

Church Calendar

Monday, November 3, 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, November 4, 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, November 5, 2025

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – El Nido Family Centers
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Prayer Group Meeting
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Remain Teachable (AA)
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 6, 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, November 7, 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, November 8, 2025

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

Sunday, November 9, 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

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Vacant - Trustee Chair

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“Faith is not the absence of fear, but the courage to trust God in the midst of it.”

–Inspired by Isaiah 41:10 & Psalm 56:3

November 2, 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



The Beacon of The Valley

21st Sunday After Pentecost
Color: Green
November 2, 2025

****Indicates to stand if able**
The United Methodist Hymnal = UMH (Red Book)
The Faith We Sing = TFWS (Black Book)

Prelude “My Tribute” Jacqueline Tringov

I. Invitation and Gathering

Gathering Words Pastor Vernon Kemp

****Hymn** “The Blood Will Never Lose It’s Power” St. Paul’s Choir

****Call to Worship** Liturgist, Effie Baidoo & Kemi Alli
L: In times of fear and uncertainty, when the world seems unjust and our hearts grow weary—
P: We will stand watch and wait for the Lord, our God, whose promises never fail.
L: Though we may not see the answer yet, we hold fast to faith that God is working all things for good.
P: Our hope rests not in what we see, but in the One who calls us to trust beyond fear.
L: Like Habakkuk, we will climb the watchtower and listen for God’s voice.
P: Like the Psalmist, we will find strength in God’s righteousness and life in His Word.
L: Jesus calls us down from our trees of doubt and fear—
P: And welcomes us into grace, faith, and new life.
All: Come, let us worship the God of faith, hope, and steadfast love!

****Praise Song** “You Deserve It” St. Paul’s Choir

Opening Prayer Liturgist, Effie Baidoo & Kemi Alli
Gracious and loving God,
In a world filled with uncertainty and fear, we come before You seeking peace, courage, and hope. When doubt clouds our vision, remind us that faith is the light that guides our steps. When our hearts grow anxious, strengthen us with the assurance of Your steadfast love. As we gather in worship, open our eyes to see Your presence around us and within us. May Your Spirit renew our faith, deepen our trust, and fill us with hope that overcomes all fear. We place our lives in Your hands, Lord, and we give You all glory and praise. In Jesus’ holy name we pray, **Amen.**

II. Proclamation and Response

Music Selection “Faithful” St. Paul’s Choir



All Saints Day
11/1/2025

<i>Adelaine Ethial</i>	<i>Christopher Harris</i>	<i>Mickey LiPuma</i>
<i>Alice Tomacruz</i>	<i>Debbie Caudillo</i>	<i>Mohamed Ayoub</i>
<i>Allan Davis</i>	<i>Dianne Wepsic</i>	<i>Mrs. Ornelas</i>
<i>Aretha Fritz</i>	<i>Dipo Fashakin</i>	<i>Ollie Piper</i>
<i>Babajide Ogundiran</i>	<i>Dorothy Schmelzel</i>	<i>Phyllis McMeekan</i>
<i>Beatrice Seymour</i>	<i>Floyd Seymour</i>	<i>Reverend Shirley Bench</i>
<i>Betty LeGette</i>	<i>Frank Cordon</i>	<i>Robert Rouse</i>
<i>Bob Fellers</i>	<i>Fred Ruiz</i>	<i>Roy Haywood</i>
<i>Buddy and Ruth Jay</i>	<i>Jane Cappleman</i>	<i>Senituli Taufahema</i>
<i>Calvin Hagan</i>	<i>Janie Seymour</i>	<i>Solomone Tulua</i>
<i>Carlo Mancini</i>	<i>Josephine Ajoke Alli</i>	<i>Teri Wallace</i>
<i>Carol Walker</i>	<i>Kathy Kovin-Pacino</i>	<i>Timothy Phelps</i>
<i>Charles Cappleman</i>	<i>Lillian Cordon</i>	<i>Tony Borque</i>
<i>Cheri Smith</i>	<i>Lois Jackson</i>	<i>Stephen Oyelakin Oyelowo</i>
<i>Charlie Cox</i>	<i>Marian “Mickie” Fornadley</i>	<i>June Martin</i>

thank you

This past Sunday marked a truly special milestone for all of us — a day of celebration that commemorates our journey together over the past ten years. It was Pastor’s Appreciation Day, and my heart is overflowing with gratitude as I reflect on the blessings and the bonds that have grown within our church family here at St. Paul’s - Tarzana.

With a grateful and filled heart, I want to extend my deepest thanks to each and every one of you — my siblings in Christ and family. Your prayers, kind words, thoughtful gifts, and the chance to break bread together (MMM, the smoked ribs, chicken, brisket, and all the sides!) made the day truly memorable. Every moment shared, every gesture of kindness, and every uplifting word spoken reminded me of the strength and love that flow through our community. As both Paul and David remind us in scripture, none of us walk this path alone. It is through the support, encouragement, and fellowship of others that we are able to grow, persevere, and celebrate the milestones along the way. I am deeply aware that I did not get here by myself. Your partnership, prayers, and support have been a guiding light throughout my ministry.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." – Psalm 107:1 (NIV)
Thank you, all, for your appreciation and love — both individually and collectively. As we continue this journey together, may our hearts remain open, our spirits renewed, and our fellowship strengthened. With love and a meek heart, and appreciativeness, Thank you.
Pastor Vernon



****Prayer of Confession...*(Congregation)*** Liturgist, Effie Baidoo & Kemi Alli
Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don’t share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts. Thanks be to God for God’s mercy, grace, and love! Amen!

Words of Assurance Liturgist, Effie Baidoo & Kemi Alli
Even when we question, even when we stumble, God’s faithfulness does not waver. Like Zacchaeus, we are seen by Christ— not for what we have done wrong, but for who we can become through His grace. When we turn our hearts toward Him, salvation meets us where we are. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and made whole. Thanks be to God

Music Selection Marianne Crosby

Music Selection “Bless Me” St. Paul’s Choir

Invitation to the Word Liturgist, Effie Baidoo & Kemi Alli
Friends in Christ, today we come before the Living Word— the One who calls us to see beyond our struggles, to stand firm in faith, and to open our hearts to grace. As Habakkuk cried out for understanding, and as Zacchaeus climbed higher to see Jesus, may we too seek a clearer view of God’s truth and love. Let us open our hearts and minds as we listen for God’s Word this morning. Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

****Scripture Readings Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 & Luke 19:1-10** Liturgist, Effie Baidoo & Kemi Alli

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 & Kemi Alli
The Word of God reminds us that faith is not about what we see, but about trusting in the promises we cannot yet touch. Like Zacchaeus, when we encounter Jesus, we are changed— our hearts are opened, our lives are redirected, and our hope is renewed. Thanks be to God for the Word that challenges, comforts, and transforms us. May we go forth living with eyes of faith and hearts of compassion.

Song of Preparation “Where Is Your Faith” St. Paul’s Choir

Sermon “Fear, Faith, and Hope; A Saint’s Deliverance” Pastor Vernon Kemp

III. Thanksgiving and Communion

Thanksgiving and Communion

The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord’s Prayer
The Apostles’ Creed

Pastor Vernon Kemp
Communion Servants
UMH #12 – 15
UMH #894
UMH #881

Altar Call/Invitation to Discipleship Liturgist, Effie Baidoo & Kemi 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 “You Are Holy” St. Paul’s Choir

Invitation to the Offering Liturgist, Effie Baidoo & Kemi Alli
God has been faithful through every generation— guiding the prophets, strengthening the apostles, and reaching out to the lost. Now it is our turn to respond in faith and gratitude. Through our tithes and offerings, we participate in God’s transforming work— lifting the lowly, feeding the hungry, and sharing the Good News of Christ’s love. With grateful hearts, we offer our gifts and our lives to God’s service.

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 & Kemi Alli
Generous and loving God, You have blessed us beyond measure. Receive these gifts as tokens of our gratitude and instruments of Your peace. Use them to bring hope to the humble, healing to the broken, and justice to the oppressed. In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

Looking into 2026
As we look forward to the new year, **St. Paul’s United Methodist Church** is beginning to plan our 2026 calendar and ministries! If you are interested in **hosting a group or ministry** — such as a user group, prayer group, Bible study, or any other gathering — please contact the church office to fill out an **official Church Ministry Form**. This will help us schedule spaces and prepare for a full and spirit-filled year ahead. For those who are **already leading or part of an existing ministry**, please reach out to the office **as soon as possible** to complete and submit your form so we can update our **official records** and confirm your place on next year’s calendar.

We are also inviting anyone who is currently a volunteer — or feels called to become one — to fill out an **official Volunteer Form**. As we continue to grow and bring more ministries to St. Paul’s, we want to ensure we have the right number of volunteers to support all our activities and outreach efforts. Thank you for helping us continue to make St. Paul’s a welcoming and thriving community of faith. Together, we can make 2026 a year filled with purpose, service, and connection!
For more information or to request a form, please contact the church office.

Community Love
Before this holiday season, we are starting a special campaign to support those in need who visit **St. Paul’s** or who are St. Paul’s Community. Many of our neighbors come by hungry or in need of assistance, and we would love to help make their holidays a little brighter. We are seeking donations of **\$10–\$25 gift cards** from any retailer or restaurant. Your contribution, no matter the size, will go directly to helping those in our community who need a helping hand. Please join us in spreading love and kindness this Christmas. Gift cards can be dropped off at the church office or given during services. Let’s come together to share God’s blessings with those who need it most!

IV. Sending Forth

****Benediction** Pastor Vernon Kemp
Go forth as people of mercy and humility. Trust in God’s grace, walk in God’s truth, and live each day with hearts open to love. And may the blessing of God— Father, Son, and Holy Spirit— be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

****Closing Song** “The Blessing” St. Paul’s Choir
Lectionary Scripture For This Week
Habakkuk 1:1 – 4; 2:1 – 4
Psalms 119:137 – 144
2 Thessalonians 1:1 – 4, 11 – 12
Luke 19:1 – 10