November 2026 Worship Theme

ST. PAUL AME WORSHIP CENTER

Theme: Embracing New Possibilities Through Stewardship

Monthly Theme

As we continue our journey of Embracing New Possibilities, November invites us to reflect upon the sacred responsibility of stewardship. Everything we have, everything we are, and everything we hope to become is connected to what God has entrusted into our care.

Stewardship is more than the giving of financial resources. It is the faithful management of our time, talents, treasures, relationships, opportunities, and spiritual gifts. It challenges us to recognize that what God has placed in our hands is not simply for our personal benefit, but also for the advancement of God's kingdom.

Throughout this month, we will explore how God works in unexpected moments, how we honor the sacrifices of others, how we discern God's activity during changing seasons, and how we remain faithful when confronted with life's uncertainties.

As we celebrate our church's anniversary, we are reminded that stewardship also involves preserving the legacy of those who came before us while preparing the way for generations yet to come.

Embracing new possibilities through stewardship means faithfully managing what God has given us today while trusting God for what is yet to come.

November Sermons and Scriptures

First Sunday — November 1, 2026

Sermon: All God Needs Is a Moment

Primary Text: 1 Corinthians 15:52b

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:18–19 — God declares that He is doing a new thing.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:50–58 — In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, we shall be changed.

Gospel: Mark 5:25–34 — A woman experiences a life-changing encounter with Jesus.

Stewardship Connection: We must remain faithful and prepared because God can accomplish in a moment what we could never accomplish in a lifetime. Our responsibility is to steward the present while trusting God with the future.

Second Sunday — November 8, 2026

Sermon: Veterans Day Recognition — Guest Preacher: Rev. Curtis Andries

Old Testament: Joshua 1:6–9 — Be strong and courageous.

Epistle: 2 Timothy 2:1–4 — Enduring hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 15:12–17 — Greater love has no one than to lay down one’s life for friends.

Stewardship Connection: We honor those who have served and sacrificed while recognizing that courage, commitment, service, and responsibility are sacred expressions of stewardship. We are called to use our freedom and opportunities in ways that benefit others.

Third Sunday — November 15, 2026

Sermon: Don't Misinterpret This Season

Primary Text: Mark 8:14–21

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1–11 — To everything there is a season.

Epistle: Romans 12:1–2 — Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Gospel: Mark 8:14–21 — Jesus challenges the disciples concerning their lack of understanding.

Stewardship Connection: Every season requires spiritual discernment. We must not become so distracted by what appears to be missing that we overlook what God has already provided. Faithful stewardship requires us to recognize God's provision, understand our present circumstances, and respond with wisdom.

Fourth Sunday — November 22, 2026

Sermon: Last Holiday

Primary Text: Luke 8:40–56

Old Testament: Psalm 90:1–12 — Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Epistle: James 4:13–17 — Life is a vapor, and tomorrow is not promised.

Gospel: Luke 8:40–56 — Jesus heals the woman with the issue of blood and raises Jairus's daughter.

Stewardship Connection: Life itself is a gift entrusted to us by God. We must learn to value our time, cherish our relationships, and live intentionally. Even when circumstances appear final, God remains sovereign over life and its possibilities.

Fifth Sunday — November 29, 2026

Sermon: Church Anniversary Celebration — Guest Preacher (Sermon to Be Announced)

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 7:12 — Thus far the Lord has helped us.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:6–11 — One plants, another waters, but God gives the increase.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13–18 — Upon this rock I will build my church.

Stewardship Connection: Our church's anniversary reminds us that we are stewards of a spiritual legacy. We celebrate the faithfulness of previous generations, acknowledge God's sustaining grace, and recommit ourselves to building a ministry that will serve generations yet to come.

Monthly Stewardship Emphases

- First Sunday: Stewardship of our moments and opportunities.
- Second Sunday: Stewardship through service and sacrifice.
- Third Sunday: Stewardship of our discernment and seasons.

- Fourth Sunday: Stewardship of life and relationships.
- Fifth Sunday: Stewardship of our legacy and future.