

## Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ Join us for Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings following worship. Coffee Hour is held in Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **Pumpkin Pies for Christmas** are available for purchase. Place your order at the table outside the church office. The cost is \$12 each with pick up on Sunday, December 18. Last day to order-December 11.
- ◆ **Christmas Eve** worship services with candle lighting will be held at 7 & 11 am on Saturday, December 24. There's a special surprise for you this year – you won't want to miss it.
- ◆ **Christmas Day** worship will be held @ 9:30 am on Sunday, December 25.



### 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 regular 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 office 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 7:00 pm Property Board

Wednesday 6:30 pm [Deuteronomy Bible Study](#)

Thursday: 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7 pm AA Meeting @ Zion Lutheran Church

Next

Sunday: 9 am Prayer  
9:30 am [One Worship](#) in the Sanctuary or  
[Listen Live](#) in our Parking Lot  
10:30 am Congregational Budget Meeting  
with [Coffee Hour](#) to follow

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2022

# WELCOME to ST. PAUL'S

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

## Welcome & Announcements

### ♦ Call to Prayer/Prayer of the Day/Prelude "An Advent Prayer"

Call to Worship (Psalm of the Day)

### ♦ Hymn #95 ["On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"](#)

### ♦ Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

P: Lord God, how hard it is to wait for you. I long for signs of a holy night. I eagerly want to feel again the radiant joy of your birth and I want peace on earth and peace in my family to last longer than a day. Tender God, may your coming through Christ bring a lasting joy and a new life. Teach me to wait hopefully and expectedly. I pray this in the name of Christ my Lord. Amen.

### ♦ Offertory #815

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

#243 ["Emmanuel!"](#)

Prayers of Intercession

Reading of Scripture

Song

### ♦ Confession of Faith

L: What does it mean that he "was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary?"

P: That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the Virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that he might become David's true descendant, like his brothers in every way except for sin.

Sermon

["Welcome John the Baptist"](#)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

### ♦ Hymn #244

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

### ♦ Benediction

### ♦ Postlude

"Sing Ye With Gladness"

- Stairs  
(Celebrate Insert)  
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Isaiah 11:1-10/Romans 15:4-13/♦ St. Matthew 3:1-12  
"Prepare Ye The Way" - M. W. Smith

- Pastor Bill Long  
See Insert

- Nordman

♦ All who are able may stand

## Announcements

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

### 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 drop 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!

## Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday, December 11 following the 9:30 am worship service to discuss and approve the 2023 budget. Budget information is available on the table outside the church Sanctuary. Please plan to attend.

## Gift Cards

Looking to lighten the load this Christmas – get your gift cards from St. Paul's Mission Team this year. Order forms are available on the table near the church office. Proceeds benefit the Mission Team. Last Day to order in time for Christmas is Sunday, December 11.

## Mission of the Month

The December Mission of the Month is [Teen Central](#). Please use your December special envelope to support Teen Central which provides a safe, Christian environment for Manheim community kids to experience the love of Jesus while having fun with friends.

## Prayers of the People

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

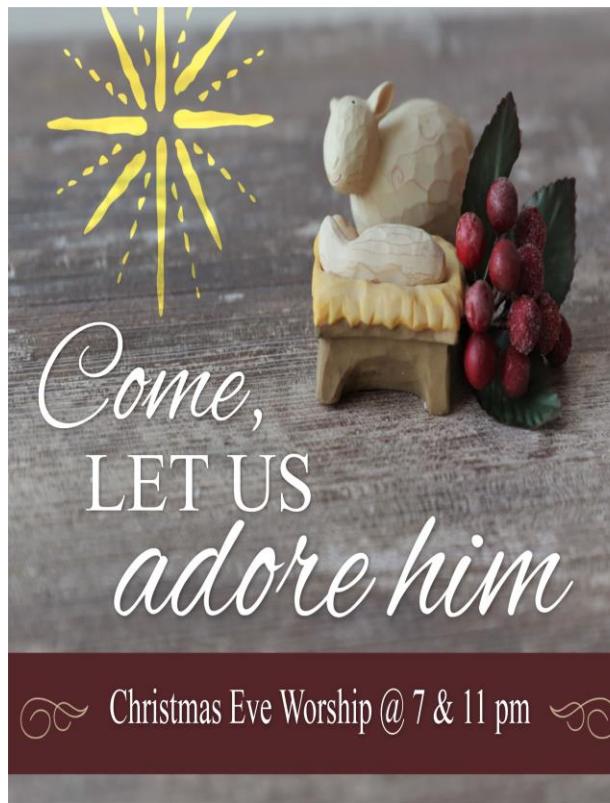
Please  
Pray  
for...



**Please pray:** God, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. Amen.

**Today's Prayer:** God, you have given us a vision of creation in harmony, when hurting and destruction will be no more. Teach us to be stewards of the earth and companions to its creatures. Restore to balance and wholeness what human greed has harmed. Amen.

## Holiday Happenings @ St. Paul's



## 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: Remembering our Lord's command, we thank you Lord God and ask you to accept our praise and thanksgiving. With the Word and the Holy Spirit bless your servants and these gifts of bread and wine so that all who share in this Holy Communion may be filled with your Heavenly blessing and Grace. 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. Amen.

Hymn #287

"A Communion Hymn for Christmas"

Verse 4

### 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.

**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.



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CHARLES COFFIN, 1736  
Tr. JOHN CHANDLER, 1837

L. M.

WINCHESTER NEW  
*Musikalisches Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690

*Not too slowly*

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

1. 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.