

Love God, Love One Another, Love the World



RUTH

A Love that Redeems

Notes:

**Jan 12
2025**

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**9:30 am
Sunday**

WELCOME AND GREETING

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joyce Lindstrom

PRELUDE

Sketches From the Book of Ruth, Op. 92: Naomi

Camil Van Hulse

OPENING HYMN

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

(Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH) #1

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Romans 8:38–39)

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

INVOCATION

Come, You Disconsolate

(Tune: CONSOLATOR) #614

APOSTLE'S CREED

OFFERTORY

Petition (Op. 99, No. 6)

Camil Van Hulse

(Chorale)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

(Tune: MARION) #353

Praise God, who reigns on high; the Lord whom we adore.
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forever more.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Ruth 1:1-15

SERMON

Pastor Marc Castro

'til Death Do Us Part

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Abide With Me

Lyte, Smith

Control (Somehow You Want Me)

Donehey, Ingram, Bronleewe

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasia on OLD HUNDREDTH

Gordon Ellsworth Young

PRAYER CHAPEL

Mary Louise and Frank Serdy

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MONDAY

Office Closed, Deacons 5:30 pm, Elders 7:00 pm

TUESDAY

Quilters 9 am, YarnWorks 10 am, Prayer call 1:30 pm, Martial Arts 6 & 7 pm

WEDNESDAY

Women's Bible Study 9 am, JAM-Jesus and me 5:30 pm

THURSDAY

Praise Ringers 6 pm, Chorale 7 pm

FRIDAY

Martial Arts, 6 & 7 pm

SATURDAY

Nothing scheduled

SUNDAY

Worship Service 9:30am, Sunday School 11 am

Directly after
Worship Today
You're Invited

to a
Baby Shower

for
Tabetha Hammonds

Join us
in the
Fellowship Hall



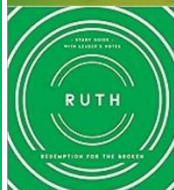
Additional hands needed
for Praise Ringers
for two Thursday rehearsals
Jan 9 & 16, 6 pm
Ringing on Sunday, Jan 19

Contact Yvonne Sullivan and say

YES I CAN HELP!



Small Group sign-up
beginning today



Study
guides \$8
to St.
Paul's

Find a list of leaders
(You can be one too)
and locations in the
Welcome Center

WARNING!

The scammers are
on the hunt for
victims again!

A new email from a
false Pastor Marc is
going out asking for
help with gift cards.

Delete and Do not
respond!

**SAVE
THE
DATES**

**ANNUAL
BUDGET
HEARING**

MONDAY
JANUARY 20, 7 PM

**ANNUAL
MEETING**

SUNDAY
JANUARY 26, 11 AM

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.

- **Chris**, the Pollmann's nephew was moved to St. Mary's Rehab Center. For continued lung and kidney function improvement, and to regain strength lost after two months in ICU. Praise for good progress!
- **Debbie**, Lynn May's friend with health issues. For good test results.
- **John DeClue**, the Grater's friend, sent from hospital to Siteman rehab for his recurring brain cancer; peace and strength for him and the family.
- **Gretta**, 2-year-old neighbor of Joyce Sabine, came through heart surgery, now beginning chemo for leukemia.
- **John Guffin**, Jane Fischer's grandson and his family. For perseverance, fighting addiction, reliance on God and healing.
- **Charlie Jung**, Dr's wisdom diagnosing and treating heart issues.
- **Linda Klingebiel**, Mary McDannold's friend with stage 4 brain cancer. Pray for strength and relief of side-effects on her 4th cycle of 6 chemo treatments.
- **Jennifer Matheney**, Chris, her husband and father of 8- and 10-year-old daughters, a longtime colleague of Susan Pollman, was tragically shot and killed on 1 Jan while visiting his parents in West Virginia. For comfort and peace.
- **Kim Jung-Ragsdale**, taking chemo treatments; good results and low side-effects.
- **Edith Skaggs**, for relief of shoulder pain; for the right doctor's help at age 91.
- **Doris Smith**, Lynn and Jan's mother, doing well but on hospice. For strength and peace for the family.
- **Wildfires in Los Angeles, CA**, peace and comfort for those affected, for safety of citizens and first responders, for fires to subside quickly.
- **Family of Arthur MacLean**, who passed away December 29.
- **Missions: Allan and Cindy Pavey, France:** The students at the Torchbearer's DEFI Bible School finished their first semester. Only 2 students have not returned for the second semester. This weekend we welcomed 7 new young people to camp—which is a joy! So, with 20 young people, we have a full group—and we have 4 guys—which is an answer to prayer! Pray for the 7 new students that they will integrate quickly into the community and for open hearts as we begin with a study of Romans.

Worship at Home:

By Phone on TurboBridge: 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

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January Prayer Guide

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" — 2 Corinthians 5:17 Prayer for New Beginnings
Heavenly Father, As I step into this new year, I ask for Your guidance in embracing new beginnings. Help me release the disappointments of the past and open my heart to the blessings You have prepared. Align my steps with Your divine purpose, and let this year be a season of transformation and renewal. Thank You, Lord, for the fresh start You have given me.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

The Elders recommend that we pray for the following as we face the new year.

- The Annual Congregational Meeting January 26. May all gather in unity as we review the past year and consider the new year and the Blessings and challenges that the Lord gives to us.
- Approval of the budget. That the congregation will do as they are able to support the church so that we may serve Him and have outreach to the community.
- Election of new Elders, that God will raise up members to serve on the Elder Board.
- The appointment of Deacons to serve in the coming year.
- That the Lord will send families to become a part of our fellowship.
- Thank you, Jesus, for all the Blessings you continue to bestow upon us.