Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God



- The **Wednesday Bible Study** is focusing on the minor prophets of the Old Testament. The study is held in the 3 C's Café on Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm – all are welcome!
- The **FREE Community Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, November 21 from 8:30-10 am in Fellowship Hall. Come out and enjoy a delicious, warm breakfast with some great friends and neighbors!
- A **Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service** will be held in the Bright Library/Chapel on Wednesday, November 25 @ 7 pm. Come give thanks and praise to God for all of His blessings!

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: 6:30 pm Bible Study
Thursday: 9 am Simply Yoga
7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran
Saturday: 10 am Simply Yoga

Next Sunday: **Newsletter Deadline!**
9 am Prayer
9:30 am One Worship
10:30 am Coffee Hour

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November 8, 2026

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 "Autumn Pastels" - Bartlett

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

L: Lord God,

P: I confess that I do not take to heart Christ's love for me. It is truly clear to me that I do not love my neighbor as I love myself. For what Christ has done for me on the cross, free me from slavery to sin. For the promises I have broken, for the meanness of my spirit, for hopes destroyed, feelings hurt, for refusing your love, for denying my need for you, forgive 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

Bell Choir "Oh, Freedom" Spiritual/arr. J. R. Hoffman

Confession of Faith - from the Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

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

P: That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.

Reading of Scripture Amos 5:18-24/1 Thessalonians 4:13-18/♦St. Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon "Either Or" - Pastor Bill Long

The Sacrament of Holy Communion See Insert

♦**Hymn #562** "Be Thou My Vision"

♦**Benediction**

♦**Postlude** "Go Out With Praise" - Paxton

♦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 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!

Opening Procedure for Sundays

The church building opening procedures are changing in order to keep our facility safe. The church will be opened beginning at 8:30 am on Sunday mornings. If you need access before 8:30 am, please contact the church office by Thursday.

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 except in December when it is held the first Sunday for the Breakfast with Santa. Please use your November special envelope to support our neighbors who come to enjoy a free, delicious, warm breakfast and spend some time with friends.

Prayers of the People

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



Please pray: God, bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggle with chronic illness. Amen.

Discernment Prayer: Pray to God asking Him to continue to show us the next steps as we prepare for a new year in ministry.

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

♦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.

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 $10.50 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 22, 2026.. Plants have been preordered and will be reserved on a first come, first served basis.