What's Happening at St. Paul's **Discover worship services, upcoming events, and more at St. Paul's UMC on our What's Happening page. Scan the QR code to learn more.**

ART EXHIBIT Barb Thompson's beautiful botanical paintings are on display in the Upper Room Gallery **through November 29.** The Seasonal Patterns display melds the comforting predictability of classic patterns with the untamed energy of Midwest vegetation.

PROTECTIVE ACCOMPANIMENT Join a Protective Accompaniment **this Tuesday, November 3, from 7:30–9:30 a.m.** at the Cedar Rapids ICE Office. Together we will sing songs of resistance and stand with immigrants checking in with Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

ELECTION DAY RIDES Election Day is **this Tuesday, November 3.** Laurie Worden will offer rides to the polls for those who need them. Please contact Laurie or Kathy Colton to schedule.

POST-ELECTION PRESS CONFERENCE On the day after the election, clergy will lead a brief press conference outside the Federal Courthouse. Join us **this Wednesday, November 4, at 2:00 p.m.** as we address the election and plan for next steps of democratic participation. All are invited to join us.

HOLIDAY FAIR For 105 years, St. Paul's United Women in Faith has hosted our beloved Holiday Fair. This year's event will take place **this Wednesday, November 4, from 3:00–7:30 p.m., and Thursday, November 5, from 10:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.** It features a family meal and Gingerbread Nook kids' activities (Wednesday, 5:00–7:00 p.m.), theme table viewing (Thursday, 10:00–11:30 a.m.), a luncheon featuring Musings of a Mid-Century Modern Woman by Pam Moore (Thursday, 12:00 p.m.), holiday bake shop, cookie walk, craft boutique, and fair trade sales.

INTERSECTIONS: THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS Dr. Peter Jauhiainen will join us for Interfaith Alliance of Iowa's monthly Intersections gathering **this Friday, November 6, from 11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.,** just after the midterm elections, to break things down. Register at www.interfaithallianceiowa.org/get-involved/intersections.

HARMONY HAWKS BEST OF GOSPEL CONCERT The Harmony Hawks Chorus is presenting their annual Best of Gospel Concert **this Friday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. There will be performances by the Harmony Hawks, Mike Maas and Carlis Faurot, singer/songwriter Noah Mitchell, and the Mt. Zion Men's Choir. Tickets are not required, and a free-will offering will be collected for His Hands Free Clinic.

MENDING CAFÉ Do you have holes to be patched, buttons to be sewn on, jeans to be hemmed, or elastic to be replaced? Join experienced menders for a Mending Café **this Saturday, November 7, from 10:00–11:30 a.m.** in the Annex. We provide sewing machines and mending experience; you provide the project!

POINSETTIAS AT ST. PAUL'S To place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary during the Christmas season for $10, please complete a form in the church office **by Monday, November 16.** You may pick up your poinsettia after the final worship service on Christmas Eve.

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PRAYERS God in your mercy, hear our prayer **FOR THOSE IN HOSPICE CARE:** Allan Brundell (Tamera Preston's father); **IN MEMORY OF:** Nancy McKern, Wendie Shreve (Bob Shreve's daughter)

CHANCEL FLOWERS Matt and Tamera Preston give flowers in memory of Matt's parents, Gary and Penny Preston, and Tamera's mom, Sherrie Brundell. Flowers are given by Bob Gilchrist in celebration of Penny's birthday.

ROUNDTABLE PREACHING TEAM Chris Crilley, Bill Daylong, Jeff Garner, Stephanie Heifner, Kim Jacobson, Quinn Jensen, & John Nollsch

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS Rev. Daniel Niyonzima, associate pastor, African Nationals; Bertin Nduwayezu, keyboardist and interpreter; Nsabimana Perpetua, African Nationals women's leader; Naftari Nkuriyumwami, slide presenter, videographer, video streamer, audio; Leissa Vyizigiro, Sunday School & Zion Choir leader; Fenias Nyandwi, Jerusalem Choir master; Constazia Niyizigama, women's; Pascazia Nzeyimana, women's counselor; Solange Shukuru, women's secretary

Karibuni nyote!

Tunakusanyika ili kumwabudu Mungu,
ambaye asili yake ni upendo.
Na kwa sababu upendo wa Mungu hauna mipaka,
Wote mnakaribishwa hapa.

Wote

umri, rangi, uwezo, makabila, hali ya maisha,
utambulisho wa kijinsia, usemi, na mielekeo ya kijinsia.
Tunasherehekea kwa furaha utofauti wa watoto Wote
wa Mungu kama tunavyoongozwa na Roho Mtakatifu
kupenda kama Yesu apendavyo.

Karibu kwa upendo wa Mungu uliopitiliza, unaojumuisha!

Karibu St. Paul's!

Welcome All!

We gather to worship God, whose nature is love.
And because God's love knows no bounds,
all are welcome here.

All

ages, races, abilities, ethnicities, life circumstances,
gender identities, expressions, and sexual orientations.
We joyfully celebrate the diversity of All God's children
as we are inspired by the Holy Spirit to love as Jesus loves.

Welcome to God's extravagant, inclusive love!

Welcome to St. Paul's!

ST. PAUL'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome to St. Paul's African Nationals Worship Service

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost | November 1, 2026 | 12:30 p.m.

GATHERING

Chorus of Praise
Praise Team

Welcome Congregation
Aaron & Bertin

Kudomeka Amatara/Light Candles
Gloria & Daniella

Chorus ya Kwaabudu
Beat #29 Wewe ni Mungu wetu
Worship Team

Kufungua ibada kwa maombi/Open with Prayer
Leticia Rweikiza

FORMING

+ Hymn of Praise to the Triune God
Beat #101 TZ Twonane Milele/In the Sweet By-and-By

1. Nyimbo na tuziimbe tena Za alivyotupenda mbele
kwa damu ya dhamani sana Mbinguni kwonana milele

Chorus: Twonane milele, twonane bandarini kule (x 2)

2. Hupozwa kila aoshwaye Kwa damu ya kondoo yule
Ataishi afurahiye Vya Yesu Mbinguni milele

3. Hata sasa hufurahia Tamu yake mapenzi yale
Je, kwake tukifikilia Kutofarakana milele?

4. Twende mbele kwa jina lake Hata aje Mwokozi yule
Atatukaribisha kwake Tutawale naye milele

5. Sauti zetu tuinue Kumsifu Mwokozi yule
Ili watu wote wajue Wokovu u kwake milele

Chorus: Twonane milele, twonane bandarini kule (x 2)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Chorus of Praising

+ Children's Song
Invite all kids to come before the Lord's table.

Acts of Praise
The Jerusalem Choir and Zion Choir come forward to perform their song.

Tithes and Offering Invitation

+ Doxology

+ Kuombea Sadaka/Gusenger'Ituro/Pray for Offering
AngeMarie

Kwegeranya ibikorwa vy'Imana no kuyajana m'ububiko
Jane Nyamugo & Ferdiani

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Data watwese wo mw'ijuru, Izina ryawe niryubahwe Ubwami bwawe ni buze, Ivyo ugomba bibe mw'isi nkukobiba mw'ijuru. Uduhe ivyo kurya bidukwiriye uy'umusi. Uduharire ivyaha vyacu, nkuko natwe duharira ababidukoreye. Kandi ntutujane mubitugerageza, ariko udukize wa Mubi. Kuk'Ubwami n'ubushobozi ar'ubwawe, n'icubahiro, ibihe bidashira. Ameni.

Baba yetu, uliye mbinguni, jina lako litukuzwe, ufalme wako uje, mapenzi yako yatimizwe, duniani kama mbinguni. Utupe leo chakula chetu cha kila siku; utusamehe makosa yetu, kama tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea. Usitulete katika majaribu, lakini utuokoe katika uovu. Kwani kwako ufalme, uwezo na utukufu, milele na milele, Amina.

+ Gospel Lesson
Mathayo/Matthew 5:1–12 NRSVUE
Jeanette I. & Alice Niyongere

Naye alipowaona makundi ya watu, alipanda mlimani; na alipokwisha kuketi, wanafunzi wake walimjia; akafumbua kinywa chake, akawafundisha, akisema, Heri walio maskini wa roho; Maana ufalme wa mbinguni ni wao. Heri wenye huzuni; Maana hao watafarijika. Heri wenye upole; Maana hao watairithi nchi. Heri wenye njaa na kiu ya haki; Maana hao watashibishwa. Heri wenye rehema; Maana hao watapata rehema. Heri wenye moyo safi; Maana hao watamwona Mungu. Heri wapatanishi; Maana hao wataitwa wana wa Mungu. Heri wenye kuudhiwa kwa ajili ya haki; Maana ufalme wa mbinguni ni wao. Heri ninyi watakapowashutumu na kuwaudhi na kuwanenea kila neno baya kwa uongo, kwa ajili yangu. Furahini, na kushangilia; kwa kuwa thawabu yenu ni kubwa mbinguni; kwa maana ndivyo walivyowaudhi manabii waliokuwa kabla yenu.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Mahubiri/Sermon
Bertin & Leissa

Prayers of the People
Bertin & Others

Matangazo/Announcements
Aaron & Bertin

Invitation to Gather

Guesnger'Ikoraniro/Blessing
Mwarimu Bertin

SENDING

Postlude
music by Naftari Nkuriyumwami

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