

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ Join us for [Coffee Hour](#) in Fellowship Hall following worship!
- ◆ Come out and enjoy a festive evening of **Decorating the Church for the Advent/Christmas season on Friday, December 1 beginning at 5 pm.** We'll first enjoy a meal together and then decorate - sign up on the table outside the Sanctuary to RSVP.
- ◆ Bring your kids, grandkids, and neighbors to the free **Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 2 from 9-10 am.** There will be a craft, game, pancakes and sausage and of course, Santa himself will be here! Each child will receive a goody bag and there will be a **Christmas Giveaway** for any child that needs gloves, a hat or scarf.



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](#) in the Sanctuary
or [Listen Live](#) in our Parking Lot
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)

Monday: 6 pm New Voices Vision Team

Wednesday: 6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday: 8:30 am Fellowship Breakfast
1:30 pm Women's Fellowship
5:30 pm Simply Yoga
7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran

Friday: 5 pm **Decorating the Church**

Saturday: 9-10 am **Breakfast with Santa**

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St Paul's United Church of Christ

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Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
November 26, 2023

“I tell you the truth, whatever



brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40

November 26, 2023

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** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" - Gounod
Call to Worship ([Psalm of the Day](#)) (Celebrate Insert)

♦ **Hymn #45** "[Crown Him with Many Crowns](#)"

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

P: Bountiful God: Without your grace and help we would be nothing; we would not even exist. We owe you everything: our creation, our preservation, all the blessings of life. We know that most of our praying should be thanksgiving. But it is not. What comes naturally to us is asking, asking, asking. And much of the time, even when a prayer is answered in the way we hoped it would be, we forget to thank you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

♦ **Offertory #815**

Reading of Scripture

[Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24](#)/[Ephesians 1:15-23](#)/ ♦ [St. Matthew 25:31-46](#)

Song

"[King of Kings](#)" - B. Ligertwood/S. Ligertwood/Ingram

♦ **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.

Prayers of Intercession

(Celebrate Insert)

Sermon

"[Our King Victorious, Christ](#)"

- Pastor Bill Long

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

See Insert

♦ **Hymn #450**

"[Lift High the Cross](#)"

♦ **Benediction**

♦ **Postlude**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

- Sewell

♦ All who are able may stand

Announcements

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

Worship Assistants:

Greeters/Ushers: Kermit Drumheller

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!

Nursery Care

Nursery Care is now available during the worship service. An age-appropriate light lesson will be taught during the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month for those in attendance. The Nursery is located on the first floor.

Bible Study

Bible Study continues this Wednesday @ 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will study 1 & 2 Peter & the book of Jude this Fall. Study guides are available to pick up on the table outside the church office. All are welcome!

Mission of the Month

The November Mission of the Month is St. Paul's [FREE Community Breakfast](#) which is held each month (except December) on the third Sunday. A warm entrée is always served with fruit and beverage. Please use your November special envelope to support our neighbors and friends!

Prayers of the People

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



Please pray for: God, you teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. We remember before you all those in need of prayer. Amen.

Today's Prayer: In Christ we are made the people of his pasture. Inspire the outreach and social ministries of this congregation. We pray for all people who serve and attend to the needs of others. Amen.

Fellowship & True Vine Cups:

St. Paul's UCC is using True Vine Cups (grape juice) and True Vine Chalice cups (wine in chalice shaped container) for communion as a way to stay safe. True Vine Chalice 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 True Vine Cups, please hold the cup firmly and peel the wafer or bread end of the cup first. At the appropriate time, please flip the cup over and carefully peel open the juice side of the cup.

To use the True Vine Chalice 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.



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.**

Hymn #413

["Break Thou the Bread of Life"](#)

Verse 5

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.