

### Church Calendar

#### Monday, September 15, 2025

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – El Nido Family Centers  
7:30 p.m. – to 8:30 p.m. AL-Anon

#### Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – El Nido Family Centers  
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Women's Farsi Al-Anon  
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Pacific Discussions (AA)  
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Balance & Mobility Classes

#### Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
3:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – El Nido Family Centers  
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Remain Teachable (AA)  
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, September 18, 2025

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
3:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – El Nido Family Centers  
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Thursday AA  
6:30 p.m. – Bible Study

#### Friday, September 19, 2025

Office Hours: CLOSED  
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – El Nido Family Centers  
7:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m. – Youth Al Anon  
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – AA Group (Farsi)

#### Saturday, September 20, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – El Nido Family Centers

#### Sunday, September 21, 2025

10:00 a.m. – In-Sanctuary Service & Live Streaming  
After Service Coffee Hour

### Church Leadership

Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank  
*Bishop in Residence*

Rev. Garth Gilliam  
*North District Superintendent*

Rev. Vernon Kemp  
*Pastor*

Jacqueline Tringov  
*Music Director*

Eloisa Mondragon  
*Administrative Assistant*

### St. Paul's - Leadership Team

**Diana Bruno** - Administrative Chair/ Lay leader  
to Conference

**Deborah Davies** – Staff Parish Relations Chair

**Linda Graul** – Finance Chair

**Donald Metzger** – Team Member

**Jackie Adams** – Team Member

**Marianne Crosby** – Team Member

**Evelyn Arnold-McJimpson** – Team Member

**Vacant** - Trustee Chair

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Pastor Vernon's Email: [V\\_kemp2000@yahoo.com](mailto:V_kemp2000@yahoo.com)

Pastor Vernon's cell phone: 323-864-5967

# Decree a Thing...

Job 22:28

Establish God's Truths  
in Your life

September 21, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Vernon Kemp

*"Do all the good you can, by all the means you  
can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you  
can, at all the times you can, to all the people you  
can, as long as ever you can – John Wesley*



**ST PAUL'S**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*The Beacon of The Valley*





# PRAYER LIST

- Terry Doherty & Family
- Family and Friends of Bob Doherty
- Bonnie Jay
- Shirley and John Hawkins
- Mike and Diane Vincent
- Family and Friends of Mildred Lester
- Simi Tabari
- Warren Walker

If you are seeking prayer and would like your name to appear on the prayer list, please contact the office no later than Wednesday noon via telephone or email.

“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

James 5:16

## **\*\*Prayer of Confession...(*Congregation*)**

Liturgist, Lukman Alli

**We confess that we find your medicine hard to swallow. The quick fixes of this world are so much more pleasant, leaving us free to go back to our usual routines. But your medicine is powerful. And if we take it, it will remake and renew our lives. It will reorient us to you and to you alone. Turn us toward your love for justice and true worship. Forgive our sins, for which you weep. Forgive our hesitation. Grant us courage to choose you as our physician, and to serve you and you alone. Amen.**

## **Words of Assurance**

Liturgist, Lukman Alli

The God of our salvation, the God who weeps for us and for our world, desires everyone to be saved. Christ Jesus, a human like us, gave himself as a ransom for all. Through the love of the one God and the one mediator, we are forgiven.

Music Selection

**“How Great Thou Art”**

Roberta Lanning

## **Invitation to the Word**

Liturgist, Lukman Alli

Come, beloved of God, and listen to the voice of Scripture. In the cries of Jeremiah, the lament of the psalmist, the urging of Paul, and the teaching of Jesus, we hear both challenge and hope. Let us open our hearts to God’s living Word, that it may guide our prayers, shape our choices, and draw us closer to Christ.

## **\*\*Scripture Readings**

**Job 22:27 – 28 / Isaiah 55:11 / Luke 10:19**

Liturgist, Lukman Alli

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **Response to the Word**

Liturgist, Lukman Alli

Gracious Lord, Your Word convicts and comforts us. You hear the pain of a broken people, You call us to lift one another in prayer, and You teach us that true treasure is found in faithful living. Help us to be wise stewards of all You entrust to us, so that our lives may reflect the mercy and justice of Your kingdom.

Song of Preparation

**“If It Had Not Been For the Lord On My Side”**

Michelle Stevenson

**Sermon**

**“Decreeing the Life and the Command of God”**

Pastor Vernon Kemp

## ***III. Thanksgiving and Communion***

## **Altar Call/Invitation to Discipleship**

Liturgist, Lukman Alli

*If you would like prayer, you may kneel at the altar, and a prayer warrior will pray with you. You are also welcome to light a candle. Lighting a candle is a sacred way to lift a special prayer, remember a loved one, or seek comfort and clarity during difficult times.*

Music Selection

**“Jesus, Jesus, Jesus”**

St. Paul’s Choir

Invitation to the Offering

Liturgist, Lukman Alli

God has poured out mercy upon us, even when the world feels heavy with sorrow. In gratitude, we are invited to share what we have received—our gifts, our prayers, our service— so that hope may take root where despair lingers, and light may shine where shadows fall. Let us now present our tithes and offerings to the glory of God.

Let us now bring our offerings to the Lord.

Now is the time for us all to offer our tithes and gifts to Almighty Christ by placing them in the Love Offering box. Those who are worshipping with us online, you may mail your offering or send it via Zelle using our email. St. Paul’s is most grateful to each of you for your financial support

\*\*Doxology “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*\*Offertory Prayer

Liturgist, Lukamn Alli

You hear the cries of Your people and answer with compassion. Receive these gifts, offered in faith and gratitude. Use them to bring healing where there is brokenness, mercy where there is need, and hope where despair has taken root. Through Christ our Lord, who calls us to be faithful in all things. Amen.

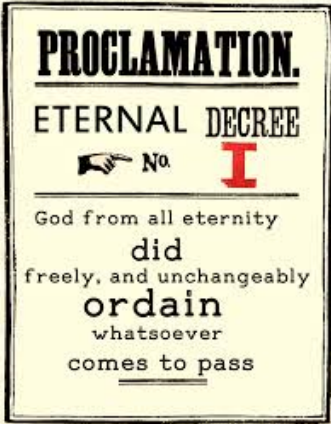
Lectionary Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 4:11 – 12, 22 – 28

Psalms 14

1 Timothy 1:12 – 17

Luke 15:1 – 10



Announcements

Coffee Hour

There will be no coffee hour today after service. But don’t worry—our next coffee hour will be on Sunday, September 28th, graciously hosted by Randy Bellous. This special fellowship time will be catered by Oliver and Pepper, featuring delicious Mediterranean food.

Bible Study

Please join us every Thursday at 6:30pm for Bible Study on Zoom! All worksheets and links are shared through Zoom to make it easy to follow along. If you would like to subscribe to our weekly Bible Study emails and meeting links, please reach out—we would love to have you join us in growing together in God’s Word.

Night Market

If you haven’t had a chance to stop by yet, don’t miss the Night Market hosted by PoppinShops LA! Come and enjoy yummy food, good music, great fellowship, and the joy of community. The market will be open on September 21 and the final day this month is September 27. Don’t miss your chance to grab a small drink, treat, or trinket before it’s gone!

Thank You, Brave Church

St. Paul’s extends a huge thank you to Diana Bruno and Gina Elliott for their faithful leadership in guiding our Brave Church ministry. Because of their dedication and vision, this important ministry continues to grow and bless our community. We also offer our deepest appreciation to everyone who participated and supported Brave Church. Together, you are helping us create a space of grace, courage, and connection.

IV. Sending Forth

\*\*Benediction

Pastor Vernon Kemp

Be faithful with little. Be faithful with much. Be faithful with what belongs to another. Be faithful with what is your own. Serve only one master. There is one God. We will serve this God alone. And may the grace, mercy, and peace of the one God be with you. Amen.

\*\*Closing Song

“I Give All My Service To You”

St. Paul’s Choir