

Jan. 22
2023

9:30^{am}
Sunday

Mission, Vision, & Values

Our mission is to glorify God by helping others come to know Christ, and to live the life for which they were created.



We live out our mission by shining with God's light, sharing the good news of Jesus, and serving in His love and power.



We value worship, the Bible, the Holy Spirit, love, the Great Commission, prayer, empowering leadership, and stewardship.



Worship Service

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THE CHURCH IN PRAISE

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

I Love You Lord

Klein

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 103:8-12)

Gracious God, we thank and praise you for you are good and your love endures forever.

Despite your goodness, both we and our ancestors have sinned.

We don't act justly or always do what is right.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever;

He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him;

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Let all the people say,

"Amen!" Praise the Lord

The Love of God

(HWC #67)

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell, It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell; The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win; His erring child He reconciled and pardoned from his sin.

Refrain. O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure the saints' and angels' song.

When years of time shall pass away and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall, When men, who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call. God's love so sure shall still endure, all measureless and strong; Redeeming grace to Adam's race - the saints' and angels' song.

Refrain

Could we with ink the ocean fill and were the skies of parchment made, Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill and ev'ry man a scribe by trade, To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry. Nor could the scroll contain the whole tho stretched from sky to sky. ***Refrain***

APOSTLE'S CREED

THE CHURCH IN GIVING

OFFERTORY

Make a Joyful Noise

John A. Behnke

DOXOLOGY

THE CHURCH IN TEACHING

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:1-10

SERMON

Pastor Don Price

Our Values: Love (The Great Commandment)

The Greatest Commandment

Zach

THE CHURCH IN PRAYER

CORPORATE PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CHURCH IN TESTIMONY

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Miner, Matheson

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

PRAYER CHAPEL

Janet Barzoff and Lily Shackelford



THIS WEEK AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today** Sanctity of Human Life Speaker Carol Fouse, 11:00 a.m.
Cultivate Teens 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday** Quilters 9:30 a.m., Prayer and Care Meeting 1:30 p.m.
- Wednesday** Women's Bible Study 9:00 a.m., Cultivate Kids 5:45 p.m.
- Thursday** Praise Ringers 6:00 p.m., Chorale 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday** Worship 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 11:00,
Potluck Lunch 12:00 p.m., Annual Meeting 1:00 p.m.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, Today, 11:00 a.m.

Come hear speaker, Dr. Carol Fouse of Churches for Life. Carol is well-versed on all aspects of the sanctity of human life from pre-born through life-ending issues and how recent laws might impact those issues. Please join us in the multipurpose room after service. There will be NO adult Sunday school classes held today.

Potluck Luncheon 12:00 p.m. January 29/Annual Meeting, 1:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Fried Chicken will be provided. Afterward, we will discuss church business.

Blood Drive Monday, January 30, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Blood cannot be manufactured and can only come from donors like you. Schedule your life-saving donation by calling Impact Life at 800-747-5401 or go online to bloodcenter.org/group with the code 9795. Give, and get a \$10 gift card or a T-shirt. First time donors will receive a \$25 gift card or a T-shirt. This event will take place in the multipurpose room.

Small Group Training

Hosted by Pastor Don and led by David Pollmann, meetings will be held during the Sunday School hour on February 5, and 12. All are welcome to this training especially those considering leading or hosting.

Valentine Celebration Wednesday February 8, 11:30 a.m.

Women's Fellowship invites you to gather for food, fun, and fellowship in the multipurpose room. Bring a dish to share and bring a friend if you wish. See you there!

Sausage Supper Sunday, February 19, 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Contact the church office to help with set-up the day before, for working a shift the day of, or to help with clean-up. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$13 at the door. Children 11 and under eat for free (dine-in only) Tickets are available this Sunday in the Welcome Center. Bulk sausage can be ordered through John Graeler (314-432-8448) for \$6/lb. Order before February 3.

Serving in the Philippines 2023

If anyone is interested in representing St. Paul's at the CCPA gathering in the Philippines (April 2023), contact Barbara van Dyk, 314-610-3578.

Intercessory Prayer List

Please call the church office to place a prayer request on our list. Prayers will remain on the list for one month unless you call and request an extension or update.

- **Carol Black**, the Schnellbachers' friend enduring chemo for blood disorder.
- **Bobbie Blackmer**, prayers for this dear friend of Walter Gummersheimer and for her family.
- **Carol Craig**, has bouts of vertigo sparked by weather changes. For an easier timed with it this winter.
- **John and Gayle Gast**, Gayle on hospice and John recovering from heart surgery.
- **Richard Grater**, Praise, he's back home continuing to recover from recent hospitalization for covid.
- **Barbara Helms**, Mary Smith's cousin, with many health issues plus kidney and liver failure. Now on dialysis. For peace and contentment in end-of-life decisions.
- **Jen**, the Eichholz's daughter-in-law diagnosed with breast cancer. For doctors' wisdom in developing a treatment plan and a speedy recovery.
- **Kathleen**, Christy Drake's friend undergoing chemo again for blood disorder.
- **Roger Lindstrom**, in rehab recovering from pneumonia.
- **Nancy Mueller**, rehabilitating from a stroke. Now at home with circulation issues.
- **The Search Team**, for success in finding Pastor Next.
- **Mark Swanson**, had hernia repair January 17. For speedy recovery.
- **Ukraine**, people affected by Russian invasion and countries taking on refugees.
- **Persecuted Believers**, our brothers and sisters who are being persecuted because of their faith.
- **People in California**, impacted by flooding.
- **Missions: CCPA, Philippines**, For many years, prior to the pandemic, western church representatives of partners with frontline Filipino church planters would gather annually in the southern Philippines. The purpose: to spiritually nourish all partners as well as provide a platform to deepen relationships between the church and frontline workers. In addition to financial support and prayer, establishing and building personal relationships is the heart of this ministry. The leaders of CCPA are planning to renew this All CCPA Gathering in April 2023. Please pray for good representation from Western churches and for needed finances to make this another successful gathering.

To Worship at Home:

By Phone: dial 314-627-6338, enter code 63141, followed by the “#” sign

By Facebook: search for St. Paul's Evangelical Church

By YouTube: search for St. Paul's Evangelical Free Church STL

Our Values: LOVE
"The ZACCHAEUS PRINCIPLE"
Luke 19:1-10

Introduction:

- Let's unleash God's love in our families, our communities and our world
- It is the most powerful force for good available to us!

The KEY ("I call it the Zacchaeus Principle.") is modeled for us by Jesus.

The STORY:

-Luke 19:1-10 He entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷ And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." ⁸ And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." ⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

The PRINCIPLE:

"We need to balance our emphasis on man's sinfulness with a willingness to meet man's legitimate needs."

Four reminders as we seek to apply this principle in our own world:

1. Man Has Been Created By God with Legitimate Needs

Genesis 2:18 - 25.

2. When We Meet These Needs It Opens the Door to Share Our Faith.

- a. -Look // Open our eyes to see. (Luke 10:33-34.)
- b. -Listen // Open our hearts to feel. (Luke 15:1-2.)
- c. -Love // Open our hearts to serve. (Mark 10:43-45.)

3. Jesus Elevated the Command to Love Above All Others.

-- Mark 12:28 - 31

-- 1 Corinthians 13

4. We Love by Faith.

We cannot love in our own strength.

We love with God's love. (Romans 5:5.)

We love by faith. (Hebrews 11:6a.)

- a. John 15:12 and Mark 12:28-31.)

Application:

**Are you a "Contagious Christian"?

Or a "Cactus Christian"?

Or a "Chameleon Christian"?

SO WHAT?

- Who in my world will I love with God's love, by faith, this week?
- What, specifically will I do?