

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ Let's [Decorate the Church](#) together on Friday, December 5 @ 5 pm. We'll begin with soup, crusty bread and other goodies and then move into decorating for the Advent/Christmas Season.
- ◆ [Breakfast with Santa](#) will be held next Saturday, December 6 from 8:30-10 am. Pancakes with sausage is on the menu, and Santa will be here for the children to share their wishes and family photo ops. All children will receive a goody bag. Bring your kids, grandkids, friends, and neighbors to experience the wonders of the season!
- ◆ [Christmas Eve Worship](#) will be held on Wednesday, December 24 @ 7 & 11 pm. Lessons and Carols of the Christmas Season and candlelighting will be part of both services with Holy Communion shared at the 11 pm service.



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

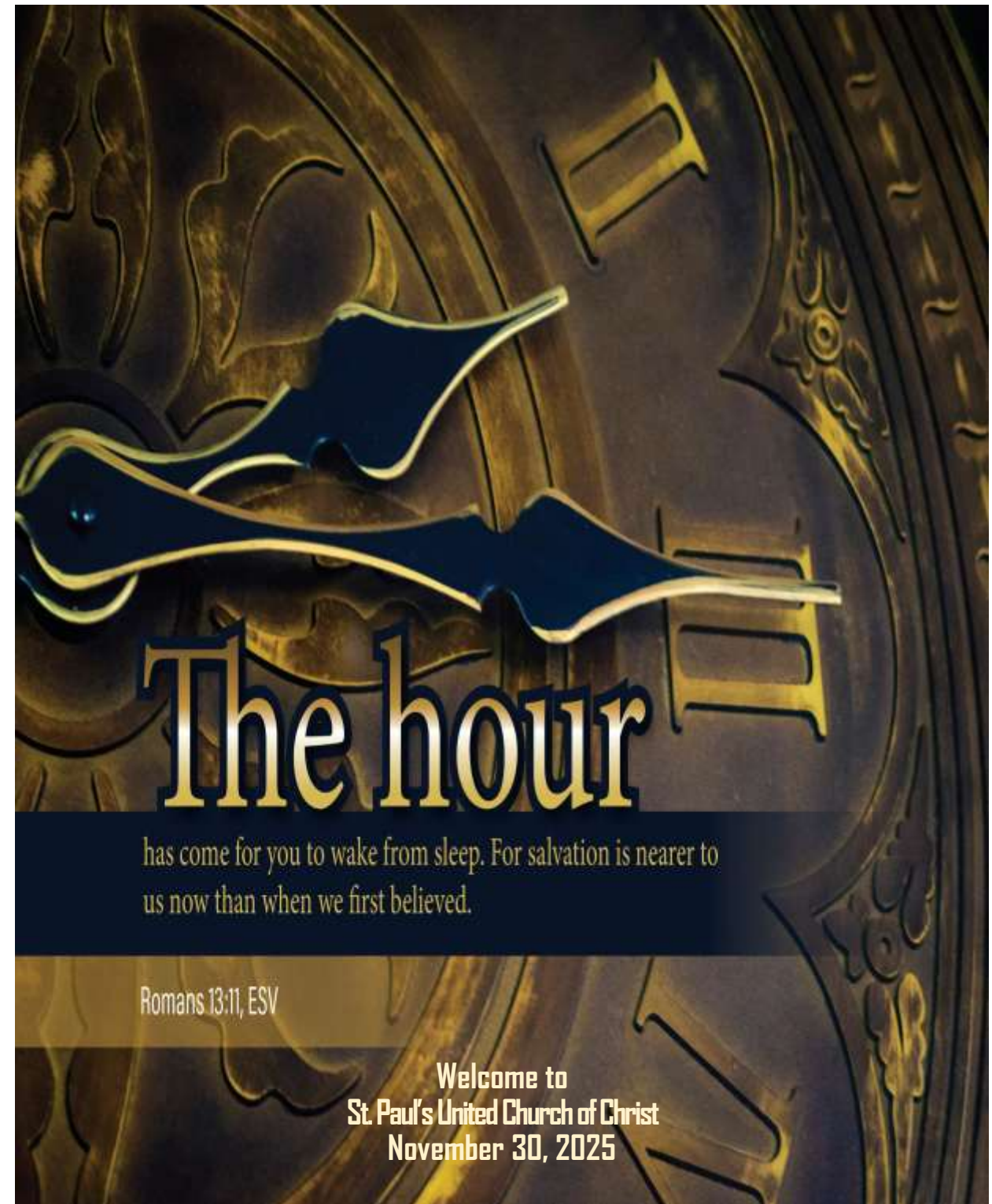
Sunday: 9 am Prayer
9:30 am [One Worship](#)
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)
Wednesday: 6:30 pm [Bible Study](#)
Thursday: 9 am Simply Yoga
7 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran
7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
Friday: 5 pm [Decorating the Church](#)
Saturday: 8:30-10 am [Breakfast with Santa](#)

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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

Prelude/Call to Prayer/Prayer of the Day ["Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"](#)

- Bach

Call to Worship [\(Psalm of the Day\)](#)

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♦ Hymn #244 ["Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"](#)

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

P: Lord God, in your great love, save me from being exhausted when Christmas arrives. Spare me from the let-down of the day after Christmas. Spare me from "tis the season to be jolly," for I am tired from all the preparations I have made. Free me to enjoy the wonder of Christ's birth, to cherish the simplicity of offering the gift of myself, to bow in grateful praise at the splendor of your love. May Christ be born in my heart again, and again. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

♦ Offertory #815 ["Praise God from whom all blessings flow...."](#)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Jay & Joan Hess

Hymn #243

["Emmanuel"](#)

Prayers of Intercession

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Confession of Faith

- Colossians 1:15-20

P: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reading of Scripture

[Isaiah 2:1-5](#)/[Romans 13:11-14](#)/♦[St. Matthew 24:36-44](#)

Sermon

["In The Days to Come"](#)

- Pastor Bill Long

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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♦ Hymn #240

["Of the Father's Love Begotten"](#)

♦ Benediction

♦ Postlude

["March Jubilant"](#)

- Sheppard

♦ All who are able may stand

Announcements

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

Worship Assistants:

Greeters/Ushers: Kermit & Dottie Drumheller

Music Provided by June Smith

The Altar Flowers are placed To the Glory of God.

The New Altar Cloths are placed In Memory of Evelyn Dutt by her family.

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 donation 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!

You're Invited to [Coffee Hour!](#)

Following the worship service, please follow the crowd downstairs to Fellowship Hall to enjoy a delicious cup of Whiff Roasters coffee and some scrumptious treats. There's something for everyone and you'll have a chance to get to know the people of St. Paul's UCC and Pastor Bill Long!

[Nursery Care](#)

The Nursery is available unstaffed for parents and children to use during worship as the service is livestreamed into the nursery. Coloring pages with the lessons for the day are also available as well.

Mission of the Month

The December Mission of the Month is the Manheim Ministerium's Assistance Fund. This fund is used to help our neighbors in need with emergency housing, heating, medical or transportation assistance. Please use your special envelope to support this ministry that greatly impacts our neighbors and makes a difference through the love of Christ for all to Know, Love & Serve God.

Prayers of the People



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

Please pray: We pray for all who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick. Comfort all in need of your tender care. Amen.

Today's Prayer: God of the earth, we seek your goodness in the grandeur of creation. Empower us to care for forests and oceans, as we see you in the world around us. Amen.

Sermon Title:

Date: / /

keywords:

WORSHIP
SONGS:

DRAW IT OUT

Notes

Prayer:

L: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. **P: It is right for us to do so.**

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.

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:

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.**

"In Remembrance"

Verse 1

◆Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: We thank you God for this time together and these gifts to make us strong enough to stand fast in hope of the coming Prince of Peace; to make us tender enough to embrace each sign of new life, to make us bold enough to sing praise and carols to the whole world. To make us humble enough to work for the common good of rebuilding this community, and to make us loud enough or soft enough to touch someone's heart today and all through the week. God, let the Light of Christ shine in and through us. Amen.