

Church Calendar

Monday, September 29, 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 30, 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, October 1, 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, October 2, 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, October 3, 2025

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

Saturday, October 4, 2025

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

Sunday, October 5, 2025

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

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

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

September 28, 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

16th Sunday After Pentecost

Color: Green

September 28, 2025

10:00 a.m.

These passages present the benefit of a life connected to God and the consequences of living disconnected from God. Psalm 91 speaks poetically of the protection offered under God's wings for those who trust in God. First Timothy instructs us that our top priorities should include righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. One of our "disconnects" centers around money. The rich man in Luke is condemned because he did not use his money to help his neighbor. Jeremiah metaphorically portrays God's desire that humanity turn from its disconnectedness. The prophet is instructed to purchase the land as a symbol of God's "right of redemption" and as a promise of hope for those who have chosen paths that have led them from God.

****Indicates to stand if able**

The United Methodist Hymnal = UMH (Red Book)

The Faith We Sing = TFWS (Black Book)

Prelude

~~“Balm in Gilead”~~

Jacqueline Tringov

I. Invitation and Gathering

Gathering Words

Pastor Vernon Kemp

***Hymn

~~“Give Thanks”~~

TFWS #2036

***Call to Worship

Liturgist, Effie Baidoo

L: We gather today to worship God, who listens when we call.

P: We gather to rest in the shadow of God's wings.

L: We gather to pray to God, who answers us when we call.

P: We gather to lift our voices in the shadow of God's wings.

L: We gather to praise God, who rescues us when we call.

P: We gather to rejoice in the shadow of God's wings.

L: Beloved, come! Let us worship God, who covers and delivers us in Love.

P: We gather to worship in the shadow of God's wings.

****Praise Song**

“Let It Rise”

St. Paul's Choir


Prayer of Intercession

Liturgist, Effie Baidoo

God our Redeemer, you promise deliverance to those who love you. Draw unto us as we draw unto you in worship. Open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, our minds to comprehend, and our spirits to encounter the revelation you have for us this day. Transform us with the truth of your love and grace, in the name of the one who loved us and gave his life for us. Amen.

September Birthdays

**This month, we give thanks for
all who celebrated birthdays in
August! We are so grateful for
each of you and the many ways
you bless our church family.**

May the year ahead be filled 
with God's love, abundant joy,
and many wonderful memories.

**Happy Birthday to all our
September celebrants!** 🎉🎊🌟



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
- Lenore Lewis
- Jack Lewis
- Roberta Lanning
- Linda Gaul
- Marianne Crosby
- Pastor Vernon Kemp

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

II. Proclamation and Response

Music Selection

“~~Your Spirit~~”

Roberta Lanning

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

Liturgist, Effie Baidoo

Gracious and generous God, you lavishly bestow the gift of your love. Forgive us, we pray— when we don’t see or recognize your gifts for what they are; when we think we have somehow earned or are entitled to your generosity; when we take what you give and beg you for more; when we hoard our gifts and do not hear the mournful cry of those around us; when our desire for more plunges us into ruin and destruction. Teach us the ways of godliness, and grant us a spirit of contentment, that we may be grateful for your provision and share the gifts you give with others. As we are blessed by you, so may we be a blessing to others, in the name of your matchless gift, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Liturgist, Effie Baidoo

People of God, do not set your hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on the richness of God, who provides us everything for our enjoyment. Be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Music Selection

“~~How Great Thou Art~~”

Roberta Lanning

Invitation to the Word

Liturgist, Effie Baidoo

Let us open our hearts and minds to the living Word of God. As we turn to Scripture, may we listen with faith, receive with gratitude, and be shaped by the Spirit’s guidance. The Word of the Lord is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path—let us walk in that light today.

****Scripture Readings**

~~Job 22:27—28 / Isaiah 55:11 / Luke 10:19~~

Liturgist, Effie Baidoo

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response to the Word

Liturgist, Effie Baidoo

God of Abraham, of Moses and the prophets, we pray that your word will not fall on deaf ears, on closed minds, on hardened hearts. May the truth that is spoken today transform our minds and our hearts, unveiling the richness of your love, the depth of your grace, and the goodness of your mercy. Amen.

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, Effie Baidoo
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, Effie Baidoo
Scripture reminds us that we brought nothing into the world and take nothing out of it. If we have food and clothing, we are to be content with these. We are told in scripture to do good, to be rich in good works, and to be generous and ready to share. For when we do good deeds, are rich in good works, and are generous and sharing, we store up the treasure of a good foundation for the future. We take hold of life that really is life. Life that really is life. What does that look like to you? Perhaps your offering today will help bring this life to someone else. What greater gift can we give?

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 worshiping 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, Effie Baidoo
God, our refuge and fortress, our deliverer and protector, we thank you for hearing our call and for rescuing us. We thank you for the gift of our salvation. Bless now these gifts that we offer back to you—the gifts of our resources, the gifts of our hearts. Use these gifts so that others may come to know the life that really is life. Amen.

Announcements

Coffee Hour
Please join us after service for Coffee Hour, graciously hosted by **Randy Bellous**. Come and enjoy warm fellowship and delicious Mediterranean food. We look forward to sharing this special time together with you!

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.

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

Lectionary Scripture For This Week
Jeremiah 4:11 – 12, 22 – 28
Psalms 14
1 Timothy 1:12 – 17
Luke 15:1 – 10