

THANK YOU!

We want you to know that your presence today is valued, and we pray that your experience here will make an impact in your life. Again, thank you for choosing to worship at St. Paul and please come again.

### Keep in Your Prayers



Annie Elliot

The Johnson Family

Dorothy Holloway

Verbie Watkins Jr.

Kimberly Mosley

Queenie Williams Deeton

The Komar Family

Anita Wallace

Emmitt Johnson, Sr.

Georgia Sims

Martha Parker



### *Birthdays*

*Happy Birthday to  
everyone born in the  
month of November.*

### \*\*\*Weekly Reminders & Events\*\*\*

*\*Holy Communion - Every First Sunday - In Person Service\**

*\*Virtual Sunday School - Every Sunday Morning at 9:30 A.M.\**

*\*Virtual Midweek Bible Study - Every Wednesday at 6:00 P.M.\**

*\*Virtual Prayer Line Devotional - Every Friday Evening at 7:00 P.M.\**

*\*St. Paul Ensemble Choir Rehearsal - Every Saturday at 12:30 P.M.\**

*\*Finance and Administrative Meetings - Every Third Tuesday at 5 & 6 P.M.\**

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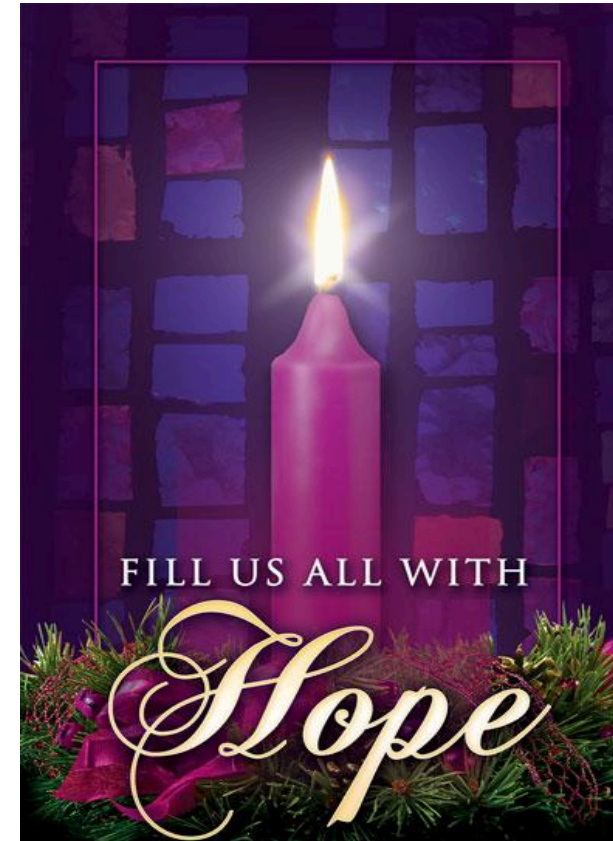
**Thought For the Week:** Celebrate God all day, every day. "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" ~ *Philippians 4:4 NIV*

Bishop Sharma Lewis Logan – Resident Bishop  
Elder Johniel Henry – District Superintendent

# Saint Paul United Methodist Church

*"A Place to BELONG and GROW Closer to GOD"*

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*November 30, 2025*

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**Welcome to the Fifth Sunday in November**  
**Saint Paul United Methodist Church**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
Rev. L. Fitzgerald Lovett, Pastor  
Worship Leader – Kim Sterdivant  
**Order of Service**  
*November 30, 2025 – 11:30 a.m.*

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**Prelude**      *“Savior of the Nations, Come”*      Mr. Andrew Thomas

**Lighting of the Altar Candles**      *Acolytes*

**Greeting and Opening Prayer**      *Worship Leader*

*In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, kindle in us the desire to remain awake; that we might be ready for your coming and eager to pray. O God, in days to come, the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign.*

*We pray for the church (especially...), that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths.*

*Come, Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer. **Amen.***

**Call to Worship**      *Worship Leader*

Leader: Beloved, once again, we embark on the Advent path that points us to the coming of Jesus.

**People:** We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: We remember the signs and the times that heralded the arrival of the baby Jesus, God Incarnate.

**People:** We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: We tell the stories once again as we learn how to discern the signs and the times, watching for glimpses of God’s here-and-not-yet kingdom among us.

**People:** We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who shines a light to guide us on the path to peace and flourishing for all creation.

**All:** Come, let us worship as we journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

**Lighting of Advent Wreath: Hope**

**Opening Hymn**      *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*      p.196

**Tithes & Offering**      *Ushers*

**Doxology**      *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow”*      p.95

**Scripture Reading**      *Worship Leader*

**Music Ministry**      *“The Glory of the Lord”*

**Sermon**      *Rev. L Fitzgerald Lovett*

**Call to Discipleship and Altar Prayer**      *Rev. L Fitzgerald Lovett*

**Invitational Hymn**

**Sending Forth**      **Benediction**      **Going Forth**