

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!
- ◆ The Exodus Bible Study continues on Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall starting January 5, 2022. Be sure to pick up your study guide today on the table in Fellowship Hall. A Prayer Time will follow the study.
- ◆ A De-Decorating Party will be held on Sunday, January 9 following Coffee Hour. All are invited to attend.



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: 9:00 am Prayer
9:30 am One Worship in the Sanctuary
or Listen Live in our Parking Lot
10:30 am Coffee Hour

Monday: 7:00 pm Property Board

Tuesday: 11:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday: 6:30 pm Exodus Bible Study
7:00 pm Elite Bells

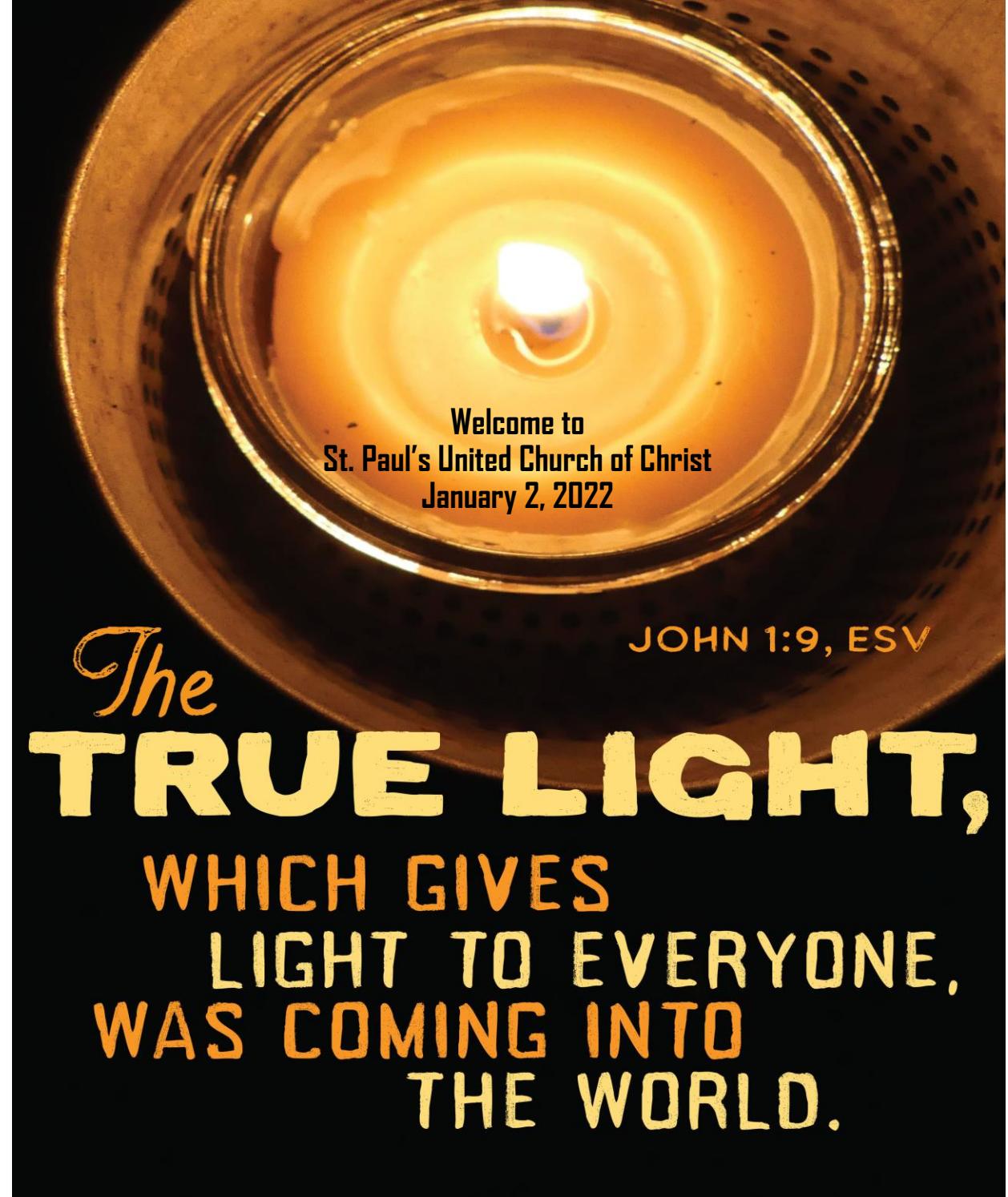
Thursday: 6:30 Manheim Women's Club Board Mtg.
7:00 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran Church

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9:30 am One Worship in the Sanctuary
or Listen Live in our Parking Lot
10:30 am Coffee Hour/De-Decorating Party

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January 2, 2022

WELCOME to ST. PAUL'S

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

Welcome & Announcements

Praise & Worship

"Song At Sunrise"

- Gaelic Melody/ arr. R. Harris

♦ Call to Prayer/Prayer of the Day/Prelude

"Communion"

- Faulkes

Call to Worship (Psalm of the Day)

(Celebrate Insert)

♦ Hymn #682

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

See Insert

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

From Hymn #270, "Joy to the World!" - Verse 3

P: No more let sin and sorrow grow, nor thorns infest the ground. He comes to make His blessings flow.
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found. Far as, far as the curse is found.

Assurance of Pardon

Prayers of Intercession

Reading of Scripture

(Celebrate Insert)

Song

Jeremiah 31:7-14/Ephesians 1:3-14/St. John 1:1-8

"Let Us Break Bread Together" - American Folk Hymn/arr. R. Harris

St. Luke 2:9-13

♦ Confession of Faith

P: Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Sermon

"Moving Into The Neighborhood"

- Pastor Bill Long

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

See Insert

♦ Hymn #686

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

♦ Benediction

"Te Deum Laudamus"

- Nordman

♦ 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, & John Degler

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 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!

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30 following the 9:30 am worship service. All committee reports are due to the church office no later than Thursday, January 6, 2022.

Winter Weather Info

In case of winter weather conditions, be sure to call the church office (717.665.2447) after 8 am on Sundays for service cancellations or delays. Or check our website at www.stpaulsuccmanheim.org for service or event updates or to view the worship service online.

Mission of the Month

The January Mission of the Month is UCC Homes. Please use your special envelope for January to support the ministry of UCC Homes which allows senior residents to live at a UCC Home facility based on need for care rather than their financial situation.

Prayers of the People

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

Please
Pray
for...



Please pray for: Linda Coe, Ozzy Fetter, Lynn Foard, Dee Forry, Susan Gates, Gary & Linda Hauze, Nancy Lishman, Terry Myers, Jane Moyle, Bob & Joanna Schreiber, Julia Shreiner & Family, Barry Snavely, Phyllis Smeltz, Linda Steiner, and the Teen Central kids.

Today's Prayer: Creating God, the sun greets us anew each morning. Thank you for waking us up today to witness and share your abundance. Awaken us always to your wisdom and deepen our care for your natural world. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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.



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

From Hymn #63, "All Creatures of Our God and King" - Verses 4 & 5

P: And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part. O Sing ye! Alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear. Praise God and on Him cast your care. O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness. O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son. And praise the Spirit, Three in One, O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Let us pray.

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices. Amen.

WALKING WITH GOD

682 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs. Isaiah 58:11

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this world I go;
2. O - pen now the way where I should go;
3. When I tread the verge of death,
Whence the healing, bid my anx - ious soul be -

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me
stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
fears sub - side; Bear me through the swell - ing cur - rent, Land me
with Thy pow'r - ful hand; Bread of Heav - en, Bread of Heav - en,
all my jour - ney through; Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

TEXT: William Williams; translated by Peter Williams and William Williams

MUSIC: John Hughes; Last stanza setting and Choral ending by Marty Parks

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WALKING WITH GOD

686 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Psalm 90:1

1. O God, our Help in a - ges past, Our Hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad - ows of Thy throne Still may we dwell se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. A thou-sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Bears all its sons a - way;
6. O God, our Help in a - ges past, Our Hope for years to come,

Our Shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal Home!
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fence is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
They fly, for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - p'ning day.
Be Thou our Guide while life shall last, And our e - ter - nal Home.

TEXT: Isaac Watts; based on Psalm 90

MUSIC: William Croft

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