

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
"We Shine for All Through Christ"  
St. Marys, Ohio

January 25, 2026      Third Sunday after the Epiphany      10:00 am

Order of Service

*Welcome to our Worship Service today.  
Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life.*

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHIMES**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**      "The Call to Serve" - Todd Kendall

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**People: Those who lived in deep darkness on them light has shined.**

Leader: God has increased joy and gladness among the people.

**People: We rejoice before the Lord as at the harvest, as people rejoice when burdens are lifted.**

Leader: For the yoke that weighed heavy, the bar across weary shoulders, the rod of oppression,

**People: God has broken them, and set the people free.**

Leader: Come, let us walk in the light God has given.

**People: Let us worship the Lord, our light and our joy.**

**\*MORNING PRAYER**

**God of light and salvation, You are our stronghold, whom shall we fear?**

**You are the light that guides us and the strength that sustains us. One thing we seek, O Lord: To dwell in your presence, to behold your beauty, and to learn your ways. When we feel surrounded by uncertainty, lift our heads and steady our hearts. When we cry out, hear us with mercy. Do not hide your**

**face from us, do not turn your servants away. You have been our help, stay near us now. Teach us to trust your light, to wait for your goodness, and to live boldly in faith. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father...**

**SERVICE OF BAPTISM**

**MIA RENEE BOWER**

**\*HYMN #96**

**"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Visitors

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

(Offer God's peace to those nearby)

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: and also with you.

**\*HYMN #451**

**"Be Still My Soul"**

**OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD**

OFFERTORY

**"Aria for Flute" - Franklin Ritter**

\*DOXOLOGY

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**

**LUKE 16:10-13**

**SERMON "The Gift's We Don't Want, But Really Need" Pastor Ed Karges**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #500**

**"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

**\*Benediction**

Postlude:

**"Revive Us Again" arr. M. McDonald**

\*Denotes those who are able are invited to stand in body and in spirit.

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**Audio and Video:** Rich Spencer

**Pianist/Music Coordinator:** Becky Anderson

**Organist:** Andrea Spencer

**Confirmation:** Amy Keller

**Youth Director:** Nick Frankenhauser

**Children's Music:** Maddy Frankenhauser

**Administrative Assistant:** Steve Slawson

**Missionaries:** All Members of our Congregation

**Multi-Media:** Jim Huckemeyer

**Multi-Media:** Derick Johnson

**Organist:** Ann Vogel

**Organist:** Darryl Smith

**Pianist:** Kathlene Larson

**Children's Ministry:** Jane Nuss

**Church Historian:** Fred Scheer

**Custodians:** Brad and Nam Gehrlich

***Liturgist: Dane Marsee***

***Our Giving to God, January 18, 2026***

***Current - \$ 2,238 / Mission - \$ 95***

***(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)***

***Attendance – 72***

***Loose offering today will go to the Current Fund***

**PRAYER CANDLES**

If you would like someone to light a candle for you, place a card in the basket (located in the back center of the sanctuary) and a designated helper will light a candle for you.



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201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio

January 25, 2026

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."



**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

# JANUARY

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Cold	Winter	Flu	Quilt
Parka	First	Garnet	Thermometer
Fireplace	Blizzard	Carnation	Evergreen
Holidays	Icy	Resolution	Ski
Snowboard	Mittens	Skate	Hibernate

**NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL TODDLER CARE** – We have a Nursery available for those that need it. Children in 1st Grade and older should remain in the church.

**HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE** restroom is located on the sanctuary level near the Hospitality Room, and it also contains a baby changing table.

**TELEVISED WORSHIP SERVICE** - Our worship service here at St. Paul's is shown on **TSC cable Digital channel 1 or non-digital channel 2**, on Sundays, 10:00am, and again on Monday, 7:00pm.

**WORSHIP SERVICE ON THE INTERNET** – If you do not have TSC cable, you can watch our service on our church web page at [www.spuccsm.com](http://www.spuccsm.com) or on YouTube.

**EMERGENCY AED** – There is an emergency AED Unit located on the wall behind the Media Table in the Sanctuary.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

### Handicap Accessible and Live Streamed

Today	8:45 am	Adult Forum Class
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges
Monday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	6:30 PM	Endowment Committee Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Wednesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	9:00 am	Quilting
Thursday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	4:30 pm – 5:15 pm	Breaking Bread
Friday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Adult Forum Class
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges

**Interested in joining our church? Please see Pastor Ed for information.**

### PRAYER REQUESTS

➤ Please continue praying for: Jeff Lemming, Ron Ketchum, Ron Hall, and Jean Smith, Run Hunter, and JoAnn Bambauer,

- The family of Janet Swartz, who passed away on January 15<sup>th</sup>, and whose funeral was this past Thursday,
- Lucas Knatz, grandson of Teri Knatz, who got his last chemo treatment this past week, and will then be tested later for results,
- Rhett Chisolm, who has started Basic Training in the Army,
- Kelly Kill who had knee replacement surgery on Wednesday,
- Joseph Chiles, brother of Linda Hall, is a patient at Mercer Health, Coldwater,
- A friend of Diane Gayer, who had hip surgery this past week,
- A young woman in Oklahoma, Kensey Carmack, who needs a new heart,
- All Legacy Members and Shut-ins, and the caregivers who provide them care,
- All those illnesses which cannot be seen.

All prayer requests should be given to the lead person of our Prayer Team, Carol Schmidt: [Lschmidt@stpauluccsm.com](mailto:Lschmidt@stpauluccsm.com), or you can call or text her at 419-305-6164.

If anyone would like to become a member of the prayer team and receive emails/updates for prayer requests, please submit your email address to Carol Schmidt at: [Lschmidt@bright.net](mailto:Lschmidt@bright.net) or text 419-394-6164.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

The Stewardship Committee meets today. The meeting will begin about 15 minutes after the Morning Worship Service dismisses and will convene for an hour to an hour and a half, in the Christian Ed room next to Heritage Hall.

The Endowment Fund Committee will meet tomorrow, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Heritage Hall.

Once again, we are doing Valentine bags for the Legacy Members of the church. The bags will be in the middle of the Sanctuary on Sundays, February 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The list of names will be published in next week's Bulletin. If anyone would like to help deliver the bags on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, please let Jane Nuss or Lynda Hadley know.



We are ALWAYS in need of Liturgists and volunteers to bring flowers for the altar. The 2026 Altar Flower Chart and Liturgist Sign-Up Sheets are posted on the bulletin board by the sound system equipment in the Sanctuary. We currently have very few of the upcoming weeks covered for Altar Flowers.

### ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE:

Don't forget that we have online giving for your convenience! It is available now by downloading Vanco Payment Solutions onto your mobile device. Go to the app store or Google Play and search for "**Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement**". The download is free. We also have a button on our website that will take you to the Vanco site.

## **01.25.26 Scripture**

### **LUKE 16:10-13**

<sup>10</sup> “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup> If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”