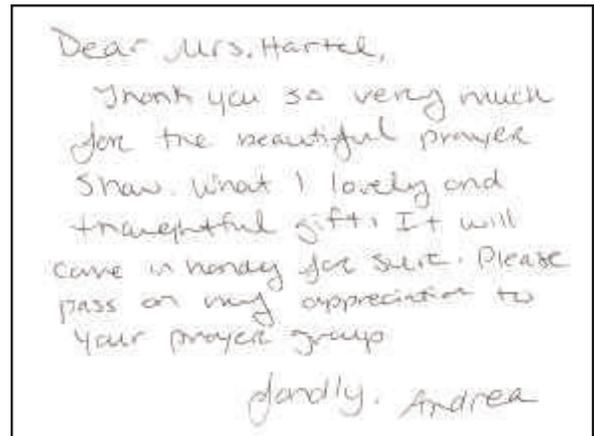


Great to see so many of our students and their parents attended Night of Hope earlier this month!



Thank You, Prayer Shawl

We often receive thank you notes like the one below from people who've received a prayer shawl.. If you're interested in being part of this ministry which makes prayer shawls, as well as hats and scarves for children and the homeless, and baby blankets and hats for All Children's Hospital, see page 4 for more information about the ministry. If you're new to knitting or crocheting, we can teach you!



Rev. Jeannette Burton is Resident of the Month

Long-time member and teacher at St. Paul UMC, The Reverend Jeanette Burton, is the December Resident of the Month at Lake House Assisted Living Facility in Largo. The Rev. Jeanette and her late husband, the Rev. Richard Burton, led studies and more at St. Paul for years. Just this month she led the devotional at our Christmas Sing-Along! We are so proud of Rev. Jeanette for being recognized as the Resident of the Month and for being a shining light in our church and community for more than 20 years!

The Reverend Bob Martin, Lead Pastor
The Reverend Pam Dubov, Executive Pastor



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