

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, USA
5100 COLISEUM STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90016
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024 @ 9:30 A.M.
(323) 292-0471

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Sunday, February 4, 2024

9:30 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

[+ Please stand if you are able]

~WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME~

(Please observe the discipline of prayer as preparation for worship)

Opening Greetings

Elder Harriette Bone

Minutes for Stewardship

Elder Michelle Dixon

Parish Notes

Elder Bone

Call To Worship

Elder Bone

Leader: Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God;

People: For God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

Leader: God heals the brokenhearted,

People: And binds up their wounds.

Leader: God determines the number of the stars;

People: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

Leader: God's understanding is beyond measure.

People: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God.

All: Praise the Lord!

Opening Morning Hymn

Congregation

"I'm So Glad" (verses 1, 3)

(spiritual) #238 AAHH

*1. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad
Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!*

*3. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble,
Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!*

Opening Unison Prayer

Congregation

God who names the stars, You have also named us as Your beloved children. May we hear You calling our name in this time of worship. May we be open to the movement of Your spirit. May we discern Your wisdom and deepen our understanding of Your wondrous love. Lead us and guide us as we worship You. Amen.

Choral Response

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" (verse 1)

Congregation

(spiritual) #463 AAHH

*1. Lord, I want to be a Christian In my heart, in my
heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian In my heart,
In my heart, (In my heart,) In my heart (In my heart,)
Lord, I want to be a Christian In my heart.*

Call To Confession**Rev. Dr. Norman Bullock**

God our Creator knows us each by name and knows our hearts. Let us confess our sins before our God, who desires to save us and set us free.

Unison Prayer Of Confession**Rev. Bullock/Congregation**

Gracious God, it's tempting to give up and give in, to hide from the injustices of the world, to protect ourselves and our own, to turn off the evening news full of bad news. Forgive our sins of escape, of ignoring, of turning our backs on those in need. Forgive our sins of apathy when you call us to action. Renew us, Holy God, by your grace. Strengthen us to follow Christ's call. Amen.

(Silent Individual Confession)**Be Encouraged To Silently Pray a Personal Prayer of Confession****Assurance of Pardon****Rev. Bullock**

“The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.” **Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.** Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle's Creed)**Rev. Bullock/Congregation**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy *catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

“Gloria Patri”

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

Welcome Visitors**Rev. Bullock****+Prayer Requests****Pastoral Prayer for the People****Rev. Bullock****The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who is in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. **Amen.**

**The Offering
Call to Giving**

Elder Bone

Offertory Song

“Thank You Lord”(verses 1, 2)
(Contemporary Spiritual Music)
(sing during the collection of offering)

Congregation

#531 AAHH

*1. Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord,
thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord.
2. Been so good, been so good,
been so good, I just want to thank You, Lord.*

Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Congregation

#651 AAHH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise
Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye
heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen, Amen.*

Prayer for the Offering

O God, maker and provider, you have blessed us with many gifts. Use us, and what we have gathered, to feed the world through your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings:

Elder Bone

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Blue Bible pg. 668

New Testament Reading: I Corinthians 9:16-23

Blue Bible pg. 171 - 172

Words in Song

“Teach Me Lord How to Wait” (gospel)
(Isaiah 40:30)

Justin Jordan

Sermon text and title

“The Benefits of Waiting on God”
(Isaiah 40:28-31)

Rev. Bullock

Response to the Word

Rev. Bullock

(If you have never accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and/or if you are a Christian without a church home and you believe the Holy Spirit is leading you to select St. Paul's as that home, please indicate so by letting Pastor Norman Bullock know. Email him at normangbullock@gmail.com and he will respond accordingly. To God be the glory!!)

“We Offer Christ”

*We offer Christ to you, oh, my
Brother, We offer Christ to you, oh, my*

*Sister. He will give you brand new life Through
Life abundantly; Oh come, come on
to Christ.*

Communion Hymn

**Congregation
#256 AAHH**

“The Blood Will Never Lose It Power” (verses 1, 2)

- 1. The blood that Jesus shed for me,
Way back on Calvary, The
blood that give me strength from day to
day, It will never lose its pow’r.
It reaches from the highest mountain.
(mountain) And it flows to the lowest valley.
(valley) The blood that give me strength from day to
day, It will never lose its pow’r.*
- 2. It soothes my doubts and calms my fears,
And it dries all my tears; The
blood that give me strength from day to
day, It will never lose its pow’r.
It reaches from the highest mountain.
(mountain) And it flows to the lowest valley.
(valley) The blood that give me strength from day to
day, It will never lose its pow’r.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Deacon J. Dixon/
Elder M. Porter**

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise God’s creating power and providential care: in making the world; establishing the covenant; giving the law, speaking truth through the prophets; showing mercy in spite of our sin; and above all, through the gift of Jesus Christ.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

With thanksgiving, we remember: Christ's birth, life, and ministry; His death and resurrection; His ascension to reign; and the promise of His return. With gratitude, we offer our lives to God in service and praise, as we celebrate this holy meal. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer (Blessing Bread and Cup)



Closing Song

Congregation
#600 AAHH

“I Wanna Be Ready”

[Refrain]

*I wanna be ready, I wanna be ready.
I wanna be ready to walk in Jerusalem just like John.*

*1. John said the city was just four-square,
To walk in Jerusalem just like John.
and he declared he'd meet me there.
To walk in Jerusalem just like John. Oh, [Refrain]*

*2. I've never been to heaven but I've been told
To walk in Jerusalem just like John.
that the streets up there are paved with gold.
To walk in Jerusalem just like John. [Refrain]*

*3. If you get there before I do,
To walk in Jerusalem just like John.
tell all my friends I'm comin' too.
To walk in Jerusalem just like John. [Refrain]*

Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

PASS THE PEACE AND FELLOWSHIP AS YOU LEAVE



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St. Paul's welcomes ALL prayer requests, in-person and those who join us on Zoom. For Zoom prayer requests please put your request in the CHAT box. You can also send a prayer request via USPS mail to St. Paul's.



With
Deepest
Sympathy...



Elder Florence Griffith passed away on the 19th of January at 11am. Florence was a North Carolina native and the mother of eleven children. She migrated to California at an early age. Elder Florence Griffith was a life-long Presbyterian who was baptized in the Presbyterian church when she was 3 months old. Her mother, father, grandmother, and aunts were all active in the Presbyterian Church. After transferring to St. Paul's from Community Presbyterian Church, Florence became a regular attendant and an active member of the St. Paul's Presbyterian Women. After several years of membership at St. Paul's, Florence returned to nearby Community when she could no longer drive to St. Paul's.

A memorial service will be held for Elder Florence Griffith at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 9, 2024, at Community Presbyterian located at 7501 S. Normandie Ave. L.A. 90044.

Condolences can be sent to:

Kathleen Wiggs 5172 Sanchez Drive Los Angeles, CA 90008.



PARISH PRAYERS OF "WELL-WISHES"

Catherine Parks has been moved from the hospital into a nursing facility. Let's continue to pray for her.

We continue to keep St. Paul's Families in our prayers. Cards of well wishes can be sent to:

**Conner Campbell
2128 W. 157th Street, Unit 1
Gardena, CA 90249**

**Sharon Crittendon
4024 Coco Avenue #B
Los Angeles, CA 90008**

**Edna Eldridge
Oakmont of Chino Hills
14837 Peyton Dr., #317
Chino Hills, CA 91709**

**Ruthie Walker
Westchester Villa Assisted Living Community
220 West Manchester Blvd.
Inglewood, CA 90301**

Continue to keep Billie Land, Jackie Triplett, Minnie McGriff, Yvonne Stewart, Christine Boardley, Anne Lewis and Liz Hicks in your prayers.

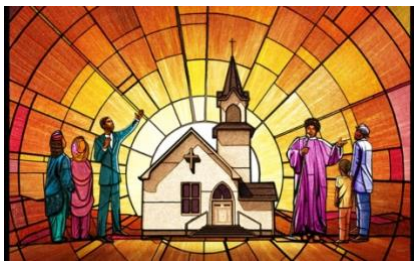


**FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH
WEAR AFRICAN DRESS EACH SUNDAY
JOIN THE CELEBRATION**

SOUL FOOD POTLUCK, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

People are beginning to sign-up and we are looking forward to some “Good Cookin” such as dirty rice, mac & cheese, collard greens, fried chicken, string beans, black-eyed peas, desserts and cakes to name a few.

Please PRINT your name and the name of your food item. Two or more people may sign up for the same food item to assure there’s enough food for 30 people. BRING FOOD IN DISPOSAL CONTAINERS OR PUT YOUR NAME ON THE DISHES. And donations are also welcome in lieu of cooking.



**National Black Presbyterian Caucus of Southern California
Presents: Empowering the African American Church Series
During Black History Month - February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024**

6:00 pm PT | 7:00 pm MT

Virtual Sessions - Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86176079363?pwd=V2xNelV6Vm9FTTAxbzZxYmNXbU9jQT09#success>.

Meeting ID: 861 7607 9363

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The New Year is here and St. Paul’s is growing back from the pandemic. All restrictions are lifted EXCEPT for continued wearing of masks in church worship services and wearing of masks when serving food in Fellowship Hall. This is for your protection! There’s still an outbreak of Covid, Pneumonia, and other respiratory conditions. Participation in any activity is your choice but wearing masks is still in place.



**Also Thanks to St. Paul's Technology Team
for their efforts so we can continue to worship
on Zoom.**



**All are welcome!! Choir rehearsal meets the [second](#) and [fourth](#) Sunday
each month for all those interested in attending rehearsals. See you
there!**



Caring for Caregivers ~ Join CFC on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 12:30pm – 2:00pm in the Resource Library. Come, learn about the Dementias and how to reduce caregiver stress, increase caregiver skills and manage the day-to-day challenges associated with the disease - coping with emotional behaviors, physical & financial stresses.

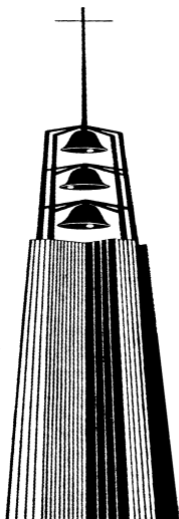
The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 24, 2024

For more info call: Andrea Bracken @ (323) 295-2062



WEDNESDAY'S PRAYER MEETINGS – are now held via Zoom until further notice, starting at 11:00 am – 12 noon. To join the Prayer Meeting, dial-in using the number below:

1. Dial the Zoom number (1+ 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)*)
 2. Enter the meeting ID (757 018 0587) - followed by #
 3. Enter the meeting passcode (5100)
- Phone controls for participants: *6 - Mute/unmute / *9 - Raise/lower hand



St. Paul's Mission Statement

***St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is a congregation of Christians bound by
God's love, who trust and obey Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.***

The mission of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is:

- To be the hands and feet of God in this world.
- To bring God's healing love to hurting people.
- To bring the joy of being a Christian to a sad world.
- To bring wisdom and knowledge to an unaware world.
- To bring good news to the poor;
- To honor the earth as God's creation;
- To preach peace, as Jesus did;

To be the only Jesus most people will ever meet!

We affirm ourselves as a community of diversity, seeking to provide for inclusiveness as a visible sign of God's continuing reformation of the church.



Every year the Presbyterian Church (USA) publishes a Mission Yearbook of prayers in which it lifts up the ministry of the church all over the world. We are invited to pray for these churches, programs, agencies and missions each day. Email: 2020stpaulsadm@gmail.com website: stpaulsla.com