

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, USA
5100 Coliseum Street
Los Angeles, CA 90016
Sunday, January 11, 2026 ~ 9:30 A.M.
(323) 292-0471

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<https://zoom.us/j/7570180587?pwd=a2xLQy9oS2JHbnVCNk1KNS8yODNhQT09>

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“This is my Son, the Beloved”



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Mr. Keith Nevels

Opening Greeting

Elder Adelaide Thomas

Call to Worship in Song

“Medley of Joy”

Congregation

*Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Since I laid my burden down!
Glory, glory, hallelujah, Since I laid my burden down!
I feel better, so much better, Since I laid my burden down!
I feel better, so much better, Since I laid my burden down!*

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!
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!
Baptized in the Lord, Jesus lifted me!
Baptized in the Lord, Jesus lifted me!
Baptized in the Lord, Jesus lifted me!
Singin' "Glory Hallelujah!" Jesus lifted me!*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

Litany of Praise and Confession

Rev. Dr. N'Yisrela Watts-Afriyie/Congregation

Eternal Love we stand on holy ground
 to thank You and praise You.
Holy One we gather,
 to receive Your wisdom, grace and love.
Precious Lord, we lift our hearts
 to renew our commitment to serve You.
Mother-Father God, we give thanks
 that You are leading us and walking with us into this new year.
Yet we confess that all is not well.
 We are busy doing church, but still fail to be Your Church.
We have not spoken up
 for justice and truth.
We have not moved beyond prayer
 to consistent action to make life better for others.
Too often we have wasted Your gifts of energy, time, money and talent.
 Too often we reject Your love when we are self-serving.
Eternal and Loving God, lead us into 2026 with hope and conviction.
 We ask You to forgive us and renew our spirits.
 We ask You to grant us wisdom and courage for difficult days ahead.
 We ask You to re-water our spirits; baptize us to let justice and righteousness roll down.
 We will be open to Your will—using our minds, hearts and strength to do Your work. Convicted by Your Spirit's power, we promise to tell the world what You have done, not with our lips, but by our actions.
 Convicted by Your Son's call to care for the least of these, we will reorder our thoughts, ministries and works of service so that they may truly give You glory.
 In the name of Jesus we pray, offering now our silent personal confession.

Silent Personal Confession

Words of Assurance

Pastor Watts-Afriyie

Sung Response

Congregation

*The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died.*

*Lord, when You came to Jordan
And asked to be baptized,
What was Your vow and vision
Of love and sacrifice?
Was there a sudden splendor
Of prophets, priests, and kings,
A wind that stirred the waters,
A blur of mighty wings?*

*Faith rests content with questions
Of when and why and how,
But craves the gift of seeing
What God is doing now.
Lord, bring us to our Jordan
Of newly opened eyes,
Through love, immersed in living,
As You were once baptized.*

Welcome and Invitation to Visitors

Elder Thomas

Passing the Peace

Congregation

Parish Notes

Elder Thomas

Prayers of the People

Pastor Watts-Afriyie and Congregation

Prayer Requests and Rejoicings

– (please come to the microphone) Zoom participants may write a brief prayer in the Chat.
The Technology Team will share them aloud.

The Lord's Prayer (A Contemporary Version)

Pastor Watts-Afriyie/ Congregation

God, our Heavenly Maker--You are Father and Mother of us all. May we never take You for granted, but always treat You with awe and gratitude. May Your vision for our lives and this world come true. Help us to trust You as You give us what we need and make of us what You will. Give us purity of soul, clarity of thought, and courage of action. Help us to be merciful with others as You are merciful with us. Protect us from the lies and seductions of evil and give us the strength to see and to say what is true. In life and in death and in life beyond death may we love, trust, and be joyful in You. May we honor Your realm of power and glory forever. Amen.

Call to Giving

Elder Thomas

We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord from Thee.
Let us now return thanks with our gifts of tithes and offerings.

Offertory

Congregation

*Where are the gifts we're seeking if not in our own hearts?
To share, to offer others so they may know their parts
In working as the chosen, whose heritage and hopes
Are in the great Creator, our Christ, our Lord who knows.*

*Let's offer all our talents and wants for setting free
The homeless and the hungry, the hurting you and me
Remembering tomorrow, the Son will rise and shine
To give us Light and helpers to serve Him while there's time.*

Doxology

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Congregation

*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, Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

Elder Thomas

Eternal God, You anoint our heads with the waters of baptism. Our cups overflow. Guide the use of these tithes and offerings to lift up Your community from the dark and difficult places of their lives. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Elder Thomas

Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-9

New Testament: Matthew 3:13-17

Word in Song

“I Love The Lord”

Mr. Gary Rowland

Richard Smallwood

Message

Pastor Watts-Afriyie

Hymn of Reflection

Congregation

*Baptized in one confession,
one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's impression,
the sign of second birth.
One holy people gathered
in love beyond our own,
by grace we were invited,
by grace we make You known.*

*Faith rests content with questions
Of when and why and how,
But craves the gift of seeing
What God is doing now.
Lord, bring us to our Jordan
Of newly opened eyes,
Through love, immersed in living,
As You were once baptized.*

Benediction

Pastor Watts-Afriyie

Postlude

“Total Praise” Richard Smallwood

Mr. Nevels

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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.

PARISH PRAYERS OF "WELL-WISHES"



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

**John & Helen Ketch
3659 Aureola Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90008**

**Minnie McGriff
5919 Wrightcrest Dr.
Culver City, CA 90232**

**Daniel Kirwan
22121 Clarendon St., #257
Woodland Hills, CA 91367**

Sharon Crittendon
P.O. Box 56764
Los Angeles, CA 90056

Christine Boardley
5186 Village Green, Ct. 2
Los Angeles, CA 90016

Rev. Glenn Jones
P.O. Box 1938
Los Angeles, CA 90001

Jacqueline Triplett
c/o Avenir Memory Care
7501 Osage Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Yvonne Stewart
Acardy Villa Asst. Living
44334 Lively Ave
Lancaster, CA 93536

Edna Eldridge
Oakmont of Chino Hills
14837 Peyton Dr. , #347
Chino Hills, CA 91709

Joseph Levert
4814 Hollow Corner Rd. #249
Culver City, CA 90230

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

We continue to pray for persons who requested prayer during the March 1 PRAYER STOP.

Margaret - Oscar - Eunice - Shawntell - Dianna - Keith - Dorothy - Dorothy's friend - Derrick and his mother, Delores - a young man - a young woman - Mark - Eunice D. and her sister - Rev. Bethany and husband, Mike - Jerry - Aubrey

We also pray for persons who requested prayer at the April 12 PRAYER STOP:

One Female - Daniel Whitten - Haile (Male) - Tony - Keshawna - Dana & LaToine - Michelle - Michael Harris - Janet - Tony - Brenda Reid - Helen and 2 Boys - Marta - Essie & Miguel - Ross - Ned - Nelson - One Female

We also pray for persons who requested prayer at the November 8 PRAYER STOP:

Jose Garcia - Debra - Agbey - Jerry Hunter - Terrell Blue, Tru Anleer Blue (son) and his mom Veronica - Markey Williams - Christal Williams - Marcus Smith with Terrell Blue, and prayers for Cristal Williams by phone - Pontaell Williams - Richard - Zivia and Daughter Joelle - Desiree - Marcel Torino - Timothy Roberts Lenora White - Rosa Girow and Skylië (dog) - Annette Stevenson - Sam Harris - Dani

We also pray for persons who requested prayer at the December 13 PRAYER STOP:

Mia and her 2 children - Charlie - Nyangi and Mazi (son) - Malik - Jessie - Arlis - Tina and Pat - Megan - Luz prayer for his Mother, Margarita's - Derrick - Mark Hollerman



St. Paul's 2026 Annual Congregational Meeting: Please be advised that St. Paul's Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday January 25, 2026 in the church sanctuary, immediately following the worship service. Please plan to attend in person, if at all possible, although for those who are unable, it will be possible to participate via St. Paul's Zoom.

The following items will be included on the agenda:

1. Report from St. Paul's Governing Body
2. Report from St. Paul's Ministry Team Leaders
3. Presentation of St. Paul's 2026 Budget
4. Review for Adequacy of Compensation of the Transitional Pastor
5. Election of Church Officers
6. Election of St. Paul's 2026 Congregational Nominating Committee

This is a critical time in the life of St. Paul's, as we review the year that has past and contemplate where God is leading us and what He is calling us to do in 2026. Your thoughts, ideas, voice, presence and active participation are important and necessary. Please plan to attend.

Blessings,

Franklin G. Millin

St. Paul's Clerk of Session



SAVE THE DATE: “Day On; Not a Day Off” – Monday, January 19, 2026

St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church invites all congregants and friends to join us for a meaningful day of service from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on Martin Luther King Day Monday, January 19, 2026. We welcome volunteers to donate two hours or more of their time to help with tasks both big and small including filing, label making, phone calling, and light physical labor. We encourage you to help us remember Dr. King’s commitment to serving others on this day so that it will not be just a regular day of leisure, but “Á day on, not a day off”. Let’s come together in fellowship and purpose to care for our church home at 5100 Coliseum Street in Los Angeles.

For more information, call (323) 292-0471.



St. Paul’s Church Merch Stores Is now open. Using the following link, please visit the store and buy, buy, buy! There are many great gifts and items for your personal use. A large portion of the proceeds goes towards St. Paul’s ministries. Oh...and invite your friends to shop as well. Church Merch Link: <https://stpauls.printify.me/>



Tithes and Offerings may be paid by Zelle. The QR code for Zelle payments may be found in each pew attached to the offering envelope holder.

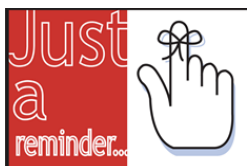


To date, St. Paul’s Extra Mile Giving Campaign has raised \$3,090. This campaign is needed to address St. Paul’s deficit. We are asking everyone to please contribute to this much needed campaign. We are trying to reach a goal of \$10,000. Thank you very much for your support for St. Paul’s and for all you do to enrich our worship and spiritual



life here.

~ Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team



VOTED BY SESSION

DELAYED - WORSHIP TIME CHANGE We will continue to worship at 9:30 a.m. for the first few months of 2026. Worship and Spiritual Life needs some additional time to make adequate arrangements to ensure meaningful, spirit-filled services. Many thanks for your patience and prayers.



Stewardship Pledge Drive 2026 September 28, 2025 - December 31, 2025



\$10,000

Theme: Reflect **CHRIST**; Live **STEWARDSHIP**

Your fellow members below have made their commitment to God's work through our church for the coming year. Please join them by returning your own financial stewardship pledge card today. The form is available in the Narthex and in Fellowship Hall. God will bless you for your support of His work. ~ *Thank you, Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team*

Harriette Bone
Mary Porter
Michelle Dixon
Vanita Brittain
Olabisi Taylor
Joyce Dixon
Denise/Farley Pollard
Edwin Hadnott

Delores Henry
Anita Maynard
Yvonne Hood
Palmer Smith
Lucretia Peebles
Adelaide Thomas
Pastor N'Yisrela Watts-Afriyie

GENERAL FUND:

Total: \$49,940

RENOVATION FUND:

Total: \$2,980



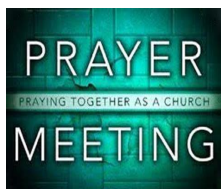
Delores Henry *1/2*
Denise Pollard *1/7*
Zenzele Jefferson *1/12*
Vanita Brittain *1/24*

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 28, 2026
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 (7570180587) – followed by #
3. Enter the meeting passcode (5100)

Phone controls for participants: *6 - Mute/unmute / *9 - Raise/lower hand

