

Holiday Events @ St. Paul's UCC!

Come out to [Family Christmas Movie Night](#) and enjoy a night of fun with the kids and grandkids on Monday, November 29 from 6:30-8:30 pm – snacks provided.

We will [Decorate for the Advent/Christmas Season](#) this year on Friday, December 3 at 6 pm for all who wish to help. We'll begin with a chicken dinner and then move to decorating the church and preparing for the Santa Breakfast.

Next, the [Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Giveaway](#), will take place on Saturday, December 4 from 9-10:30 am. Santa will be here for the kids and photo opportunities will be available for families – all children will receive a goody bag. Hats, scarves, gloves and school supplies will be available at the Giveaway.

And finally, [Christmas Eve Worship](#) will be held on Friday, December 24 @ 7 pm & 11 pm. Come, as we share the carols and lessons of the Christmas Story and light our candles as we sing Silent Night.



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. For *emergency* weekend hours, please call Pastor Bill Long directly at 717.228.0949.

Church Calendar

Sunday: 9:30 am One Worship in the Sanctuary
or Listen Live in our Parking Lot

Monday: 6:30-8:30 pm [Family Christmas Movie Night](#)

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

Thursday: 5:00-8:00 pm **1st Thursday**
7:00 pm AA Meeting @ Zion Lutheran Church

Friday: 6:00 pm [Decorate for Advent/Christmas](#)

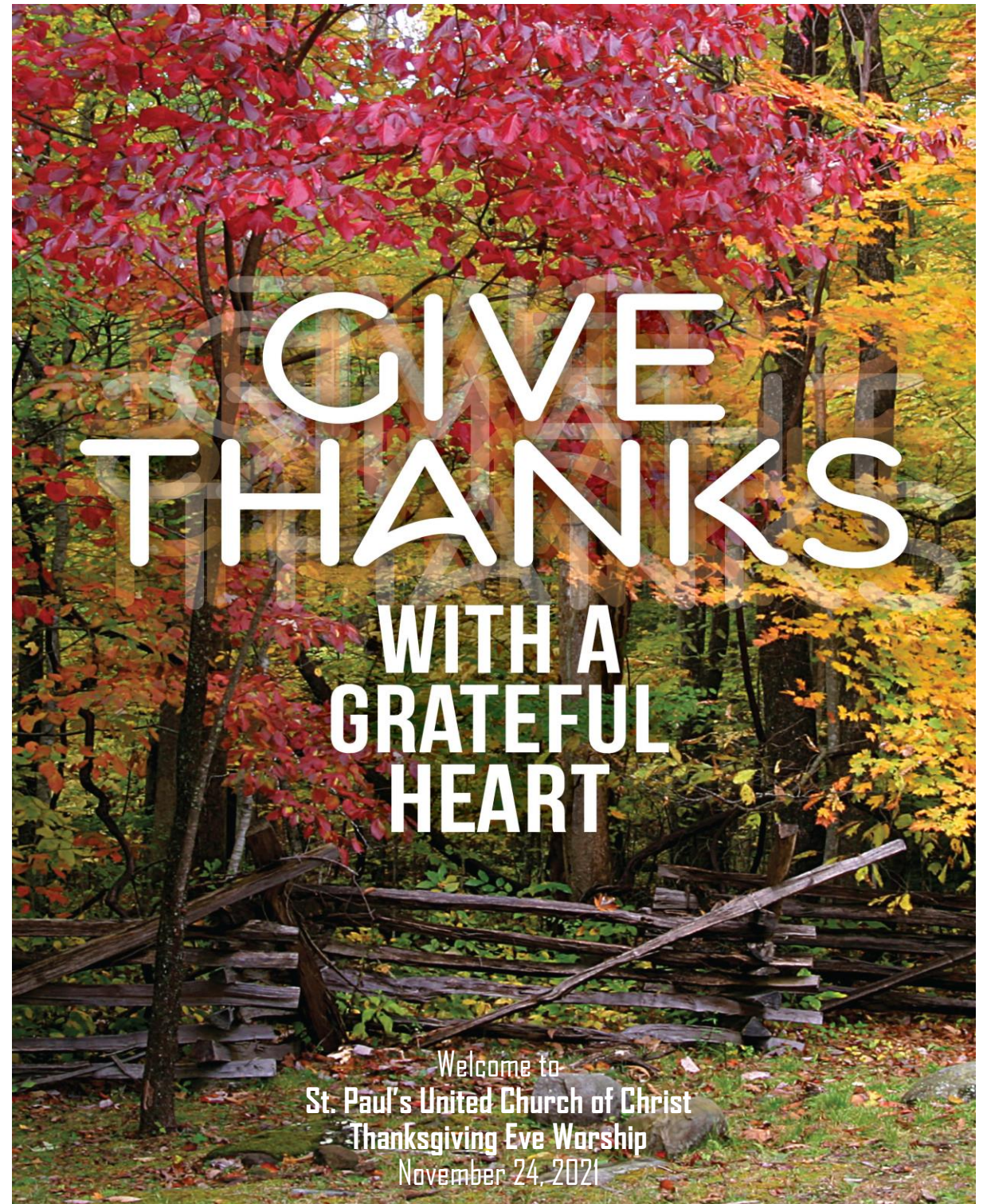
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WELCOME to ST. PAUL'S

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

A Service for the Eve of Thanksgiving

Prelude "Thanks Be To Thee" - Handel

Call to Worship

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. **P: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

L: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name: **P: Make known God's deeds among the peoples!**

L: God blesses us with gifts of love. **P: With food and clothing, home and family.**

L: God blesses us with daily work. **P: And all we need from day to day.**

L: God protects us in time of danger. **P: And guards us from every evil.**

L: God calls us into relationship with him. **P: And forms us into one holy people, the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.**

L: Therefore, shall we offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God. **P: O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.**

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you. **P: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit, lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **P: Amen**

♦ **Hymn 797** ["Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"](#)

Special Music ["I Shall Not Want"](#) by A. Assad - Steve Smith

Reading of Scripture [Joel 2:21-27/Psalm 126/1 Timothy 2:1-7/St. Matthew 6:25-33](#)

Question #86 from The Heidelberg Catechism

P: We have been delivered from our misery by God's grace alone through Christ and not because we have earned it: why then must we still do good? To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood. But we do good because Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like himself, so that in all our living we may show that we are thankful to God for all he has done for us and so that he may be praised through us.

Sermon "Never Again" - Pastor Bill Long

Litany for Thanksgiving

L: Help us to be worthy of our ancestors and of their God. **P: Help us, O God, to be faithful.**

L: To all the high desires of the pioneers and prophets. **P: Help us, O God, to be faithful.**

L: To their belief in the possibilities of a common people. **P: Help us O God, to be faithful.**

L: To their passion for freedom and their readiness to die in its defense. **P: Help us, O God, to be faithful.**

L: To their scorn of tyranny, and their trust in men and women to rule themselves. **P: Help us, O God, to be faithful.**

L: To their vision of a human commonwealth in which the people of many lands may share: **P: Help us, O God, to be faithful.**

L: To their release from the prejudice of an old world and their will to build a new one. **P: Help us, O God, to be faithful.**

L: As our ancestors trusted in you, O Lord, and you delivered them. **P: Keep us ever close to you.**

The Lord's Prayer

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

P: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

♦ **Hymn #788** ["Now Thank We All Our God"](#)

♦ **Benediction**

♦ **Postlude** "Postlude on "Old Hundredth" - Boalt

♦ All who are able may stand