

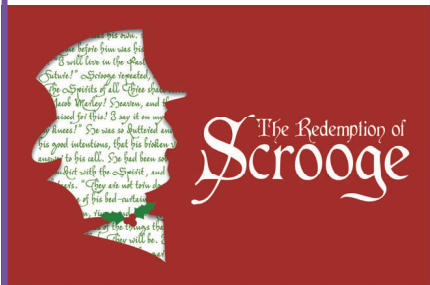
Next Sunday at 10:50



Loving People,
Encountering God

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Advent Study
with Rev. Stephens



March to the Manger

December 11



Saint Paul United Methodist Church

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Church Staff

Ministers:	Every Church Member
Senior Pastor:	Rev. H.E. "Steve" Stephens
Administrative Secretary:	Lynn Cawthon
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Music Director:	Billy Talley
Pianist:	Beth Hester
Organist:	Terry Lowe
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Pre-School Director:	Amy Dyer
CDO Director:	Holly Kelley
Children's Coordinator:	Leesa Stephens
Technology and Media:	Chuck Kruse
Prayer Coordinator:	Libby Talley
Facilities Director:	Ricky Bustos
Custodial Services:	Roy Bustos

Our Financial Faithfulness

This is an up to date report of our giving and spending through 46 weeks of 2016.

Financial Giving Needed Year to Date	\$603,715
Actual Giving Received Year to Date	\$546,190
Amount needed to fund our budget Year to Date	\$556,930
Amount we have actually spent Year to Date	\$525,862

**This year we have yet to fund \$ 57,525
in ministries vital to Christ and our church.**

Full copies of all financial statements are available in the church office.



First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

Prelude *To a Maid Engaged to Joseph* EDWARDS

Choral Introit

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn, No. 202** *People, Look East*

***Greeting Friends in Christ**
(Please complete your Connect card)

Litany of the Advent Wreath Responsive

Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again.

Today we pray:

That we may always be ready to welcome him.

Come, Lord Jesus.

That this season of Advent may open our hearts to God’s love,

Come, Lord Jesus.

That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of our world,

Come, Lord Jesus.

That this wreath will remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ,

Come, Lord Jesus.

That the Christmas spirit may fill us with peace and joy

as we strive to follow the example of Jesus,

Come, Lord Jesus.

Loving God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of our Savior. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Lighting the Candle of Hope

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.

May the light sent from God shine in the darkness

to show us the way of salvation.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Advent Carol, No. 211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
(verses 1 & 2)

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Choral Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Choral Prayer Response

The Epistle Reading

Romans 13:11-12

Advent Carol, No. 196 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Of the Father’s Love Begotten* 11TH CENTURY

***Doxology, No. 95** *Praise God*

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

Anthem *Awaken and Prepare Us* HAYES

Sermon *A Reminder of the Future* Rev. Stephens

***Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

***Hymn, No. 206** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

***Reception of New Members**

***Closing Prayer** Responsive

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.
Go with us now into the world.
Reveal your glory in our lives
and ready us for your coming. Amen.

***Choral Response**

***Postlude** *Savior of the Nations, Come* ARR. BACH

*Please stand as you are able.

This Week at Saint Paul

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 86

WEDNESDAY

9:30 a.m. UMW Leadership Team

6:00 p.m. Loving People
Encountering God

6:00 p.m. Children & Youth

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

In Our Prayers

Betty Barraras, Ray Basinger, Paisley Boles, Alford Corcoran, Mildred Everett, Vera Gallarneau, Norman Grigsby, Bob Hacker, Larry Logden, Lois Nix, Charles Jones, Sandra Jones, Lew Lindegren, Ruby Little, Jane Parker, Cheyenne Pearson, Linda Russell, Sandra Ritter, Merlyn Schutz, Phyllis Squyres, Buddy Squyres, Mary Wayne Spurlock, Johnnie Swearingen, Jackie Taylor.

*Altar flowers are in honor of
Beth and Jim Hester’s
47th wedding anniversary.*