

## Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ A New Prayer Group is meeting in the Bright Library on Sunday mornings @ 9 am to pray for the people of St. Paul's, for God's direction for the church, and the community at large. All are welcome!
- ◆ [Bible Study](#) will continue on Wednesdays in December @ 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. We'll study the book of Exodus. Pick up your study guide today on the table in Fellowship Hall. A Prayer Time will follow the study.
- ◆ A Decorating Party will be held on Friday, December 3 @ 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. We'll start the evening with pizza and then move to decorate the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Please RSVP to Pam Herman by Sunday, November 28.



### 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 Pastor Bill Long directly at 717.228.0949.

### Church Calendar

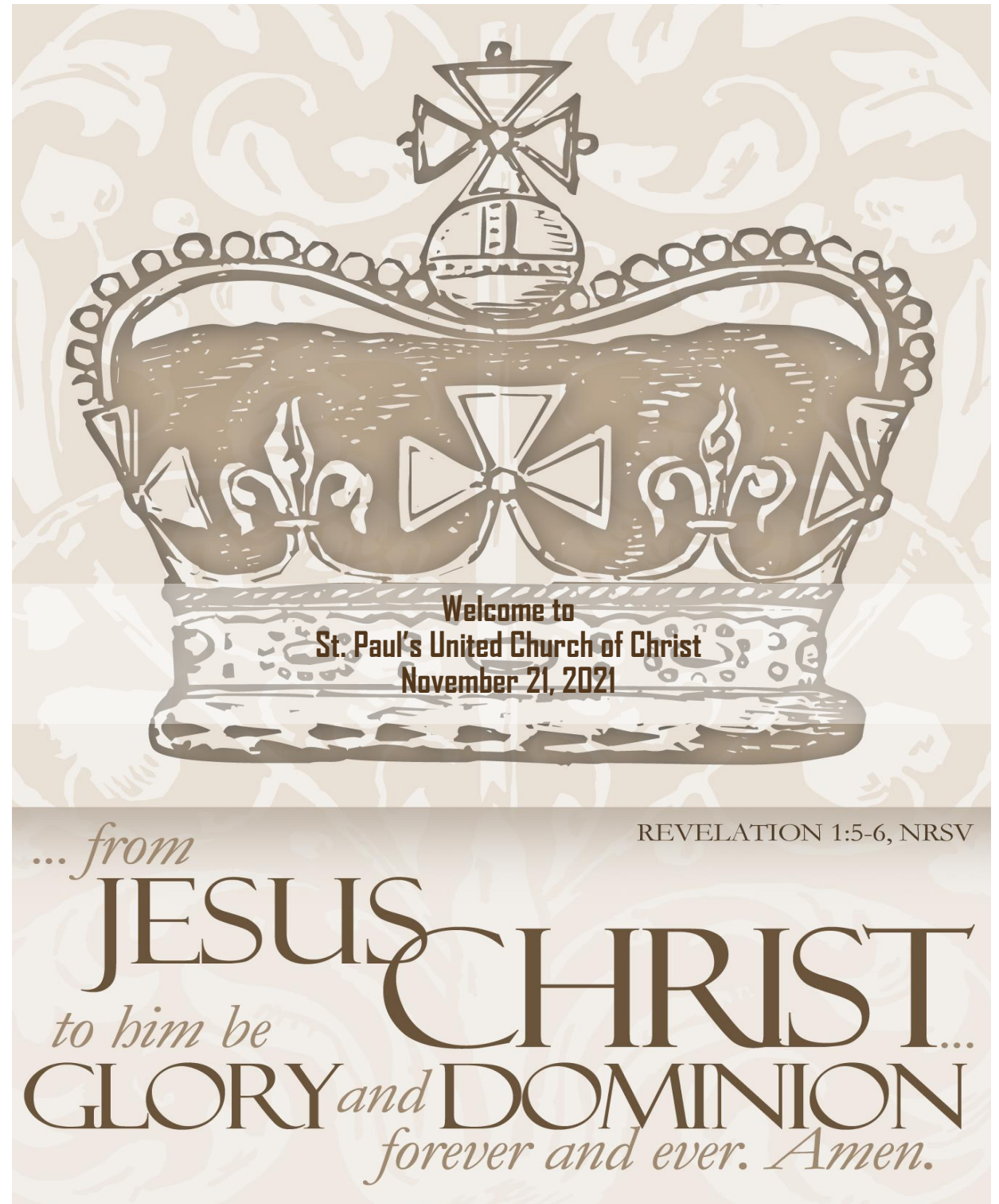
Sunday: **December/January Newsletter Deadline!**  
9:00 Prayer  
9:30 am [One Worship](#) in the Sanctuary  
or [Listen Live](#) in our Parking Lot  
Wednesday: 7:00 pm [Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service](#)  
Thursday: Happy Thanksgiving - Office Closed  
Friday: Office Closed

Next  
Sunday: Prayer  
9:30 am [One Worship](#) in the Sanctuary  
or [Listen Live](#) in our Parking Lot  
10:30 am New Voices Vision Team Meeting

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November 21, 2021

# WELCOME to ST. PAUL'S

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

## Welcome & Announcements

- Praise & Worship** ["King of My Heart"](#) - J.M. McMillan/S. McMillan
- ♦ **Call to Prayer/Prayer of the Day/Prelude** "He Is Lord" - Sewell
- Call to Worship** ([Psalm of the Day](#)) (Celebrate Insert)
- ♦ **Hymn #104** ["O Worship the King"](#) Vs. 1, 2 & 5 - See Insert
- Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession**  
P: O God, 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 remembered, and had the decency to come back and say, "Thank you, Lord!" Amen.
- Assurance of Pardon**
- Elite Bells** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" - Elvey/arr. Hoffman
- Prayers of Intercession** (Celebrate Insert)
- Reading of Scripture** [Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14/Revelation 1:4-8/St. John 18:33-37](#)
- Song** ["O Praise The Name \(Anastasis\)"](#) - Hastings/Ussher/Sampson
- ♦ **Apostles' Creed**  
P: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
- Sermon** ["Alpha & Omega"](#) - Pastor Bill Long
- The Sacrament of Holy Communion** See Insert
- ♦ **Hymn #45** ["Crown Him with Many Crowns"](#)
- ♦ **Benediction**
- ♦ **Postlude/Offering** "We Praise Thee" - Sergisson
- All who are able may stand

## Announcements

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

### Worship Assistants:

Greeters/Ushers: Council Members  
Music Provided by June Smith, & Steve Smith  
The Altar Flowers are placed To the Glory of God by J. D. Young.

**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!

## Thanksgiving Eve Worship

A Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service will be held here at St. Paul's UCC this Wednesday, November 24 @ 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Come, give thanks and praise!

## Family Christmas Movie Night

Bring the kids and grandkids out to St. Paul's UCC for a fun Family Christmas Night on Monday, November 29 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Snacks will be provided

## Winter Weather Info

In case of bad weather, be sure to call the church office (717.665.2447) after 8 am on Sundays for service cancellations or delays. Or check our website for service or event updates and to view our online sermons at [www.stpaulsuccmanheim.org](http://www.stpaulsuccmanheim.org).

## Mission of the Month

The November Mission of the Month is St. Paul's FREE Community Breakfast which is served on the third Saturday of each month (except in December when it's served on the first Saturday for the Santa Breakfast). Please use your November special envelope to support this outreach ministry to feed our Manheim neighbors.

## Prayers of the People

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



Please pray for: the families in the Manheim Community, the Teen Central kids and the Manheim churches.

Today's Prayer: God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. Amen.

## Christmas Poinsettias



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 Sunday, December 19 – 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 plate, making sure it is clearly marked for Poinsettias. Cost is \$8.80 for each 6.5” potted plant that will glorify the Sanctuary this Christmas season.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

|               |                |          |
|---------------|----------------|----------|
| Red           | Quantity _____ | \$ _____ |
| White         | Quantity _____ | \$ _____ |
| White Glitter | Quantity _____ | \$ _____ |

Total Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline to place your order is TODAY, Sunday, November 21.**

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**

Sung Softly

**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**

L: Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and of your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and in the preaching of the prophets.

**P: We thank you especially that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your kingdom.**

**Seraphic Hymn (Hosanna)**

Sung Softly

**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 #460**

["Let Us Break Bread Together"](#)

Verses 1 & 2 - See Insert

**Sharing of the Elements**

# Let Us Break Bread Together 460

*They devoted themselves to the breaking of bread. Acts 2:42*

N.C.  $\text{A}^{\flat}/\text{B}^{\flat}$   $\text{E}^{\flat}$   $\text{A}^{\flat}/\text{E}^{\flat}$   $\text{E}^{\flat}$   $\text{E}^{\flat}/\text{B}^{\flat}$   $\text{B}^{\flat} \text{ sus } \text{B}^{\flat} 7$   $\text{E}^{\flat}$   $\text{A}^{\flat}/\text{E}^{\flat}$   $\text{E}^{\flat}$

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)  
 2. Let us drink the cup to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)  
 3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)

$\text{E}^{\flat}$   $\text{B}^{\flat} 7/\text{F}$   $\text{E}^{\flat}/\text{G}$   $\text{B}^{\flat} 7/\text{F}$   $\text{E}^{\flat}$   $\text{Cm} 9$   $\text{F} 7 \text{ sus}$   $\text{F} 7$   $\text{B}^{\flat}$   $\text{Cm} 7$   $\text{B}^{\flat}/\text{D}$

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*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,

$\text{B}^{\flat}$   $\text{E}^{\flat}$   $\text{E}^{\flat}/\text{D}$   $\text{Cm}$   $\text{G}^{\flat} \text{m}/\text{B}^{\flat}$   $\text{A}^{\flat}$   $\text{A}^{\flat} \text{M} 7$   $\text{B}^{\flat} \text{ sus}$   $\text{B}^{\flat} 7$   $\text{E}^{\flat}$   $\text{A}^{\flat}/\text{E}^{\flat}$   $\text{E}^{\flat}$

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me.)

TEXT: Traditional Spiritual  
 MUSIC: Traditional Spiritual; arranged by Keith Phillips

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LET US BREAK BREAD  
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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Let us pray.

**P:** Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. 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.

