

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ [A Communion Worship Service](#) will be held at Pleasant View's Hoffer Auditorium on Wednesday, April 15 @ 1:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.
- ◆ The [FREE Community Breakfast](#) will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 8:30-10 am. Stop by and enjoy a delicious, warm breakfast with friends and neighbors of St. Paul's. Or to help out, contact Erica Hoffman at 717.203.1449/ejhoffman826@gmail.com.
- ◆ The [Fellowship Breakfast](#) will be held on Thursday, April 23 at 8:30 am @ The Kountry Kitchen Family Restaurant.
- ◆ [Women's Fellowship](#) will be selling subs - place your orders the next 3 Sundays - April 12, 19 & 26 for a Thursday, May 7 pick-up!



Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
April 12, 2026

"Peace
be with you.
As the
Father
has sent me,
so I send you."

John 20:21, NRSV

From Pastor Bill Long:

If you have questions about anything you've heard today, please feel free to contact us. We'd love to talk with you and get to know you! Pastor Bill Long's office hours are Monday-Thursday 9 am-1 pm. For other times, call the church office at 717.665.2447.

If you need Pastoral Care: If you are hospitalized or in crisis, please notify the church office at 717.665.2447 during weekday hours, or for *emergency* weekends, please call the church and leave a message - messages are monitored daily and your call will be returned shortly.

Church Calendar

Sunday: 9 am Prayer/Sub Orders
9:30 am [One Worship](#)
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)
Wednesday 1:30 pm [Communion @ Pleasant View](#)
6:30 pm [Bible Study](#)
Thursday: 9 am Simply Yoga
7 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran
Saturday: 8:30-10 am [FREE Community Breakfast!](#)
10 am Simply Yoga
Next
Sunday: **May Newsletter Deadline!**
9 am Prayer/Sub Orders
9:30 am [One Worship](#)
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)/Mission Team Meeting

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WELCOME to ST. PAUL'S

Making a Difference through the Love of Christ to
Know God ♦ Love God ♦ Serve God

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude/Call to Prayer/Prayer of the Day "O, Divine, Redeemer" - Gounod

Call to Worship ([Psalm of the Day](#)) - Celebrate Insert Page 2

♦ **Hymn #563** "[Open My Eyes That I May See](#)"

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

P: God of depths, searcher of hearts, you know the tumult of our lives. Layer upon layer of needs; list after lists of demands; bills to pay; constant noise from tv, traffic, cell phones, computers, neon lights flashing signals, all of it penetrating our eyes and maybe our souls. Enough, O Lord! Clear our hearts to see what is important. For your love dries our tears, your forgiveness picks us up; your peace embraces us. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

♦ **Offertory #815** "Praise God from whom all blessings flow...."

Prayers of Intercession Celebrate Insert Page 4

Confession of Faith #58 in The Heidelberg Catechism

L: How does the concept of "life everlasting" comfort you?

P: Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, so after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined; a blessedness in which to praise God eternally. Amen.

Reading of Scripture [Acts 2:14, 22-32](#)/[1 Peter 1:3-9](#)/♦[St. John 20:19-31](#)

Sermon "[The Salvation of Your Soul](#)" - Pastor Bill Long

The Sacrament of Holy Communion See Insert

♦ **Hymn #648** "[Love Divine, All Loves Excelling](#)"

♦ **Benediction**

♦ **Postlude** "Risen To Victory" - Birchwood

♦ All who are able may stand

Announcements

Welcome! It's so great to worship with you once again!

Worship Assistants:

Greeters/Ushers: Kermit & Dottie Drumheller

Music Provided by June Smith, Organist

The Altar Flowers are placed To the Glory of God.

Offering Options: Your offering is a part of worshipping God. St. Paul's offers several ways to give your offering:

- ♦ Drop your envelope in the donation box as you leave church today.
- ♦ Mail your offering to the church.
- ♦ If you use online banking, use the Bill Pay option.
- ♦ Or set up direct withdrawals – contact the church office at 717.665.2447 for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of the ministry here @ St. Paul's UCC!

You're Invited to Coffee Hour!

After worship today, please follow the crowd downstairs to the new **3 C's Cafe** to enjoy a delicious cup of Whiff Roasters coffee and some scrumptious treats. There's something for everyone and you'll have a chance to get to know the people of St. Paul's UCC and Pastor Bill Long!

Please Pardon Our Appearance...

As we continue upgrading the first floor, 3 C's Café is set up temporarily for Coffee Hour, Bible Study, the FREE Community Breakfast, etc. in place of Fellowship Hall. Thank you so much for your patience and grace during these renovations!

Mission of the Month

The April Mission of the Month is St. Paul's Shepherd's Fund which is used to help members and friends of St. Paul's who are experiencing a difficult financial time. The fund helps with housing, utility, medical, transportation or other expenses. Please use your special envelope to support our neighbors in need right here at St. Paul's. Together, we are making a difference through the love of Christ to Know God, Love God & Serve God!

Prayers of the People

To update the prayer list, please contact Joan Hess at 717.665.4705.

Please
Pray
for...



Please pray: Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Amen.

Today's Prayer: Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way. Reveal to them our presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you. **P: And with your spirit.**

L: Lift up your hearts. **P: We lift our hearts up unto the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. **P: It is right for us to do so.**

◆ Gloria Patri

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Prayer of Consecration

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Seraphic Hymn (Hosanna)

P: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth: Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of Thy Glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

L: Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things. In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. **P: Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again. Amen.**

Sharing of the Elements

◆ Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Almighty and Everlasting God,

P: We thank you for the great goodness you have shown toward us by nourishing us through these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior; assuring us that we are members of the mystical body of Christ our Lord. Help us to continue in that Holy Fellowship and do all things that shall please you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory. Amen.

MY SERMON notes

date: / /

today's scriptures

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things to remember



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Large empty rectangular box for writing things to remember.

prayers



to study at home:

