

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. – 9:45p.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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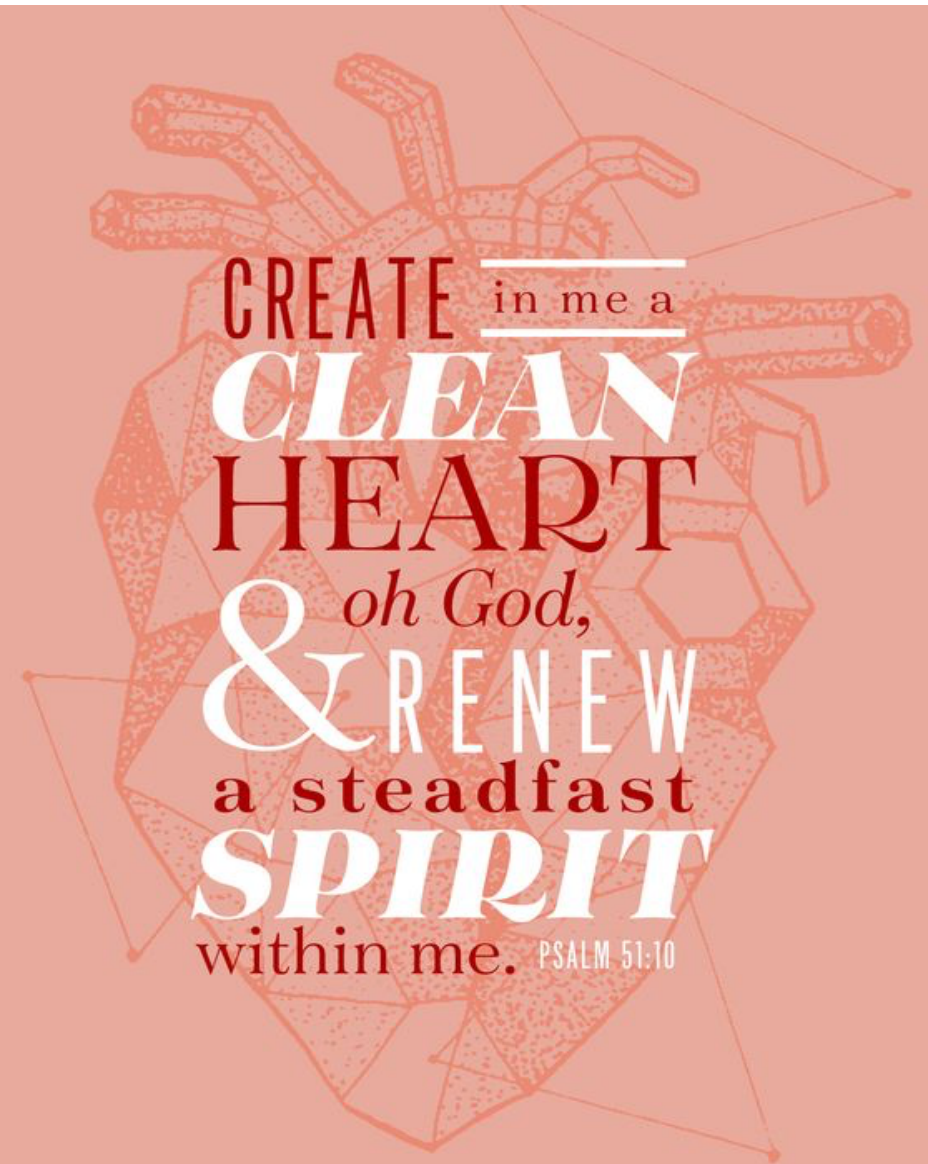
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<https://www.youtube.com/@saintpaulschurch7968/streams>

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



September 14, 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

14th Sunday After Pentecost

Color: Green
September 14, 2025
10:00 a.m.

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

Prelude “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us” Jacqueline Tringov

I. Invitation and Gathering

Gathering Words Pastor Vernon Kemp

****Processional** “Bless the Lord” St. Paul’s Choir

****Call to Worship** Liturgist, Pheleta Santos

Leader: Surely I was sinful at birth,
People: We are born into sin and shaped by iniquity.
Leader: Yet You desired faithfulness even in the womb;
People: God desires truth and wisdom in our hearts.
Leader: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
People: Only God can cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Leader: Let me hear joy and gladness;
People: God restores our brokenness into joy.
Leader: Create in me a pure heart, O God,
People: And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

****Praise Song** “It’s Me, It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord” UMH #352

Prayer of Intercession Liturgist, Pheleta Santos

Everyone: Gracious God, You who know every heart and see every need, We lift up our world, our communities, and our loved ones to You. Lord, create in all of us clean hearts, and help us walk in the joy of Your salvation. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Music Selection “Open Our Eyes, Lord” TFWS #2086

II. Proclamation and Response



Joyful Journey’s

“The Joyful Noise Makers”



Kids & Youth—Let’s Make a Joyful Noise!

Starting Sunday, September 28th, join “Joyful Journeys,” our Sunday School praise and worship team with singing & Hand Bells! Together we’ll be known as “The Joyful Noise Makers.”

Meet in the Choir Room before Pastor’s message, stay through the end of service, and share God’s joy in worship—plus special celebrations like Thanksgiving & Christmas!

No experience needed—just bring your voice, your energy, and your love for Jesus. Friends are welcome!

Please Contact: [Diana Bruno \(818\) 399-0180](#)
[Marianne Crosby \(818\) 822-6577](#)

“Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord” – Psalm 100:1

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PRAYER LIST

- Terry Doherty & Family
- Family and Friends of Bob Doherty
- Bonnie Jay
- Family and Friends of Ruth Blinick
- Shirley and John Hawkins
- Mike and Diane Vincent
- Family and Friends of Mildred Lester

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, Pheleta Santos

Merciful God, We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have been born into brokenness, and we often choose our own way over Yours. You desire truth in our innermost being, yet we hide behind falsehood and pride. Cleanse us, O Lord. Wash us thoroughly and make us whiter than snow. Create in us clean hearts, and renew right spirits within us. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Liturgist, Pheleta Santos

L: Hear the good news! Though we are born into sin, Christ was born to set us free. Though our hearts are stained, God washes us clean. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and restored.

All Together: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Invitation to the Word

Liturgist, Pheleta Santos

May the words that are spoken, and the reflections of our hearts, be worthy of your grace, O God, to whom all honor and glory is given now and forever more. Amen.

****Scripture Readings**

Psalms 51:5 – 10

Liturgist, Pheleta Santos

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response to the Word

Liturgist, Pheleta Santos

God of love and mercy, may the truth you offer stay with us when we leave this place; may all that is lost in our lives, be found through your Spirit; may the brokenness of this world be healed and turned to love and hope; and may we strive to be your faithful disciples as the body of Christ. Amen.

Song of Preparation

Michelle Stevenson

Sermon

“The Joy of a Clean Heart”

Pastor Vernon Kemp

III. Thanksgiving and Communion

Altar Call/Invitation to Discipleship

Liturgist, Pheleta Santos

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

“I Need Your Glory”

St. Paul’s Choir

Invitation to the Offering

Liturgist, Pheleta Santos

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have received much from God—grace, mercy, abundance, the love of Christ, and the gift of life itself. In our worship, we praise God and give God thanks for these gifts. Let us now offer what we can as a way of saying, “Thank you.” In gratitude for God’s generosity, let us share God’s abundance with one another.

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, Pheleta Santos

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help the needy in our community and throughout the world. As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. Amen.

Lectionary Scripture Readings
Jeremiah 4:11 – 12, 22 – 28
Psalm 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 21st**, graciously hosted by **Randy Bellous**. This special fellowship time will be catered by **Oliver and Pepper**, featuring delicious Mediterranean food.

Looking ahead, if you would like to host a coffee hour in **October**, please reach out to **Jackie Adams** or **Diana Bruno** for more details. Hosting is a wonderful way to serve and bless our church family!

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

We’re excited to share that **PoppinShops LA** will be bringing their **Night Market** to our community this month! Mark your calendars for **September 13, 21, and 27** from **4:00pm – 8:30pm**. Each evening will be filled with **yummy food, small treats, and delightful surprises**. It’s the perfect opportunity to enjoy a relaxed night out, discover unique vendors, and spend time with friends and neighbors. Whether you come for the delicious bites, the fun finds, or simply the joyful atmosphere, there’s something for everyone to enjoy.
Come by, bring your family, and experience the wonderful spirit of fellowship and community that the Night Market brings!

Stay Connected with St. Paul’s

Would you like to receive our monthly newsletter, Bible study information, and other important church updates? Be sure to contact the office to join our email list! If you’re already subscribed but haven’t been receiving messages, let us know so we can fix it right away. Please also remember to keep your contact information up to date so we can stay in touch. Together, we can remain encouraged, informed, and connected as a church family!

IV. Sending Forth

**Benediction

Pastor Vernon Kemp

May you go from this place carrying the blessing and assurance that the Triune God, Creator of the universe, knows your name. Amen.

**Closing Song “The Blessing” St. Paul’s Choir