

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ Come out to Longenecker's Hardware and visit us as we [Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army](#) this Tuesday, December 7 from noon-8 pm. All donations help those in need right here in the Manheim area.
- ◆ [The Exodus Bible Study](#) continues on Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend.
- ◆ [Christmas Eve Worship](#) will be held on Friday, December 24 @ 7 & 11 pm. Come, as we share the carols and lessons of the Christmas Story and light our candles and sing "Silent Night."
- ◆ **Coffee Hour on Sunday, December 26** will be held following the 9:30 am worship service. Come out and enjoy a wonderful time of fun and fellowship.



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 am Prayer
9:30 am [One Worship](#) in the Sanctuary
or [Listen Live](#) in our Parking Lot
Monday: 7 pm Property Board
Tuesday: Noon-8 pm [Salvation Army Bell Ringing](#)
Wednesday: 11 am Staff Meeting
Noon Manheim Ministerium
6:30 pm [Exodus Bible Study](#)
7:30 pm Elite Bells
Thursday: 7 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran Church

Next
Sunday: 9:30 am [One Worship](#) in the Sanctuary
or [Listen Live](#) in our Parking Lot
10:30 am Congregational Budget Meeting

St Paul's United Church of Christ

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Every valley
shall be FILLED,



and every mountain and hill
shall be MADE LOW.

Luke 3:5

Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
December 5, 2021

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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

- Praise & Worship** ["Goodness of God"](#) - Fielding/Johnson/Cash/Ingram/Johnson
- ♦ **Call to Prayer/Prayer of the Day/Prelude** "Blow Ye Winds Softly – A Christmas Pastoral" - Kennerly
- Call to Worship** ([Psalm of the Day](#)) (Celebrate Insert)
- ♦ **Hymn #95** ["On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"](#) See Insert
- Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession** from Hymn #250 "O Little Town of Bethlehem
P: How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts, the blessings of His heaven; No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in. Amen.
- Assurance of Pardon**
- Lighting of the Advent Wreath** #245 ["O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"](#) Verse 2 - Lori Roseberry
- Prayers of Intercession** (Celebrate Insert)
- Reading of Scripture** [Malachi 3:1-4/Philippians 1:3-11/St. Luke 3:1-6](#)
- Song** ["Hymn of the Holy Spirit"](#) - Brown/Tomlin/Ingram/Barrett
- ♦ **Confession of Faith**
P: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.
- Sermon** ["You Fear the World Too Much"](#) - Pastor Bill Long
- The Sacrament of Holy Communion** See Insert
- ♦ **Hymn #244** ["Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"](#)
- ♦ **Benediction**
- ♦ **Postlude** "Praise The Everlasting Father" - Richolson
- ♦ 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.

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!

Congregational Budget Meeting – Dec. 12

The annual Congregational Budget Meeting will be held next Sunday, December 12 following the 9:30 am worship service. Copies of the proposed budget are available near the offering drop box.

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 and to view our online worship service.

Mission of the Month

The December Mission of the Month is Teen Central. [Teen Central](#) is a safe place for middle and high school students to gather after school to learn about Jesus. Please use your December special envelope to support this important outreach ministry right here in Manheim!

Prayers of the People

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



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, Phyllis Smeltz, Linda Steiner, and the Teen Central kids.

Today's Prayer: Send prophets to speak difficult truths, even when they are poorly received. Embolden those who ask hard questions and challenge accepted ways. Instill in youth and elders alike a passion for pointing to Jesus in all things.

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.



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 (Hymn #278 Verse 3 – Angels We Have Heard on High)
P: Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Glo----ria in excelsis Deo. Glo----ria in excelsis Deo.

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 Sabbaath; 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 #287 Verse 2 [“A Communion Hymn for Christmas”](#) See Insert

Sharing of the Elements

95

CHARLES COFFIN, 1736
Tr. JOHN CHANDLER, 1837
Not too slowly

L. M.

WINCHESTER NEW
Musikalisches Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690

1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
2. Then cleansed be ev - ery Chris - tian breast, And
3. For Thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our

noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
fur - nished for so great a Guest! Yea, let us each his
ref - uge and our great re - ward; Once more up - on Thy

for he brings Glad ti - dings from the King of kings!
heart pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
peo - ple shine, And fill the world with love di - vine. A-MEN.

Alternative Tune, Germany.

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THE LIFE OF CHRIST

244 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

The Lord has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives. Isaiah 61:1

> 1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free.
> 2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a Child and yet a King,

From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's Strength and Con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it, Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

Dear De - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

TEXT: Charles Wesley

MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard; arranged by Robert Harkness

A lower setting may be found at No. 309

Optional choral ending

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el.

The end of GOD WITH US - A Worship Sequence

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