

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 **Fellowship Breakfast** will be held this Thursday, October 22 @ 8:30 am @ The Kountry Kitchen Family Restaurant. Please RSVP to Claire Reed at 717.951.4325 by Monday, October 19, if you plan to attend.
- Next Sunday, October 25, We will celebrate **Reformation Sunday** and Our **Harvest of Gratitude** in dedicating our newly renovated spaces during and after worship
- Women's Fellowship will host a **Veteran's Dinner** on Saturday, November 7 @ 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. All Veterans and a guest are invited to attend. Please RSVP by October 31 at 717.665.2447.



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](#)
Tuesday: 6 pm Church Council
Wednesday: 1:30 pm [Pleasant View Communion](#)
6 pm Bible Study
Thursday: 8:30 am Fellowship Breakfast
9 am Simply Yoga
7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran
Saturday: 10 am Simply Yoga
Next
Sunday: 9 am Prayer
9:30 am [One Worship](#)
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“Why are
you putting me
to the test?”



Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
October 18, 2026

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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 "O Lord Most Holy" - Franck

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

♦ **Hymn #215** "[When Morning Gilds the Skies](#)"

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

L: Compassionate God,

P: We confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

♦ **Offertory #815** "Praise God from whom all blessings flow...."

Prayers of Intercession Celebrate Insert Page 4

Song "[Build Your Kingdom Here](#)" - See Insert

Confession of Faith - [Philippians 3:12-14](#)

P: I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ...I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal., toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reading of Scripture [Isaiah 45:1-7](#)/[1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#)/ ♦ [St. Matthew 22:15-22](#)

Sermon "[Whom Do You Serve?](#)" - Pastor Bill Long

♦ **Hymn #713** "[Seek Ye First](#)"

♦ **Benediction**

♦ **Postlude** "Hark! Hark My Soul" - Shelley

♦ 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!

[All Saints' Sunday – November 1](#)

If you would like to remember your loved one who passed away since last All Saints (November 2, 2025), please contact the church office by Sunay, October 25, and include their name, birthday, date of death as well as their relationship to you.

Mission of the Month

The October Mission of the Month [is Church World Service's Blanket Appeal](#). The Blanket Appeal benefits those who have been left bereft of everything, whether from a natural disaster like flooding, hurricane, wildfire, etc. or by a human caused disaster such as war or violence. Help those who have nothing at least have a warm blanket by using your October special envelope.

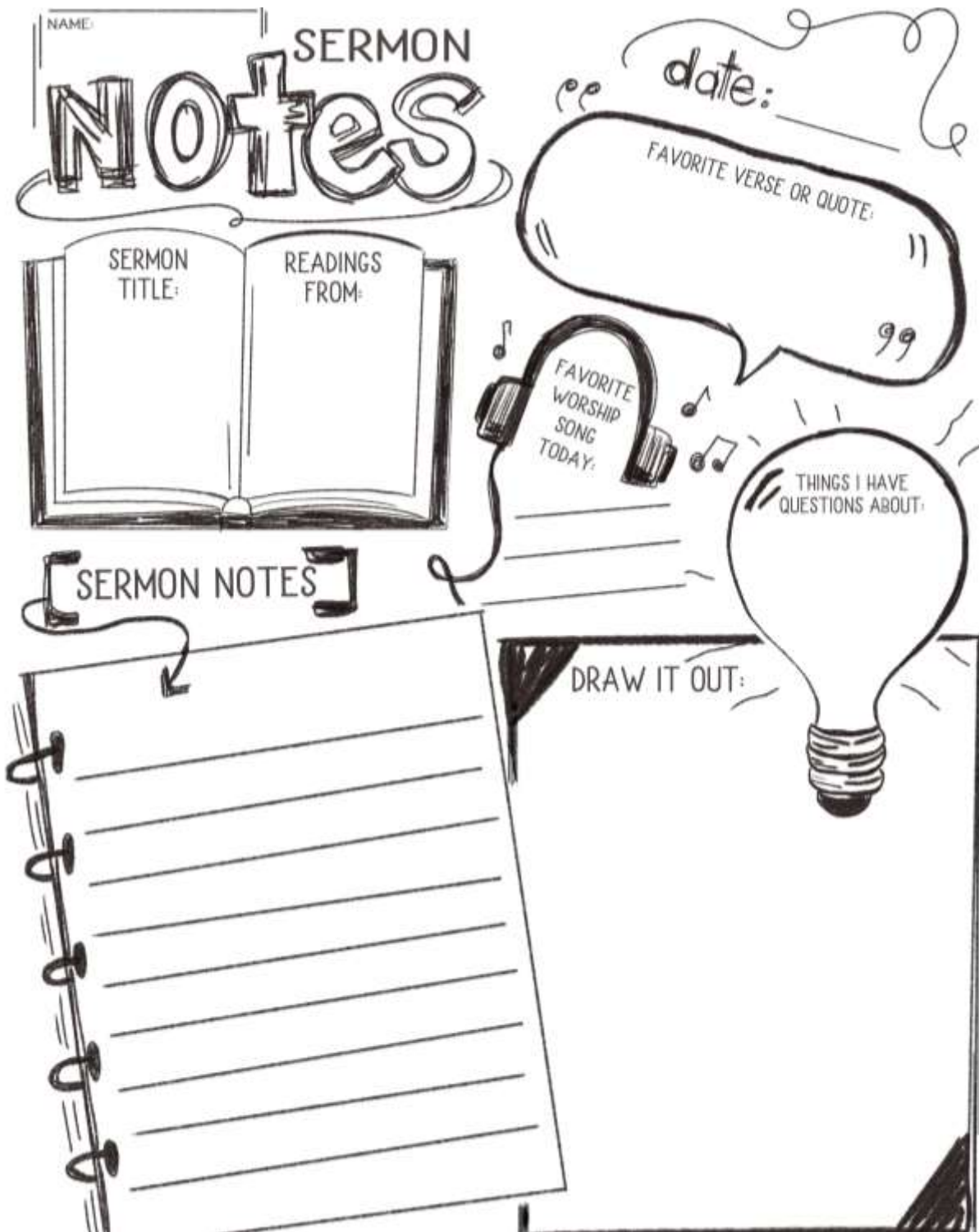
Prayers of the People

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



Please pray: Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower all those working across religious differences, that the world may know your undivided love. Amen.

Discernment Prayer: Please pray to God asking Him to reveal the next steps for St. Paul's UCC! And give us the courage to listen, and seek His guidance for our church. Amen.



Build Your Kingdom Here

(V1 V2 Chorus V3 Chorus Chorus)

Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

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