

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

January 4, 2025 Second Sunday After Christmas 10:00 a.m.

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 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" Gilbert Martin

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Sing aloud with gladness for the Lord; lift your voices with joy and praise.

People: The Lord gathers the scattered and brings them home with care.

Leader: The blind and the lame, those rejoicing and those weeping, all are led by the Lord with compassion.

People: God turns our mourning into joy and our sorrow into gladness.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord who satisfies the weary,

People: The Lord who fills the hungry with good things, and makes us glad in His presence.

***Morning Prayer**

Praise the Lord, O God of our salvation. We bless You for Your strength, for Your protection, and for Your peace among us. You gather Your people, heal the brokenhearted, and bind up our wounds. You count the stars and call them each by name, yet You know our lives as well. You provide for the earth, sending rain and snow in their season, feeding all creation by Your hand. You delight not in power or strength, but in those who hope in Your steadfast love. As we begin this new year, teach us to trust Your Word, to live by Your truth, and to walk in gratitude for Your

grace. May our lives reflect Your praise, our choices honor Your ways, and our hearts remain open to Your guidance. In Jesus name we pray. Amen!

***HYMN #233 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"**

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns Visitors Birthdays

***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 # 236 "As With Gladness"**

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Spanish Dance Carol" John Carter

***DOXOLOGY *PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 15:16

SERMON "Called Before We Act" Pastor Ed Karges

***Closing Hymn: # 232 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**

***Benediction**

Postlude: "Joy to the World" Hugo Gehrke

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

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Back Bay Missionary: Rev. Jeanette Tangeman
Audio and Video: Rich Spencer
Pianist/Music Coordinator: Becky Anderson
Organist: Andrea Spencer
Pianist: Cynthia Hanover
Youth Director: Nick Frankenhauser
Children's Music: Maddy Frankenhauser
Administrative Assistant: Steve Slawson
Church Historian: Fred Scheer

Multi-Media: Jim Huckemeyer
Multi-Media: Derick Johnson
Organist: Ann Vogel
Organist: Darryl Smith
Pianist: Kathlene Larson
Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss
Confirmation: Amy Keller
Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlich
Missionaries: All Members of our Congregation

Liturgist: Marsha Heckler
Our Giving to God, December 28, 2025
Current - \$ 1,093, / Mission - \$10.00 --
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)

Attendance – 76

Loose offering today will go to the Current Fund

Altar Flowers are given today by Marsha Landers

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 4, 2026

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



January

T L W O Y S N L I S Y K Q A L A V F G Y M C F N
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Hot Cocoa
January
Winter
White
Snow

Snowflake
Mittens
Boots
Cold
Hat

Blizzard
Snowman
Scarf
Play
Ice

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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 at 10:00am, and shown again on Mondays at 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 or on YouTube.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Handicap Accessible and Live Streamed

Today	8:45 am 9:00 am 10:00 am	Adult Forum Class Sunday School Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges
Monday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Church Office Hours Caregiving Support Group
Tuesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Church Office Hours Christian Education Committee Meeting BINGO at Vancrest
Wednesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 9:00 am	Church Office Hours Quilting
Thursday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm 6:00 pm	Church Office Hours Breaking Bread Personnel Committee Meeting
Friday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Next Sunday	8:45 am 9:00 am 10:00 am	Adult Forum Class Sunday School 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, Wynette Mase,*
- *Jeanette Tangeman's granddaughter, Brianna, who is home and slowly recovering while caring for newborn twins,*
- *The family and friends of Nancy and Mark Murphy, who were killed in an auto accident Saturday. Nancy was the secretary at Jeanette's home church, Memorial UCC in Toledo.*
- *All Legacy Members and Shut-ins, and the caregivers who provide them care,*
- *All those illnesses which cannot be seen,*
- *All those, both young and old, who are facing financial or other life difficulties during this Christmas Season.*
- *Special thanks to Pastor Ed for hanging the lights for Christmas in the back part of the church above the pews! So Beautiful!*

All prayer requests should be given to the lead person of our Prayer Team, Carol Schmidt: Lschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.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 or text 419-394-6164.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

The Caregiving Support Group will meet tomorrow, January 5th at 7:00 pm.
BINGO will be this Tuesday, January 6th at Vancrest at 6:30 pm.

During the Worship Service next Sunday, January 11, the newly elected 2026 Consistory Members will be installed. New and former members are asked to attend

The Women's Guild would like to have updated addresses of college students, military personnel, shut-ins and nursing home residents. If you have this information please call Jane Nuss (419-305-9629), Linda Hadley (419-305-3668) or the church office.

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.



01.04.26 Scripture

John 15:16

New Revised Standard Version Updated
Edition

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.