

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



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Eli Alexander

Dorothy Holloway

Verbie Watkins Jr.

Kimberly Mosley

Queenie Williams Deeton

Anita Wallace

Marie Lewis

Emmitt Johnson, Sr.

The Crenshaw Family



Birthdays

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

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.

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

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Thought For the Week: As August ends and a new month begins, you are reminded that God's grace is completely inexhaustible. You do not have to carry yesterday's mistakes, regrets, or failures into tomorrow. Every single sunrise brings a fresh supply of His mercy, love, and loyalty, giving you a clean slate and the strength to start anew. "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness." ~ *Lamentations 3:22-23 KJV*

Bishop Sharma Lewis Logan – Resident Bishop

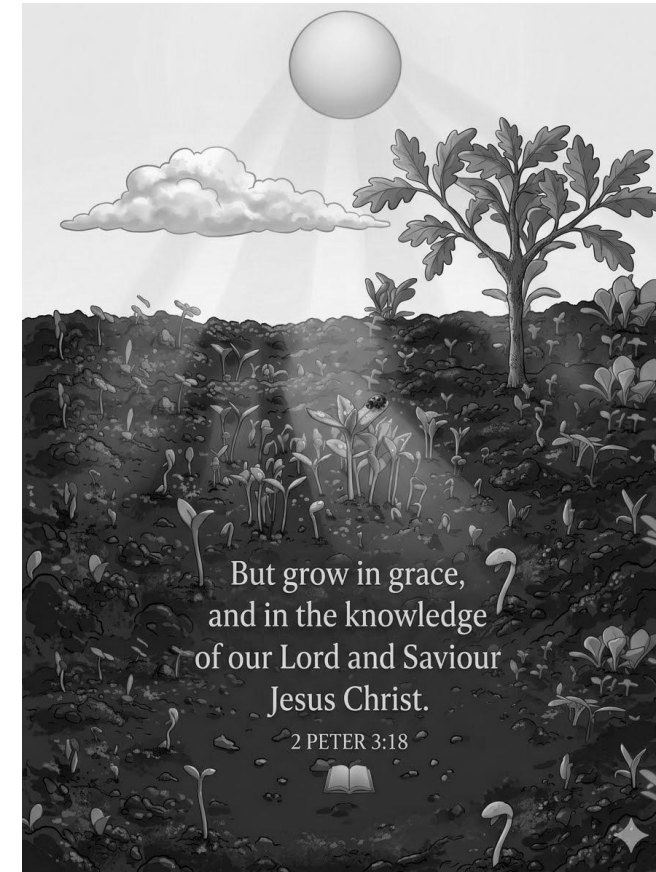
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But grow in grace,
and in the knowledge
of our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ.

2 PETER 3:18

August 30, 2026

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Welcome to the Fifth Sunday in August

Saint Paul United Methodist Church

14th Sunday After Pentecost

Elder Christopher Carpenter, Pastor

Worship Leader – Sister Josephine Virgil

Order of Service

August 30, 2026 – 11:30 a.m.

Prelude

Mr. Andrew Thomas

Greeting

Worship Leader

Call to Worship

Worship Leader

Leader: We have come to worship the God who calls us to grow.

People: Holy Spirit, make us more like Jesus.

Leader: Let the fruit of the Spirit be seen in our lives.

People: We will live by the Holy Spirit and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord!

All: Jesus, grow Your fruit within us. Amen!

Opening Hymn *“All Creatures of Our God and King”* p. 62

Opening Prayer *Worship Leader*

O God, Sustainer of all life and Creator of the universe, you set us aside to be leaders, so help us see things as they are and not only as they affect ourselves. Grant that we may have a wise and modest estimate of our own powers and live in full contact with all things high, true, and good. Teach us our failings and our faults; give us courage to acknowledge them and, by your grace, enable us to overcome them.

Lift us above the unstable currents of our self-will and establish us on the rock of your purposes. Be to each of us the secret stay and the inner guide of our lives. May your Spirit dwell in us more and more, that your peace which exceeds all understanding may possess our hearts and minds.
Amen.

Scripture Reading

Worship Leader

Old Testament Scripture: Ezekiel 36:25–27

New Testament Scripture: Galatians 5:22–25

Song of Praise *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”* p. 133

Sermon *Elder Christopher Carpenter*

“Growing Into Christlikeness”

Sermon Series Theme for August 2026: Growing in Christ

Key Series Verse: 2 Peter 3:18 NRSVUE

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”

Invitational Hymn

Call to Discipleship *Elder Christopher Carpenter*

Altar Prayer *Elder Christopher Carpenter*

Tithes & Offering *Ushers*

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

Sending Forth Benediction Going Forth