

Ways to Give at GSP

Online Giving

At GSP, we pledge to continue to be good soil for your generosity. We exist to see those far from God raised to life in Christ and we would love for you to join us in that mission. Over 60% of our church gives online. It's simple and secure.

Givelify

The Givelify mobile giving app pinpoints your location and intelligently identifies the GSP worship service you're attending, effectively eliminating the need to search for it. Mark GSP as your home church so that you can easily find and make mobile donations as frequently and as generously as you'd like, even when you are thousands of miles away. Givelify lets you easily see your complete history of donations. You can also accurately track your donations for your taxes without needing to hunt down receipts, bank statements, or acknowledgement letters. Givelify is available on the App Store and Google Play, and it costs nothing to download or use.

Smart Giving

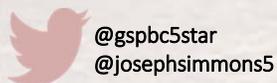
Smart Giving is a fast and safe way to give at GSP. Simply text GSPBC to the phone number 71441. You will get an instant response on your phone with a link to information about our church and a donation page. There you can donate with a credit or debit card easily and securely. Simply follow the sign up link, enter your credit or debit card information, and submit. It's that simple. Smart Giving uses industry-leading security to protect your personal information and save your card info so you can now give on the go. Smart Giving is never charged to your phone bill and your phone number is safe with us.

Weekend Worship Experiences

Place your check or cash in the offering during any weekend worship experience. For your convenience, offering envelopes are available for your gift. You can place cash or checks (payable to Greater St. Paul Church) in one of these envelopes and put it in the offering during any weekend worship experience, or mail it to Greater St. Paul Church and we will apply your gift. If you would like offering envelopes, contact our Finance Office at finance@gspbc.org call (510) 452-0803, or mail to us at 1918 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland, CA 94612.

Automatic Bank Pay

This is an easy and effective way to systematically give through your checking or savings account. Simply log onto your individual bank account and follow your bank's instructions to set up GSP as a new payee.



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Welcome to...

GREATER ST. PAUL CHURCH

Women's Month



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Women Making Impact



The Bible is full of words of encouragement which show how God values women. Ladies, the world may put you down, but God lifts you up. The world may expect the impossible, but God comes to you with grace and a heart that accepts you for who you are. You are important to God in many ways. Women have a special place in the heart of God and His plan for them to impact the world. Let's look briefly at three of those ways.

Women have an impactful role in the home. Home is where the ministry is. We minister to each other. We minister to our children as we bring them up in the Christian faith and train them by word and example. Those who believe that only what happens outside the home is important have missed God's greatest calling as we, both men and women, minister to the people in our homes. The second point I would like to emphasize is: women have an impactful role in the world. Proverbs 31 describes and praises a woman who is truly a worldly woman. She has her own business and takes her place in the marketplace. She is dealing in real estate, helping those in need, and providing for the needs of her family through her trading. The third thing it is important for us to recognize is that: women have an impactful role in the church. We all know that the church could not exist without the women who do so much of the work. And they do this in spite of the fact that they have often been kept out of the positions of leadership. In many churches women are not permitted to preach. But remember that it was women who faithfully stayed by Jesus in his darkest hour after all the men had fled. They were the last ones at the cross and the first ones at the tomb. They were the first to tell the world about Christ's resurrection. The whole point of the story of Adam and Eve is that man by himself was inadequate in this world. He needed someone — not just someone to do his work and meet his needs, but a full partner without whom life would not be nearly so rich. Welcome to worship! —Dr. Joseph E. Simmons

About Our Services

We're glad you have joined us for worship today! You can visit the Administration Office to learn more about any of the programs and events you see highlighted here. If you are a first-time guest, we encourage you to fill out the guest card you receive from our Greeters. Turn it in when requested during the Celebration Service, and get the special gift we have for you. Restrooms are located in the Main Lobby. Parents, please use the restrooms for feeding and changing your infant child. Please don't bring food, gum, or drink into the Main Sanctuary. All worshipers should remain in their seats during prayer, Scripture reading, the sermon, the offering, and the altar call. In case of an emergency, please exit using the doors in back of the Sanctuary. Please silence all phones and other electronic devices, and refrain from using flash photography or videotaping in the Main Sanctuary.

Please Note: We capture images of our audience (including minors) during live streaming and videotaping of our Worship Celebration Services. These images may appear on our website, social media sites, and in print. If you do not wish to be seen on camera or have photos taken of you or your minor child, please advise an usher, so you may be escorted to an area not generally included in the live streaming, videotaping, and photography of our Worship Celebration Services.

Ministry Meetings & Services Calendar - May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Celebra. - 8:30AM (Communion) Sunday School - 9:45AM Worship Celebra.-11:00AM (Communion)	2 Angel Choir - 6:00PM Child/Teen Choir - 7:00PM Diaconats - 7:00PM Deaconness - 7:00PM Dance Rehearsals - 7:30PM	3 Band Rehearsal - 6:00PM Mus./Arts Coun. - 6:00PM Women's Choir Reh.-7:00PM YA Choir - 7:00PM	4 IMPACT Prayer - 12:00N Seas. Saints Coun. - 1:15PM LE Bible Study - 7:00PM	5 Praise Team - 6:30PM Women's Dance Fleh. - 6:00PM Finance Core - 6:30PM SPEEDCO - 6:30PM Adult Choir - 7:00PM	6	7 Mothers - 10:00AM
8 Mother's Day - 8:00AM Sunday School - 9:45AM Mother's Day - 11:00AM	9 Angel Choir - 6:00PM Board of Directors - 7:00PM Child/Teen Choir - 7:00PM Dance Rehearsals - 7:30PM	10 Men - 7:00PM C&Y Council - 7:00PM Women's Choir Reh.-7:00PM YA Choir - 7:00PM	11 LE Bible Study - 12:00 N Disc/Edu. Council - 5:00PM LE Bible Study - 7:00PM	12 Praise Team - 6:00PM Women's Dance Fleh. - 6:00PM Finance Core - 6:30PM Adult Choir - 7:00PM	13	14 Ushers - 10:00AM
15 Worship Celebra. - 8:30AM Sunday School - 9:45AM Worship Celebra.-11:00AM	16 Angel Choir - 6:00PM Prayer Min. - 6:00PM COEM - 7:00PM Child/Teen Choir - 7:00PM Dance Rehearsals - 7:30PM	17 Mus./Art Coun. - 6:00PM Women's Choir Reh.-7:00PM YA Choir - 7:00PM	18 LE Bible Study - 12:00 N SS Fellowship - 1:15PM LE Bible Study - 7:00PM	19 Praise Team - 6:00PM Women's Dance Fleh. - 6:00PM Finance Core - 6:30PM SPEEDCO - 6:30PM Volunteers - 6:30PM Adult Choir - 7:00PM Facilities - 7:00PM Greeters - 7:00PM	20	21 USDA Bag Prep-9:00AM USDA Food Distrib.-10:00AM
22 Women's Day - 8:00AM Sunday School - 9:45AM Women's Day - 11:00AM Girlfriends Brunch - 2:00PM	23 Angel Choir - 6:00PM Child/Teen Choir - 7:00PM Dance Rehearsals - 7:30PM	24 Men - 7:00PM A/V Team - 7:00PM C&Y Council - 7:00PM YA Choir - 7:00PM	25 LE Bible Study - 12:00 N Disc/Edu. Teachers - 7:00P	26 Praise Team - 6:00PM Adult Choir - 7:00PM Finance All - 7:00PM	27	28 Leadership Meeting
29 Worship Celebra. - 8:30AM Sunday School - 9:45AM Worship Celebra.-11:00AM	30 Angel Choir - 6:00PM Child/Teen Choir - 7:00PM Dance Rehearsals - 7:30PM	31 YA Choir - 7:00PM	Notes: June 2 nd - Mass Choir - 7:00PM			

Coming Event



Reminders

- ❖ Stop by the Pastor's Café for coffee, juice, pastries, and other breakfast goodies after the 8:00am Service!
- ❖ The GSP Kidz Nursery opens every Sunday at 11:00am for children 6 months to 5 years old.
- ❖ Sunday School classes for all ages begin at 9:45am every Sunday.
- ❖ Connect and Serve! We need volunteers in every area of ministry. There's something that only YOU can do. Become a volunteer today!
- ❖ Please make sure your contact information is up-to-date in the Administration Office, so that you don't miss communications from GSP.
- ❖ Our Greeters and Ushers are here to assist you in finding items lost while attending our Worship Celebration Services.

Don't miss a Worship Celebration! Cd's and DVD's of today's Services are available in the Administration Office. Live streaming can be viewed every Sunday at 8:00am and 11:00am at <http://media2.thechurchonline.com/greaterstpaul>. Video-on-demand replays are also available on the site.

If you choose not to come forward... At the end of our Worship Celebration, you will be given an opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. While we encourage you to come to the altar at that time, if you choose not to come to the altar and you would like someone to pray with you privately, please inform one of our Ushers or Greeters.

You are the "social" in "social media"! There's a lot happening on the GSP Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages. Daily ministry updates, inspirational posts, self-improvement tips, photos, video clips and more can be found on our social media pages. Please follow us and let us know you're there by sending your comments. **Thank you to those who follow us regularly, share our posts, and send your comments!!**

Prayer

Please pray for those on our Prayer/Sick & Shut-In List: Eloise Belle, Novella Benton, Helen Berry, Walter Hill, Lenard Keith, Velma Miles, Lottie Parrott, Luevida Shepherd, Elma Smith, Kirk Thomas, and Mildred Williams. *Special prayer for the family of Sister Lula Dawson.*

JOIN US FOR CORPORATE PRAYER
6:00AM & 6:00PM – Every Mon., Wed., & Fri.
Dial Toll-Free: 712.432.8399 Access Code: 379099

It's important who we have in the White House! Make sure you're registered to vote in the California Primary Election on June 7th. Last day to register: May 23rd.

Coming Events



Let Mom and the other significant women in your life know how much you love and appreciate them and how much you thank God for them, by attending one of our special Mother's Day Worship Celebrations!



"Women Making Impact"! This is our theme for Women's Day 2016. Every woman of GSP is encouraged to be part of the activities planned. It's not too late to sign up to volunteer on one of the planning teams, sing in the choir, serve as a Greeter or Usher, or be involved in some other way on Women's Day. We still need women to help with our PB&J Outreach on May 21st when we'll distribute peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to the less fortunate in our community. Don't forget to wear white and pastels during this month, and make sure to pay your \$100 assessment if you can. Stop by the Women's Ministry Information Table to get updates regarding Women's Day.

Coming Events



Don't miss this girls-only event to recharge and refresh your faith in a really big way while you enjoy a delicious buffet, smooth jazz, games, prizes, fun and fellowship - all for only \$85 per person! There is a limited number of tickets available, and they're going fast. Get yours today!



A special Recognition Celebration Service honoring graduates at all levels Pre-K, Elementary, Middle School, and High School graduates, California High School Equivalency (GED) certificate recipients, Vocational/Trade School Certificate recipients, and those conferred with Associate, Bachelor, Master, and Doctorate degrees. Cake and Punch Reception following the Celebration Service. **Last day for graduate registration is Sunday, May 22nd.**