

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ Join us for [Coffee Hour](#) on Sunday mornings following worship. Coffee Hour is held in Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ Come out on Friday, December 2 @ 5 pm to [Decorate](#) the church and prepare for the Santa Breakfast. A light meal will be held @ 5 pm; decorating the church will follow. It's a fun evening you won't want to miss!
- ◆ St. Paul's will once again host [Breakfast with Santa](#) on Saturday, December 3 from 9-10 am. The Christmas Giveaway will happen at the same time for anyone who needs hats, scarves, or gloves and school supplies.



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 regular 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 office and leave a message. Messages are monitored daily and your call will be returned shortly.

Church Calendar

Sunday: **December/January Newsletter Deadline**
9 am Prayer
9:30 am [One Worship](#) in the Sanctuary or [Listen Live](#) in our Parking Lot
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)

Monday: 6 pm New Voices Vision Team

Wednesday: 7 pm [Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service](#)

Thursday: Happy Thanksgiving - Office Closed

Friday: Office Closed

Next Sunday: 9 am Prayer
9:30 am [One Worship](#) in the Sanctuary or [Listen Live](#) in our Parking Lot
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)

Next Monday: Office Closed

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November 20, 2022

WELCOME to ST. PAUL'S

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

Welcome & Announcements

♦ Call to Prayer/Prayer of the Day/Prelude "Father of Heaven Whose Love Profounds"

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

♦ Hymn #45

["Crown Him with Many Crowns"](#)

♦ Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

P: Bountiful God: Without your grace and help I would be nothing; I would not even exist. I owe you everything: creation, my preservation, all the blessings of life. I know that most of my praying should be thanksgiving. But it is not. What comes naturally to me is asking, asking, asking. And much of the time, even when a prayer is answered in the way I hoped it would be, I forget to thank you. O God, most patient and forbearing, teach me the grace of thankfulness. Keep me from being like the nine lepers who promptly forgot who had healed them. Let me, rather, follow the example of the one who nearly forgot, but remembered, and had the decency to come back and say, "Thank you Lord!" Amen.

♦ Offertory #815

Special Music

"We Gather Together/Count Your Blessings"

- arr. B. Adams

John Degler, Saxophonist

Prayers of Intercession

Reading of Scripture

[Jeremiah 23:1-6/Colossians 1:11-20/♦ St. Luke 23:33-43](#)

Song

["King of My Heart"](#)

- J. McMillan/S. McMillan

♦ Confession of Faith

L: What is my only comfort in life and in death?

P: That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Sermon

["Prophet, Priest, King"](#)

- Pastor Bill Long

See Insert

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

♦ Hymn #375

["Jesus Shall Reign"](#)

♦ Benediction

♦ Postlude

"My God and King

- Wilson

♦ All who are able may stand

Announcements

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

Worship Assistants:

Greeters/Ushers: Council Members

Music Provided by June Smith, & Steve Smith

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 drop 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!

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Come, give thanks and praise to God for all of His blessings to us at St. Paul's Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on Wednesday, November 23 @ 7 pm. All are welcome!

Fall Bible Study

The midweek Bible Study will meet next on Wednesday, November 30 @ 6:30 pm. We are studying Deuteronomy using Kay Arthur's "Teach Me Your Ways" - get your copy of the study guide on the table outside the office.

Mission of the Month

The November Mission of the Month is St. Paul's UCC's [Community Breakfast](#). Please use your November special envelope to support the FREE Community Breakfast that allows our neighbors and friends to come and enjoy a warm, delicious meal together once a month.

Prayers of the People

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

Please
Pray
for ...



Please pray: God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick. Amen.

Today's Prayer: We pray for this assembly. Guide our pastor, deacons, and council members in discernment, and nurture new leaders with fresh ideas. Give this congregation a spirit of discipleship and service. Amen.

Holiday Happenings @ St. Paul's



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. Amen.

Hymn #413

["Break Thou the Bread of Life"](#)

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 Fellowship Cups (grape juice) and True Vine Cups (wine in chalice shaped container) for communion as a way to stay safe during the Coronavirus. True Vine 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 Fellowship Cups, please hold the cup with one hand. There are two layers to open the cup. The top layer holds the communion wafer – peel the clear layer off first for the wafer. The second layer holds the grape juice – carefully peel the foil layer off and use as a cup for the grape juice.

To use the True Vine 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.



The Christmas Poinsettia

Native to Mexico and cultivated by the Aztec Indians, the poinsettia is named after Joel Roberts Poinsett, first US Ambassador to Mexico, who imported it from Mexico in 1828. After the Spanish conquest and the introduction of Christianity, the poinsettia found a place in Christmas rituals. The legend of the poinsettia tells of a poor village boy in Mexico who wanted to give the Holy Child a gift but had no money. In desperation, he picked some weeds on his way to church to leave as his gift. He prayed to God to help him show his love and God answered by turning the weed into a beautiful star shaped flower with bright red leaves. The poinsettia has been a Christmas symbol ever since signifying how Jesus meets the needs of his believers.

Poinsettia Order

Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary by Christmas Eve, December 24 – you may take your poinsettia home that day if you wish. Please fill out the order form below and **return with payment** to the church office. You may also place your order and money in the offering box, making sure it is clearly marked for Poinsettias. Cost is \$9.50 for each 6.5" potted plant that will glorify the Sanctuary this Christmas season.

Name: _____

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Red  Quantity: \$

White Glitter Quantity: \$

Total Quantity: **Total \$**

Deadline to place your order is Sunday, November 20, 2022. Plants have been preordered and will be reserved on a first come, first served basis.