

Church CALENDAR:

Monday, January 24, 2021

8:00 pm - to 9:00 pm AL-Anon

Tuesday, January 25, 2021

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm – El Nido Family Centers
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm– Pacific Discussions
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm – Al-Anon Women (Farsi)

Wednesday, January 26, 2021

3:00 pm – 7:30 pm – El Nido Family Centers
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm – AA Group

Thursday, January 27, 2021

Friday, January 28, 2021

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm – AA Group

Saturday, January 29, 2021

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

Sunday, January 30, 2021

10:00 am – In-Person Service

Church Leadership

Rev. Grant J. Hagiya
Bishop in Residence

Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon
North District, Superintendent

Rev. Vernon Kemp
Pastor

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Music Director

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St. Paul's - Leadership Team

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St. Paul's United Methodist Church
of Tarzana



**Third Sunday
after
Epiphany**

January 23, 2022

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

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors!

Vernon Kemp, Pastor

Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

*¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”*

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

This Week’s Bible Readings:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Luke 4:14-21

Hymn

“Here Am I, Lord”

*I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

*Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
’Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?*

*Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart
I will hold Your people in my heart*

Litany: We are one body in Christ

Leader: There are many members in the body of Christ, but only one body.

People: We are all one body in Christ.

Leader: Just as God arranged the human body; God has arranged the church to be members of the body of Christ.

People: We are all one body in Christ.

Leader: Therefore, we need each other to survive.

People: We are all one body in Christ.

Leader: We must care for one another; for, together, we are the body of Christ.

People: There are no big gifts and little gifts. My gift is no better than your gift.

Leader: No one is greater than another, for we are one in Jesus Christ.

All: God has placed gifted people among us to equip the saints and to build his kingdom. We rejoice that we are one body in Christ. Amen.

****Prayer of Confession**

Liturgist, Pheleta Santos

Waiting God, you know us all too well. We listen to this episode in the life of Jesus. We hear the astonishment of the people gathered in worship as Jesus proclaims the mandate and scope of his ministry. It is what they had hoped for and also what they have feared. Change and challenge are always difficult. We are more inclined to turn our backs on opportunities of service than pitch in to make the needed changes that will promote healing and wholeness. Forgive us when we give lip service to you and then slip into inaction. Give us courage to be willing disciples. Help us to be people of promise and hope. In Jesus' name, we offer this prayer. Amen.

Music Selection

“Change My Heart, O God”

*Change my heart, O God make it ever true
Change my heart, O God may I be like You
You are the potter, I am the clay
Mold me and make me this is what I pray
Change my heart, O God make it ever true
Change my heart, O God may I be like You*



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Announcements*

January Birthdays

1/4 – Mickey Stevenson

1/5 – Lorenzo G. Evangelista III

1/7 – Sheun Ukpong

1/8 – Cindy Curtis

1/15 – Randy Bellous

1/16 – Mason Lacock

1/24 – Robyn D. Lewis

1/27 – Ursula Frey

1/30 – Jacqueline Tringov

*When the time is
right, I, the Lord,
will make it happen.*

Isaiah 60:22

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 pastor no later than Wednesday noon via telephone or email.

Let us keep the following in prayer:

**John Fornadley, Kim Gateway, Vijay Ethial,
Gus & Debora Ruiz and Family, Teddi Davis, Bonnie Jay,
Lukman Alli and Family, The Bruno Family, Patty Allen,
Carol Jones & family, The Cappleman Family, The Spearman Family,
The Wright-Lindo Family, Victoria Metzger, Saul & Family,
The Evangelista Family, Becky Abernathy, Joyce & Allen Davis,
Ellie Harrison, Sarah Sohaei and Family,
Lois Jackson and Family, Yolanda Baines and Family**

“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



Words of Assurance

Liturgist, Pheleta Santos

The Spirit of God is upon us. God has called us to bring good news and liberation to the poor, to the marginalized, and to all who are in need. God's joy is our strength. Through God we can do all things. God's spirit surrounds us with forgiveness and love.

Music Selection

“You Are My Strength”

You are my strength. Strength like no other.

Strength like no other, reaches to me.

(Repeat)

In the fullness of your grace, in the power of your name,

You lift me up. You lift me up.

(Repeat)

You are my hope....

You are my peace...

You are my joy...

Praise Sentences

Liturgist, Pheleta Santos

The spirit of God is upon us! This is a holy day, and we are a holy people!

The joy of God is our strength! All of us, with all our gifts, are the body of Christ!

Invitation to the Word

(Let us all stand for the reading of the word)

****Scripture Reading**

Ephesians 4:22-24; 1 Peter 2:11

Liturgist, Pheleta Santos

“This is the word of God, for the people of God.” **Thanks be to God!**

Song of Preparation

“I Know I’ve Been Changed”

Sermon

“Changed...Challenged”

Invitation to Discipleship/Altar Call

Offertory Prayer

Liturgist, Pheleta Santos

God who created us, as we gather to worship you, we are conscious that we are all one body in Christ. When one part of the body is hurting, the whole body is wounded; when healing happens, the whole body is blessed. May our giving this morning bring love to the parts of Christ's body that are feeling unloved and forgotten; and may it bring justice and mercy to those parts that are oppressed and burdened. In our giving, may we find the joy of blessing the whole body of Christ. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

**Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**Benediction

Pastor Vernon Kemp

Leader: The promise has been given. We have been called to ministries of service. God goes with us in all that we do, enabling and encouraging us as we serve others. The Spirit of God is upon you.

People: We go forth proclaiming God's love and liberation.

Leader: The Spirit of Christ is upon you.

People: We go forth to live lives of justice and freedom.

Leader: The power of the Spirit is upon you.

People: We go forth as one body, one spirit, and one witness to the promises of our God.

Leader: Go in peace. Amen.

**Closing Song

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

*I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord anytime.
I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anywhere, Lord anytime
I'm gonna talk so God can use me, anywhere, Lord anytime
I'm gonna walk so God can use me anywhere, Lord anytime.*

1 Peter 2:11-17

Live as Servants of God

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. ¹² Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

¹³ For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. ¹⁶ As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honor the emperor.