

OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. PAUL THIS WEEK

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

- 9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
3:00 PM Staff
5:30 PM KSU Bible Study/Hangout

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

- 10:30 AM Monday Servants
12:15 PM Chair Yoga
6:30 PM Building & Grounds (Zoom)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

- 10:00 AM Christ Walk (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 PM Christ Walk (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

- 8:00 PM KSU Worship

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

- 1:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

- 9:45 AM Children and Adult Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship—In Person and Online
5:30 PM KSU Bible Study/Hangout

CONDOLENCES

St Paul expresses heartfelt condolences to the family of *Ruth Gmyrek* in her death. Her celebration of life service will be held January 10 at 1:00 p.m.

The celebration of life for *Gail Burgess* will be held January 17 at 11:00 a.m.

CONCERNS

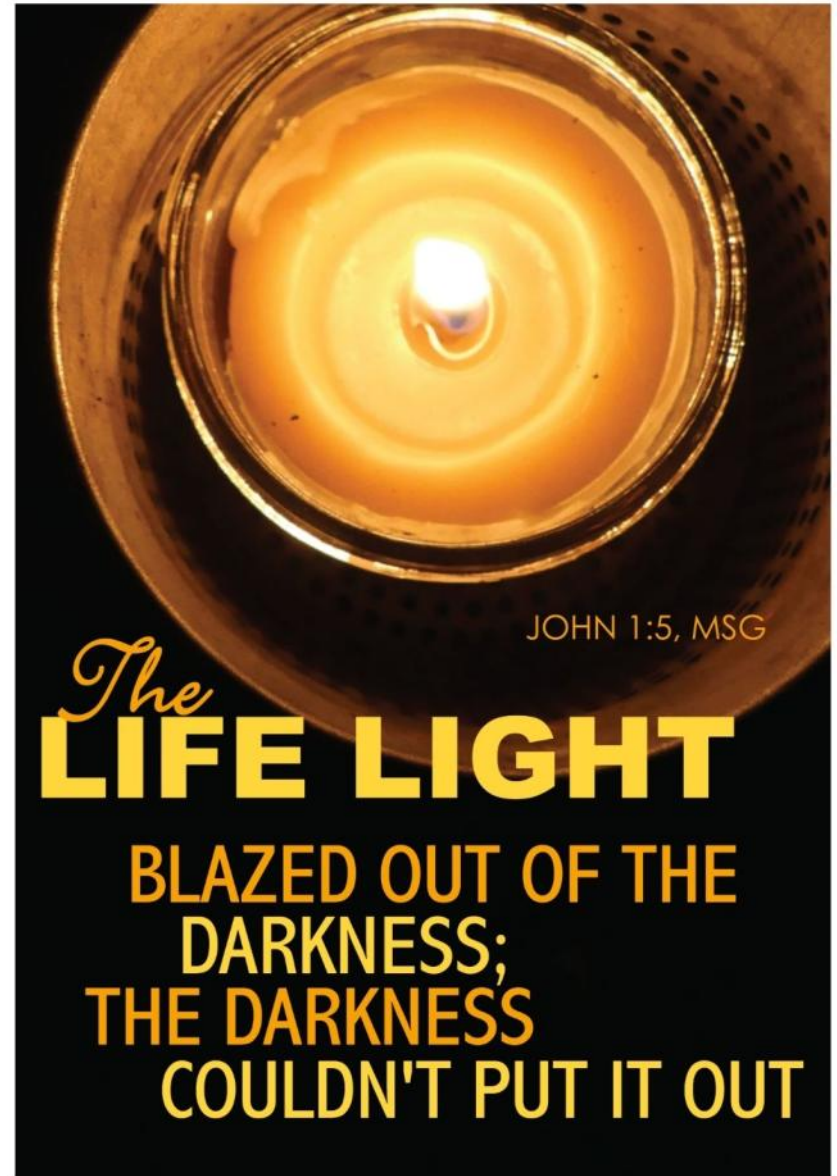
Recovering: Rich Siler (Carol Preuss' brother), Chris Heldreth, Tricia Glidewell, Keith Jones (Janice Salter's BIL), Christine Windsor (Marcie's DIL), Billie NeSmith, Marcie Windsor, Terrell Hartman

Testing/Health Issues: Susan McMillin, Stephanie Long (Julie Palmer's sister), Phil & Mary Mahoney, Fred & Sue Elam, Carol Godfrey, Launi (Carol Pruess' niece), Stevie Brantley, Jeannine Hartman, Mary Helen Setser, Ed Jackson

Cancer Patients: Clay Allen (Nancy Allen's son), Chet Birch (Mary Helen Setser's brother), Ken Haile, Sumitra Marcano (Dorothy McCracken's stepdaughter), Barbara Regenstein (Susan McMillin's sister), Avita Rivera (Alison Rivera's mother-in-law), Scott Setser (Mary Helen's son)

Prayers for our world: Thom & Natalia Freeman (Peggy Pool's bro. & SIL)

At Home/Long-term care: Sharon Little (Susan McMillin's cousin), Marilyn Parker (Jeannine Hartman's sister), Bill Patrick (Ruth Gmyrek's BIL)



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Order of Worship

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 4, 2026

11:00 AM

The Chiming of the Hour

*Gathering Music *This is a Day of New Beginnings* UMH 383

Welcome, Announcements, & Prayer Maureen Fleming

Scripture *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7* Maureen

*Hymn *There's a Song in the Air* UMH 249

*Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

*Music *The First Noel* UMH 245

Change My Heart, Oh God TFWS 2152

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Shelia Preacher

The Lord's Prayer Shelia

Offertory *Born to Be the Bread*

*Doxology UMH 95

Scripture *John 1:1-4, 9-14* Shelia

The Word *Epiphany: Changed by a Child* Shelia

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*The Hymn of Invitation *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH 454

Benediction Shelia

*Sending Forth *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH 454

*Congregation, please stand if you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is our monthly **Communion Sunday Benevolence Offering for Helping Hands**. Our goal is to raise \$300.00 each month for sustainability. Please drop your offering in the Helping Hands Basket in the Narthex before you leave today.

January Mission: we lift up the **North Georgia Housing & Homeless Council**, supporting ministries that provide housing, food, and essential care for neighbors in need. NGHHC helps families move from crisis to stability through grants, advocacy, and coordinated resources. Learn more at nghhc.org, and please designate NGHHC on your offering as we begin 2026 with compassion and generosity.

Open Door Bible Study: Join us Sundays at 9:45 AM in Room 206 as we explore *6 Decisions that will Change Your Life* by Tom Berlin. This offers a structured approach to discerning key decisions in one's walk with Christ.

ChristWalk Resumes Tuesday, January 6 at 10:00 (in-person) and 7:00 p.m. (Zoom). Join us for Season 5 of The Chosen.



The **Altar Flowers** today are given by *Marcie Windsor*, in honor of *Ernie*.



When our hearts are centered on God, we've already struck it rich!
"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matthew 6:21
Let's give thoughtfully and faithfully.

Average Weekly Needs: \$4,715.40

Received Last Week: \$2,647.00

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