

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ Join us for [Coffee Hour](#) in Fellowship Hall following worship!
- ◆ [Lenten Meals](#) continue this week with Women’s Fellowship hosting to serve ham and cheese sandwiches and Turkey Corn Noodle Soup. The meal begins @ 6 pm with worship @ 6:30 pm. The focus of worship is Between Job and Jesus.
- ◆ [The Fellowship Breakfast](#) will be held this Thursday, February 29 @ 8:30 am. Please RSVP to Joan Hess @ 717.665.4705 by Monday, February 26.



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
9:30 am [One Worship](#) in the Sanctuary
or [Listen Live](#) in our Parking Lot
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)
- Wednesday: 6 pm [Lenten Meals & Worship](#)
- Thursday: 8:30 pm [Fellowship Breakfast @ Kountry Kitchen](#)
5:30 pm Simply Yoga
7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran
- Next Sunday: 9 am Prayer
9:30 am [One Worship](#) in the Sanctuary or
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10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)

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A large graphic with a blue and green abstract background. A large white question mark is on the right side. The text "WHAT GOOD IS IT FOR SOMEONE TO GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD, YET FORFEIT THEIR SOUL?" is written in white capital letters. Below the text is "MARK 8:36, NIV". At the bottom, it says "Welcome to St. Paul’s United Church of Christ February 25, 2024".

February 25, 2024

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** "Footsteps of Jesus" - Smith

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

♦ **Hymn #158** "[When I Survey the Wondrous Cross](#)" See Insert

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

L: God of depths, searcher of hearts,

P: lead us into this holy time of Lent so we can let go of that which pulls us from your path. Give us the courage to persist in prayer, excel in kindness and walk gently on the earth. Heal the wounds we carry, forgive the errors we commit and lead us to new life. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

♦ **Offertory #815**

Chancel Choir "Build Your House On The Solid Rock" - Pepper/Choplin

Prayers of Intercession (Celebrate Insert)

Song "[Lead Me To The Cross](#)" - Ligertwood

♦ **Confession of Faith** based on Question #76 of the Heidelberg Catechism

L: What does it mean to partake of the bread and wine in Holy Communion?

P: As I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup given to me in Christ my soul is nourished and refreshed for eternal life by His crucified body and shed blood. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Reading of Scripture [Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16](#)/[Romans 4:13-25](#)/ ♦ [St. Mark 8:31-38](#)

Sermon "[My Fainting Soul](#)" - Pastor Bill Long

The Sacrament of Holy Communion See Insert

♦ **Hymn #539** "[My Faith Looks Up to Thee](#)"

♦ **Benediction**

♦ **Postlude** "Reflections" - O'Donnell

♦ 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, & Steve Smith

Chancel Choir Director: John Degler

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 offering plate 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!

[Nursery Care](#)

Nursery Care is now available during the worship service. An age-appropriate light lesson will be taught during the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month for those in attendance. The Nursery is located on the first floor.

[Inclement Weather](#)

In case of inclement weather, be sure to call the church office at 717.665.2447 (after 8 am on Sundays) for service or event changes or cancellations. Postings will also be on our website, WGAL and WGAL.com as well.

Mission of the Month

The February Mission of the Month is St. Paul's Shepherd's Fund which is used to help those in our church who are experiencing a difficult financial situation. Please give generously using your special envelope to this fund that helps to Make a Difference through the Love of Christ to your neighbor in the pew.

Prayers of the People

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



Please pray: God our hope, you promised eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lied and died in faith. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Amen.

Today's Prayer: God, we turn to you for healing. Send compassionate helpers to any who suffer because of war and violence. Shelter unhoused people, befriend those who are lonely, bring hope to any in despair, and console the bereaved. Amen.

In moderate time

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the
 3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a

Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 death of of Christ my God; All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down: Did the such love and
 pres - ent far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet, Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all. A-MEN.

Alternative tune, *Rockingham Old*,

CCLI Song #3296590; CCLI License #734595

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 Sabbaoth: 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.**

Hymn #682

["Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"](#)

Verse 1

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.

Fellowship & True Vine Cups:

St. Paul's UCC is using True Vine Cups (grape juice) and True Vine Chalice cups (wine in chalice shaped container) for communion as a way to stay safe. True Vine Chalice cups are available with both regular and gluten free wafer; gluten free cups are clearly marked Gluten Free at the chalice opening.

To use the True Vine Cups, please hold the cup firmly and peel the wafer or bread end of the cup first. At the appropriate time, please flip the cup over and carefully peel open the juice side of the cup.

To use the True Vine Chalice cups, hold the cup firmly and peel the wafer end of the cup first. At the appropriate time, please flip the chalice container and carefully peel open the wine side to drink.

If you need assistance, please feel free to check with an usher.



Easter Flowers

Easter Flowers will once again glorify the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024..

Easter Flowers have been preordered and there is limited availability. If you would like to place an Easter Flower in your or your loved one's name, please fill out this form and return with payment to the church office or place your order and payment in the offering plate, making sure to clearly mark your check for Easter Flowers.

Easter Flowers offered are: White Lily 3-4 blooms, Tulips in a 6" pot, and Daffodils in a 6.5" pot. The cost is \$8.50 each.

Name: _____

☐ In Honor of: _____

☐ In Memory of: _____

White Lily, 3-4 Blooms Quantity _____ x \$8.50 = \$ _____

Tulip, 6" Pot Quantity _____ x \$8.50 = \$ _____

Daffodil, 6.5" Pot Quantity _____ x \$8.50 = \$ _____

The deadline to place your order is February 25, 2024.