

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ The Wednesday Exodus Bible Study has been postponed until January 5 @ 6:30 pm
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Worship** will be held on Friday, December 24 @ 7 & 11 pm. We'll share the carols and lessons of the Christmas Story and light our candles and 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 during weekday hours, or for **emergency** weekends, please call Pastor Bill Long directly at 717.228.0949.

Church Calendar

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

Tuesday: 8:30 am Lancaster Association Meeting
Wednesday: 7:30 pm Elite Bells
Thursday: 7:00 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran Church

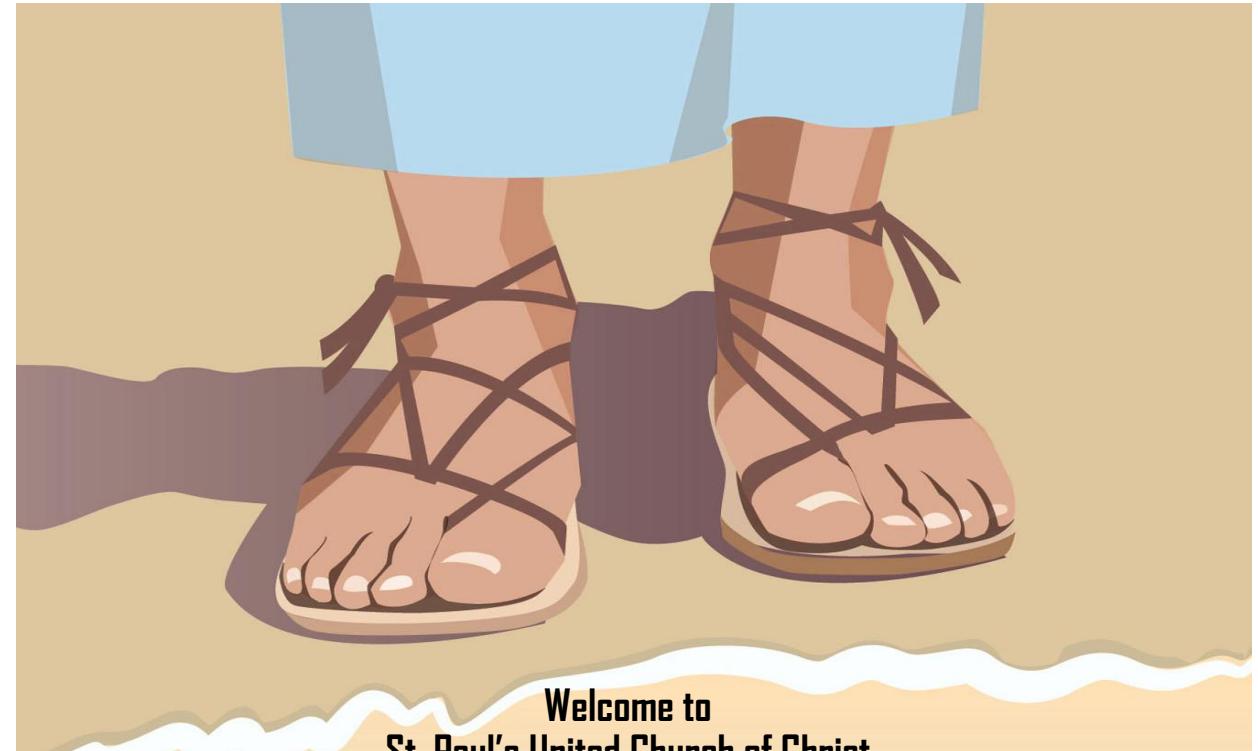
Next

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St Paul's United Church of Christ

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Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
December 12, 2021

HE WHO IS MIGHTIER
THAN I IS COMING,
THE STRAP OF WHOSE
SANDALS I AM NOT
WORTHY TO UNTIE.

LUKE 3:16, ESV

December 12, 2021

WELCOME to ST. PAUL'S

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

Welcome & Announcements

Praise & Worship

"Shout for Joy"

- Ingram/Brewster/Baloche

- ♦ Call to Prayer/Prayer of the Day/Prelude "The Shepherd's Song"

Call to Worship (Psalm of the Day)

Hymn #93

"Arise, the Kingdom Is At Hand"

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

from Hymn #250 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

P: How silently, how silently the wonderous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts, the blessings of His heaven; No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Lighting of the Advent Wreath #245 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Verse 3

Prayers of Intercession

Reading of Scripture

Zephaniah 3:14-20/Philippians 4:4-7/St. Luke 3:7-18

"Joy (The One Who Saves)"

(Celebrate Insert)

- Brown/Ingram

Confession of Faith

P: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Sermon

"Of Crutches & Tiny Tim"

- Pastor Bill Long

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- ♦ Hymn #240

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

See Insert

- ♦ Benediction

- ♦ Postlude

"And The Glory of The Lord"

- Handel

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 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!

Congregational Budget Meeting TODAY!

The annual Congregational Budget Meeting will be held TODAY following the 9:30 am worship service. Please plan to attend this important meeting regarding the 2022 budget.

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.stpaulsuccmanheim.org for service or event updates and to view our online worship service.

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 first responders, frontline workers and those that support the work of our healthcare workers as the pandemic continues. Be with all who are diagnosed, quarantined, and suffering with Covid-19. Be with our families who watch and wait for an end to this pandemic.

Today's Prayer: Shepherding God, you lead your people in paths of righteousness. Raise up prophets in our own day who warn against captivity to greed and point us to the freedom found in generosity.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Let us pray.

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

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.



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 (Hymn #278 Verse 3 – Angels We Have Heard on High)

P: Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Glo---ria in excelsis Deo. Glo---ria in excelsis Deo.

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)

Sung Softly

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 Verse 3

["A Communion Hymn for Christmas"](#)

See Insert

Sharing of the Elements

His Advent

JOHANN RIST, 1651
Tr. CATHERINE WINKWORTH, 1858

C. M. D.

ELLACOMBE
Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Württembergischen
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784

In marked rhythm

1. A - rise, the king-dom is at hand, The King is draw-ing nigh;
 2. Look up, ye droop-ing hearts, to - day, The King is ver - y near;
 3. O rich the gifts Thou bring-est us, Thy - self made poor and weak;

A - rise with joy, thou faith - ful band, To meet the Lord most high!
 O cast your griefs and fears a - way, For, lo, your help is here!
 O love be - yond com - pare that thus Can foes and sin - ners seek!

Look up, ye souls weighed down with care, The Sov - ereign is not far;
 Hope on, ye bro - ken hearts, at last The King comes in His might;
 For this we raise a glad - some voice On high to Thee a - lone,

Look up, faint hearts, from your de - spair, Be - hold the Morn - ing Star!
 He loved us in the a - ges past, When we lay wrapped in night.
 And ev - er - more with thanks re - joice Be - fore Thy glo - rious throne. A - MEN.

Of the Father's Love Begotten 240

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. Revelation 22:13

D Unison G M⁷ A D D F# Em A

1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, Ere the worlds be - gan to be,
 2. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His prais - es sing;
 3. Christ, to Thee with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly Ghost, to Thee,

G D F# G A B m G D F# B m A D

He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the Source, the End - ing He
 Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him And ex - tol our God and King;
 Hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing, And un - wear - ied prais - es be:

D G M⁷ D F# B m G A D F# G

3 4

Of the things that are, that have been, And that fu - ture
 Let no tongue on earth be si - lent; Ev - ery voice in
 Hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion And e - ter - nal

B m A D F# B m E m G A D A D

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years shall see, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 con - cert ring, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 vic - to - ry, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 A - men.

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TEXT: Aurelius C. Prudentius, 4th century;
translated by John M. Neale and Henry W. Baker
MUSIC: Plainsong, 13th century; arranged by C. Winfred DouglasDIVINUM MYSTERIUM
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