

## Church Calendar

### Monday, January 30, 2022

8:00 p.m. - to 9:00 p.m. AL-Anon

### Tuesday, January 31, 2022

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

### Wednesday, February 1, 2022

3:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – El Nido Family Centers  
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – AA Group

### Thursday, February 2, 2022

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – AA Group

### Friday, February 3, 2022

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Al-Anon Women (Farsi)  
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – AA Group

### Saturday, February 4, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. - Zumba Class-CH  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – El Nido Family Centers  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, February 5, 2022

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

## Church Leadership

Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank  
Bishop in Residence

Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon  
North District, Superintendent

Rev. Vernon Kemp  
Pastor

Jacqueline Tringov  
Music Director

Evelyn Arnold  
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 – Board Member  
Cathy Green – Board Member  
Jackie Adams – Board Member  
Vacant - Trustee Chair

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# St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Tarzana



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

The  
Beatitudes

Matthew 5:1-11

10:00 A.M.  
JANUARY 29, 2023  
PASTOR VERNON KEMP

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors!*

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

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Color: Green  
January 29, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

**\*\*Indicates to stand if able**

**Theme Ideas**

*Who are the people of God? Not those with correct beliefs or worldly wisdom, but those who act with justice and compassion, who walk humbly with their God; those whom the world might call foolish because they choose to live kingdom values rather than worldly values; those who go against the status quo and work to bring about God's beloved community on earth, here and now.*

Prelude **"More Than Anything"** Jacqueline Tringov

**Gathering Words** Pastor Vernon Kemp

Leader: Come and hear the good news. No matter what is happening in your life, God's blessing and love is with you. Come and hear what God wants you to do: live lives of justice and love and truth. Come and get courage and strength to be fools for Christ, embracing Kingdom values rather than those of the world.

**People: We're here, ready to listen, open to change, expecting to be blessed by our time together.**

**\*\*Praise Song** **"Bless That Wonderful Name of Jesus Medley"** St. Paul's Singers

*Bless that wonderful name of Jesus (3x) No other name I know.*

*There's power in the name of Jesus (3x) No other name I know.*

*There's healing in the name of Jesu (3x) No other name I know.*

*There's saving in the name of Jesus (3x) No other name I know.*

*I'm so glad Jesus lifted me (3x)  
Singing Glory Hallelujah Jesus lifted me*

**Micah 6:1-8** (NRSV)

**God Challenges Israel**

**6** *Hear what the Lord says:*

*Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.*

**2** *Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the Lord has a case against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.*

**3** *"O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!*

**4** *For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.*

**5** *O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."*

**What God Requires**

**6** *"With what shall I come before the Lord  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?*

**7** *Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"*

**8** *He has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?*



## St. Paul's UMC -Tarzana Announcements

### *About My Father's Business*

AMFB, in partnership with St. Paul's, will host the next Homeless Community Pop-Up event at St. Paul's on Saturday, February 18, from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. if you are available to assist with this ministry, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex (lobby).

### *Black History Concert*

Please mark your calendar to attend our Annual Black History Concert on Sunday, February 19, at 3 p.m.

### *Altar Flowers*

Today's flowers were provided by Linda Graul to the glory of God and in honor of Jacqueline Tringov's birthday.

### *Are there any other announcements?*

### *January Birthdays*

1/4 – William "Mickey" Stevenson  
1/5 – Lorenzo G. III  
1/7 – Sheun Alli – Ukpong  
1/8 – Cindy Curtis  
1/15 – Randy Bellous  
1/16 – Mason Lacock  
1/16 – Jacoby Okuribido  
1/18 – Hope Okuribido  
1/19 – Toni Okuribido  
1/24 – Robyn D. Lewis  
1/27 – Ursula Frey  
1/30 – Jacqueline Tringov

*Satan had me bound Jesus lifted me (3x)  
Singing Glory Hallelujah Jesus lifted me*

*When I was in trouble Jesus lifted me (3x)  
Singing Glory Hallelujah Jesus lifted me*

*There is power (power) power (power) wonder working power  
In the blood (in the blood) of the lamb (of the lamb)  
There is power (power) power (power) wonder working power  
In the presence blood of the lamb*

### **\*\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist, Nia Stephens

Leader: People of God, who do you come to worship?

**People: We come to worship the one true God.**

Leader: How will you worship?

**People: Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice and love.**

Leader: Come, you who belong to God. Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

**People: Come and abide in God's tent and in God's heart, now and forever.**

### **Unison Opening Prayer**

Liturgist, Nia Stephens

Loving God, we come this morning seeking to abide in your presence. Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom, so we may know how to live as your people. Open our hearts to your spirit of truth, so we may love all your people with a love that speaks of justice, kindness, and radical grace. May this time of worship be authentic and pleasing to you. **Amen.**

Music Selection

**"For Your Glory"**

Michelle Stevenson

### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

Destiny Taufahema

Far too often, O God, we desire to look wise in the eyes of the world. We have not spoken the truth with our hearts. We have said and done hurtful things to our friends. We have forgotten our true identity, wandering into ways that are not yours. We have lost the path of true worship, focusing on form and words rather than deeds. We have forgotten what true discipleship is and because of this, you have a quarrel with us. Forgive us and help us live into becoming the people you have created and called us to be; people of justice, love, truth, humility, and yes, even foolishness. May we be fools for Christ, embracing our true identity, even in the face of the world's scorn and derision.

Music Selection

**“Falling in Love with Jesus”**

*Falling in love with Jesus (3x) was the best thing I’ve ever done*

*In these arms I feel protected  
In these arms never disconnected  
In these arms I feel protected  
There’s no place I’d rather be*

**Words of Assurance**

Tuli Taufahema

God has called us and blesses us when we live God’s ways and not the world’s way. God’s love embraces us even when we fall short of what God desires for our lives and actions. Know that the God of blessing loves and forgives us with a fierce tenderness. And in so knowing, may our lives and souls be transformed.

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

Liturgist, Nia Stephens

Leader: The God of blessing and love be with all of us.

**People: We embrace God’s blessing and love.**

Leader: Turn now and pass that blessing on to one another so our community may be bound together in love and blessing.

Praise Songs

**“Can’t Nobody Do Me Like Jesus/Happy”**

*Can’t nobody do me like Jesus  
Can’t nobody do me like the Lord  
Can’t nobody do me like Jesus  
He’s my friend*

*Healed my body, told me to run on (3x)  
He’s my friend*

*Picked me up and turned me around (3x)  
He’s my friend*

**“Happy”**

***Prayer Requests***

*This is a time of renewal, reflection, and rejuvenation. 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:**

**Bonnie Jay, Dottie Schmelzel, Skye Bogueaux**

*“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”*

***Hebrews 4:16***





