

SAINT PAUL'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



February 22, 2026
“The Night Shift Workers”
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship: Sunday, February 22, 2026

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services of Worship

1st Sunday in Lent

*stand as you are able

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. MaryAnn Piccioni, Associate Pastor

Prelude (8:30)

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain setting by M. Burkhardt

(11:00)

Rock-a My Soul

arr. V. Stephenson

Handbell Choir

Lighting of the Candles

Acolytes

***Call to Worship**

Liane Giroux and People

As darkness gives way to light and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.

Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring beneath the soil,

We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.

In this time of reflection and repentance,

We affirm our identity, we claim our security, as children of God.

Gill Le Fevre

***Opening Hymn**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400

***Prayer of Confession**

Liane Giroux and People

Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence

filled with regret for our many sins and failings.

Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness,

we have often denied our better selves and refused to hear your voice

calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity.

For there is weakness in us as well as strength.

At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured.

We do not care to look within,

and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help.

O God, we are too weak to walk unaided.

Be with us as a strong and wise friend,

And teach us to walk by the light of your truth.

Offer prayers of confession in silence

Leader: The Lord God is merciful and gracious,

endlessly patient, loving, and true,

showing mercy to thousands,

Forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and granting pardon. **Amen.**

Response

Lord, I want to Be a Christian

UMH 402, vs. 3

***Passing of the Peace**

(Please join in singing *Spirit of the Living God*, UMH 393 as you return to your seat.)

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer		Rev. MaryAnn Piccioni
Anthem (11:00)	<i>Tell It to the Nations</i> Covenant Chancel Choir	arr. K. Christopher
Children's Chat		Rev. Piccioni
The Offering		
Offering Prayer		Rev. Carolyn Williamson, Senior Pastor
Offertory (8:30)	<i>Rock-a My Soul</i> Handbell Choir	V. Stephenson
	(11:00) <i>Ain't Gonna Let the Mountains Praise the Lord</i> Kids@Art Choir	D. Rambo
*Doxology		UMH 95, Old 100th
Scripture	Luke 2:8-15	Liane Giroux
Sermon	"The Night Shift Workers"	Rev. Carolyn Williamson
*Closing Hymn	<i>Take My Life and Let It Be</i>	UMH 399
*Sending Forth		Rev. Williamson
Postlude	<i>Forth in Your Name</i>	L. Smith

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Flowers On The Altar

Sign up to put flowers on the Altar through the form on Breeze.
<https://saintpaulsumc.breezechms.com/form/flowerarrangements>.
Or call the church office to choose a Sunday.

ATTENDANCE PADS

In each pew you will find a black folder containing a sign-in. We would love for you to let us know you are here. You can also share your contact information, request info on various ministries, sign up for Wednesday night dinner or request a name tag.

Thank you for joining us in worship today! This QR code will take you to our webpage, where you may subscribe to our WEEKLY NOTES and give safely and securely online to support the ministries of Saint Paul's UMC.



THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL'S

Sunday, Feb. 22 - Worship, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Handbell Choir, 5:45 p.m., Sanctuary

Confirmation Class, 5:00 p.m., Parlor

Contemporary Worship, 6:00 p.m., Sanders Hall

Monday, Feb. 23 - Chair Yoga, 11:00 a.m., Sanders Hall

Florida Conf. Children's Week Meeting, 12:00 p.m., Parlor

Daisy Scouts, 6:00 p.m., Room 301

Governing Board, 6:30 p.m., Parlor

Tuesday, Feb. 24 - Men's Reading Community, 8:30 a.m., Ology Northside

Covenant Chancel Choir, 6:00 p.m., Choir Room

Selah, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room

Wednesday, Feb. 25 - Prayer Meeting, 8:00 a.m., Zoom

Lenten Study, 4:00 p.m., Room 300

PreSchool Music, 5:10 p.m., Room 200

Wednesday Night Dinner (Meatloaf), 5:15 p.m., Sanders Hall

Kids@Art, 6:00 p.m., Room 200

Lenten Study, 6:00 p.m., Room 301

Wednesday Night Youth Rooted, 6:00 p.m., Parlor

Youth Choir, 7:00 p.m., Room 200

Thursday, Feb. 26 - Mindful Moments, 10:00 a.m., Room 327

Friday, Feb. 27 - Alzheimer's Respite, 9:00 a.m., Parlor

Saturday, Feb. 28 - Soul Food, 9:30 a.m., Lake Ella

Sunday, March 1 - Worship, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Confirmation Class, 5:00 p.m., Parlor

Handbell Choir, 5:45 p.m., Sanctuary

Contemporary Worship, 6:00 p.m., Sanders Hall

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS

Large print hymnals are available to those who would like to use them during worship. Please ask an usher.

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