

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ [Bible Study](#) continues with our study on Hebrews on Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Contact Pam @ 717.665.2447 for your study guide. Bible Study will not meet on Wednesday, November 26..
- ◆ [A Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service](#) will be held on Wednesday, November 26 @ 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Let us give thanks and praise for all the great things God has done!
- ◆ Come out and [Decorate the Church](#) on Friday, December 5 @ 5 pm. We'll begin with soup, crusty bread and other goodies and then move into decorating for the Advent/Christmas Season.
- ◆ [Breakfast with Santa](#) will be held on Saturday, December 6 from 8:30-10 am. Pancakes with sausage is on the menu, and Santa will be here for the children to share their wishes and family photo ops. All children will receive a goody bag. Experience the fun!



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](#)
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)
Wednesday: 7 pm [Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service](#)
Thursday: **Happy Thanksgiving!** Office Closed
7 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran
Friday: Office Closed

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November 23, 2025

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 "Thanks Be To God" - Scott

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

♦ **Hymn #724** "[Lead On, O King Eternal](#)"

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

L: Lord God,

P: In me there is darkness, with you there is light. I am lonely but you do not leave me; I am feeble in heart, with you, there is hope. I am restless, with you there is peace. In me there is bitterness, with you there is patience. I do not understand your ways, but you know the way for me. 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 - Colossians 1:15-20

P: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

Sermon "[The Third Shepherd](#)" - Pastor Bill Long

The Sacrament of Holy Communion See Insert

♦ **Hymn #45** "[Crown Him with Many Crowns](#)"

♦ **Benediction**

♦ **Postlude** "Festival" - Price

♦ 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

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](#)!

Following the worship service, please follow the crowd downstairs to Fellowship Hall 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!

[Nursery Care](#)

The Nursery is available unstaffed for parents and children to use during worship as the service is livestreamed into the nursery. Coloring pages with the lessons for the day are also available as well.

Mission of the Month

The November Mission of the Month is [St. Paul's FREE Community Breakfast](#), held on the third Saturday of each month for anyone in the community who enjoys a great breakfast with friends/neighbors. December's Breakfast is held on the first Saturday and is part of the Breakfast with Santa.. Please use your special envelope to support this great opportunity to know our neighbors.

Prayers of the People

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



Please pray: God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind. Amen.

Today's Prayer: We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth. Amen.

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 \$9.75 for each 6.5” potted plant that will glorify the Sanctuary this Christmas season.

Name: _____

☐ In Honor of: _____

☐ In Memory of: _____

Red Quantity: _____ \$ _____

White Glitter Quantity: _____ \$ _____

Total Quantity: _____ **Total \$** _____

Deadline to place your order is Sunday, November 23, 2025.. Plants have been preordered and will be reserved on a first come, first served basis.

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.**

Sharing of the Elements

Hymn #460	“Let Us Break Bread Together”	w/Bread – Verse 1
		w/Wine – Verse 2

♦ **Prayer of Thanksgiving** [“Give Thanks”](#) (Hymn #170)