

WE ARE ST. PAUL'S!

Sunday Opportunities

Prayer Time 8:45AM in the Chapel
Adult class every Sunday 10AM in Wesley House
Adult Class in the Library 10AM in the Library
Jr. Church 9AM & 11 AM in Room 211

Weekly Opportunities

St. Paul's PreSchool: Scholarship and donations accepted.
Saving Grace Advocacy: Monday - Thursday 9am-12:30pm
A.A. meets every Monday at 7pm in Fellowship Hall.
Dinner with Neighbors Wednesday at 5:30 PM.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 7-8:30 PM in Choir Room
Al-Anon meets every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Library
Alateen meets every Wednesday at 7:30pm in Wesley House.

Events:



Poinsettia Orders must be in today. Order forms/envelopes available in the basket at Sanctuary door — \$12 each. Please include payment with your order.

Sign up at the Welcome Center if you'd like to volunteer to help with our Christmas Shoppe program, Saturday, Dec. 13th, or to donate cookies or gift cards.

See Sharon Springer if you have any questions.

Drive and Dine Saturday, December 20th at 5:30. Carry-in. All are welcome!

New Church Directories are available on the Welcome Center today.



Believe in our Mission

Support our work today



December 7, 2025

Finding Christmas: Give More

2 Corinthians 8:7-9

Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving. I am not commanding you to do this. But I am testing how genuine your love is by comparing it with the eagerness of the other churches. You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.

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9:00 a.m.

Prelude: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Bach

Welcome:

Passing of the Peace:

Advent Candle Lighting "Jesus, the Light of the World" Dave & Pam Walker

Opening Prayer: *Giving God, we thank you for giving us the perfect gift of Jesus Christ. As we wait for Jesus' return, you call us to live not in fear, but in faithful anticipation. As we offer these gifts, we do so as people preparing our hearts, our hands, and our world for your 2nd coming. Let these offerings be signs of readiness, trust, and joy as we wait—and work—for your future to break into our present. In the name of the one who has come and will come again, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Opening Hymn: Hymn#211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Offertory: "He Comes in Peace" Smith

Offering/Offertory/Prayer:

Anthem: "Say He Will Come" Lau

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Hymn: Hymn#230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer/Apostle's Creed/Gloria Patri:

Sermon Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:7-9

Message: [Finding Christmas: Give More](#)

Communion

Benediction:

Postlude: "Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men" Walther

11:00 a.m.

Welcome:

Advent Candle Lighting

Bev Curtis & Sam Moyer

Worship: "Hark, the Herald"

Opening Prayer:

Worship: "One Thing Remains"

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Worship: "Midnight Clear"

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Prayer Requests: Corinne Poucher, Tom Fillio, Mark Longacre, Betsy DeFries, Randy Adams, Debbie Wolfinger, Betty Beck, Bill Mann, Anderson Family, Rick Jones, Cam McJunkin, Nancy Willis, Ellie Strukel, Kathy Scott, Sue Miller, Marcy Mercer, Scot Lauderbach, Louise Jones, Billie Carl, Mama Jessie, Mateo and his mother, our leaders, our nation, and our world.

Cancer: Lynne O'Brien, Greg Mercer, Cathy Murschel, Janna Tomasini, Randy Zonker, Stephen Jones, Claudia Phipps, Doug and Shannon Gullett, Samantha Moyer, Adler Carris, Kent Pettet, Ms. Joy, and Tim Portolese.

Continuing Prayers: Scott and Stephanie McElravy, Kathy DeFries, Austin Johnson, Sue Moses, John Thompson.

Prayer Chain: To start someone on the prayer chain call one of these three: Millie Ferro 574-262-4124, Pat Klockow 574-262-5949, or Louise Jones 574-361-5517.