

Church Calendar

Monday, December 30, 2024

Office Hours: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – El Nido Family Centers
8:00 p.m. - to 9:00 p.m. AL-Anon

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – El Nido Family Centers
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. – Pacific Discussions (AA)

Wednesday, January 1, 2024

Office Closed

3:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – El Nido Family Centers
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Remain Teachable (AA)

Thursday, January 2, 2024

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Thursday AA

Friday, January 3, 2024

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – El Nido Family Centers
7:00 p.m. – 9:45p.m. – Youth Al Anon
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – AA Group (Farsi)

Saturday, January 4, 2024

9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – El Nido Family Centers
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 5, 2024

10:00 a.m. – In-Sanctuary Service & Live Streaming

Church Leadership

Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank
Bishop in Residence

Rev. Garth Gilliam
North District Superintendent

Rev. Vernon Kemp
Pastor

Jacqueline Tringov
Music Director

Evelyn Arnold-McJimpson
Administrative Assistant

St. Paul's - Leadership Team

Diana Bruno - Administrative Chair/ Lay leader to Conference

Deborah Davies – Staff Parish Relations Chair

Linda Graul – Finance Chair

Donald Metzger – Team Member

Jackie Adams – Team Member

Vacant - Trustee Chair

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<https://www.youtube.com/@saintpaulschurch7968/streams>

Pastor Vernon's Email: V_kemp2000@yahoo.com

Pastor Vernon's cell phone: 323-864-5967



December 29, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Vernon Kemp

Our Mission is to be: The Beacon of the Valley

Lighting 'The Way' of Jesus

Growing Disciples and Community in God's Love and

Sending the Hope and Joy of Jesus into the World



The Beacon of The Valley

1st Sunday after Christmas

Color: White/Gold

December 29, 2024

10:00 a.m.

****Indicates to stand if able**

Prelude "The Prayer" Jacqueline Tringov

Gathering Words Pastor Vernon Kemp

**Hymn "Love Lifted Me"

**Call to Worship Liturgist, Kemi Alli

L: Children of God, Jesus Christ is born!

P: God has come to make a home among us!

L: Yet the story is not over. After birth comes the ordinary and mundane growing, maturing, and discovering, even for the Christ Child.

P: In the ordinary and mundane, God has come to make a home among us.

L: And sometimes, in the midst of the everyday, something surprising happens, and we discover anew just what God is up to in our midst.

P: In the surprising and spectacular, God has come to make a home among us.

L: Children of God, let us worship the God who dwells with us in all things and all seasons.

P: We come to make our home with God who makes a home among us. Amen.

**Music Selection "King of Glory"

Christ the King Candle Liturgist, Kemi Alli

We give thanks for the light of love—hot and holy. The love of Christ comforts and challenges. Now let us light the Christ candle as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Thank you, God, for your light in this world through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn "O How I Love Jesus" UMH #170

Prayer of Confession Liturgist, Kemi Alli

L: Most Loving God, because you knew how twisted and corrupted our humanity had become, you sent us your Holy Son—

P: We name him Jesus, our Savior, for he has saved us from our sins.

L: Because you have stood in our shoes and understand how difficult it is to live by the rule of law in an often cold, unfeeling, and ruthless world—

P: We name him Jesus, our Savior, for he is this very day saving us from all our sins.

L: Because you have given us a gracious spirit, forgiving those who sin against us, and you call us to a ministry of reconciliation in a fractured world—

P: We proclaim him Jesus, our Savior, for he will save our world from its many sins.

PRAYER

list...

If you are seeking prayer and would like your name to appear on the prayer list, please contact the office no later than Wednesday noon via telephone or email.

Let us keep the following in prayer and please reach out to them for care, comfort, and prayer:

Rowena Anderson	Miracle Wright-Lindo	Ellie Harrison	Jae Sessions
Anthony Basuto	Marianne Crosby	John & Shirley Hawkins	Virginia Perry
Rosanna Harden	Bentley Ella	Bonnie Jay	Troy Turner
Marina Bezinovir	Celine Ella	Bill Lashbrook	Effie Baidoo
Deanna Borque	Florence Ella	Gwendolyn Smith	Pat Fellers
Diana Bruno	Jennifer Fornadley	Robertta Lanning	Sequece Jones
Dean Brown	John Fornadley	Gwinn Lavery & Family	Coni Balogh
Megan Carson	Alvin Perkins	David & Connie Barlow	Cynthia Teamer
David Cox & Family	Cathy Green & Family	Mildred Porter & Family	Twylla Johnson
Maria Costa	Jessie Haquet	Alicia Nance	Georgette Hurt
Terry Doherty	Carol Paola	Warren Walker & Family	Gil & Joan Goodwin
Jada Jones	Wright-Lindo Family	Jamorea & Cameron Jones	Pheleta Santos

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

James 5:16





12/3 – Tuli Taufahema

12/5 – Tammy Lacock

12/11 – Deborah Ruiz

12/13 – Jackie Adams

12/19 – Maxwell Nkuku

12/21 – Kim Gatewood

12/21 – Lisa Nkuku

12/22 – Catherine (Cat) Russell

12/26 – Franklin Davis

12/26 – Mildred Porter

If you would like to add your name to this month's Birthdays and/or Anniversaries list, please call 818-708-7068.

Lectionary Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalm 148

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52

Music Selection

“Because of Who You Are”

Dr. Kira Taylor

Words of Assurance

Liturgist, Kemi Alli

The messenger has been sent to you, proclaiming that there is One who is Coming to Provide Hope, give us peace, to fill us with Joy and to give Love. Know that these are great gifts from God, who has always and will always love you. Amen.

Music Selection

“Sweet Baby Jesus”

Deborah Davies

Passing the Peace of Christ

Liturgist, Kemi Alli

Look around. This place is now occupied with those who have come to give thanks to God for this day with you. By the Lord's grace and compassion, extend a hand and heart to your neighbor, with acknowledgement of the Holy Spirit who fills us with joy. Share the peace of Christ Jesus with one another. Peace be with you, **and also to you, Amen.**

Music Selection

“Give Thanks”

Invitation to the Word

Come children of God and be still, open your minds, hearts, ears and souls to receive today's word. Let it feed us for the renewing of our hearts and minds. Be tranquil, be of consciousness and readiness...it is here.

****Scripture Readings**

Luke 2:49-52 & Colossians 3:12-17

Liturgist, Kemi Alli

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Response to the Word

Liturgist, Kemi Alli

Living Word of God, live within us, live within our hearts. Let your light of Love, hand of Peace, and guidance of Hope overflow more and more each day as we await your coming. Amen.

Music Selection

“Walk in the Light”

St. Paul's Choir

Song of Preparation

“Grateful”

St. Paul's Choir

Sermon

“New Year, New Chance: A Renewal for New Life”

Pastor Vernon Kemp

Altar Call/Invitation to Discipleship

Liturgist, Kemi Alli

If you would like prayer, you may kneel at the altar and a prayer warrior will pray with you. You are also welcome to light a candle.

