

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ A New Prayer Group is meeting in the Bright Library on Sunday mornings @ 9 am to pray for the people of St. Paul's, for God's direction for the church, and the community at large. All are welcome!
- ◆ The Exodus Bible Study continues on Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall starting January 5, 2022. Be sure to pick up your study guide today on the table in Fellowship Hall. A Prayer Time will follow the study.
- ◆ A De-Decorating Party will be held on Sunday, January 9 following Coffee Hour. All are invited to attend.

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: 9:00 am Prayer
9:30 am One Worship in the Sanctuary
or Listen Live in our Parking Lot
10:30 am Coffee Hour

Thursday: 7:00 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran Church

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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

"Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)" - Tomlin/Cash/Handel/Watts/Gilder

♦ Call to Prayer/Prayer of the Day/Prelude "Break Forth Into Joy"

- Bach

Call to Worship (Psalm of the Day)

(Celebrate Insert)

♦ Hymn #273

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

See Insert

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

From Hymn #270, "Joy to the World!" - Verse 3

P: No more let sin and sorrow grow, nor thorns infest the ground. He comes to make His blessings flow.

Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found. Far as, far as the curse is found.

Assurance of Pardon

Prayers of Intercession

(Celebrate Insert)

Reading of Scripture

I Samuel 2:18-20, 26/Colossians 3:12-17/St. Luke 2:41-52

Song

"All Things New - He Has Come"

- G. Hornbuckle

St. Luke 2:9-14

♦ Confession of Faith

P: Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Sermon

"It is Christmas, Still"

- Pastor Bill Long

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

See Insert

♦ Hymn #278

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

♦ Benediction

"Christmas Postlude"

- Hosmer

♦ 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/Poinsettias 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!

Giving Envelopes & End of Year

Your 2022 Giving Envelopes are available to pick up on the table across from the church office. Year End contributions to be credited for 2021 must be received by TODAY! Anything received after today will automatically be credited to 2022.

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.stpaulsucmanheim.org for service or event updates or to view the worship service online.

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...



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, Barry Snavely, Linda Steiner, and the Teen Central kids.

Today's Prayer: You come to us through relationships of many kinds: families, friendships, communities, and nations. Guide us in these relationships, that we recognize the Christ child in one another and show your love to those most vulnerable.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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.



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

From Hymn #63, "All Creatures of Our God and King" - Verses 4 & 5

P: And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part. O Sing ye! Alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear. Praise God and on Him cast your care. O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness. O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son. And praise the Spirit, Three in One, O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Let us pray.

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices. Amen.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST

273 Good Christian Men, Rejoice

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior. Luke 1:47

1. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice With heart and soul and voice!
 2. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice With heart and soul and voice!
 3. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice With heart and soul and voice!

Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Je - sus Christ is
 Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Joy! Joy! Je - sus Christ was
 Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Je - sus Christ was

born to - day! Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the
 born for this! He hath o - pened heav - en's door And man is blessed for -
 born to save! Calls you one and calls you all To gain His ev - er -

man - ger now. Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 ev - er-more. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 last - ing hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

TEXT: Latin carol, 14th century; translated by John M. Neale
 MUSIC: German melody, 14th century; harmonized by John Stainer

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THE LIFE OF CHRIST

278 Angels We Have Heard on High

The heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God. Luke 2:13

1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem, and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4. See with - in a man - ger laid Je - sus, Lord of heav'n and earth!

And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
 Say what may the tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
 Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid, With us sing our Sav - ior's birth.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

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TEXT: Traditional French carol
 MUSIC: Traditional French melody; Choral ending by Ken Barker

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