

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

January 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 10:30 a.m.

Order of Service

Welcome to our Worship Service today.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life.

It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity.

It is through encountering God within worship

that we are formed and transformed as the people of God.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMES

WELCOME

PRELUDE "O Worship the King with Here I Am to Worship" by Anna Laura Page

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

People: **God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.**

Leader: God embraces the wounded and broken.

People: **God knocks down the walls of division and strife.**

Leader: God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

People: **God is the light of our lives.**

Leader: God is the one who makes all things new.

People: **Praise be to God, now and forevermore!**

* UNISON PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

Loving God, whose touch can heal the broken places of life, touch us today...

God of peace, whose spirit of peace can quiet our spirits of confusion and despair,

reassure us today... Forgiving God, whose call to repentance promises grace upon grace,

place your mercy in our souls today... You who heal the sick and liberate the imprisoned,

who bring justice in the midst of oppression and strength in the midst of weakness, pour

out your spirit of power upon us today. Open our hearts to new faithfulness, redirect our

waywardness, and hold us gently in your goodness.

Hear us now as we continue to pray, Our Father.....

* HYMN # 66 “To God Be The Glory”

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

ON THE STEPS WITH THE CHILDREN

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Offer God's peace to those nearby)

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*THE APOSTLES CREED

*THE GLORIA PATRI

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me” Leslie Hullinger

* DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC “I Have Decided to Walk With Jesus” Leslie Hullinger

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 111

HYMN #663 “God’s Holy Ways Are Just and True”

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:21-28

SERMON Jesus Has Everything To Do With Us Rev. Rhonda Hainer

* HYMN #496 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “ To God Be the Glory ” by Peter Burkhardt

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

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Missionaries: All Members of our Congregation

Audio and Video: Rich Spencer
Multi-Media: Jim Huckemeyer
Pianist/Music Coordinator: Becky Anderson
Pianist: Cynthia Hanover
Pianist: Kathlene Larson
Organist: Ann Vogel
Organist: Andrea Spencer

Liturgist:
Acolytes: Confirmands

Our Giving to God, January 21, 2024
Current - \$ 4,064.00 / Mission – \$ 145.00
Attendance – 104

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

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



Ash Wednesday Worship Service February 14th
7:00 p.m.

*Plan now to attend the service of worship offered for Ash Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. **This will be a traditional worship service that will include a message by Pastor Rhonda and both the imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.***

Helping Each other Adjust to Loss

We can all agree this has been a difficult year, full of challenges and many losses. It has been especially painful for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. HEAL is the St. Paul's grief support group led by Pastor Rhonda Hainer, who is trained to assist persons in times of loss, struggle, or crisis. HEAL will meet in the Chapel adjacent to the sanctuary on February 15, at 1:30 p.m., and is open for anyone in our community who is seeking comfort, clarity, hope for a path forward.

ATTENTION ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: There will be a meeting of the Endowment Committee on Monday at 6:00 pm in Heritage Hall.

COLLEGE GRANTS: It's that time of year again when students can apply for College Grants at St. Paul's UCC. If interested, please stop by the Chapel near the sanctuary and pick up a form off the round table there. The deadline to return to the office is April 1, 2024.

NEW HOURS: There are new **temporary** office hours. The office will be closed to the public on Mondays and Fridays. Hours for Tuesday through Thursday are 9-12 and 1-3.

THE JOINT TOWNSHIP DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY dues are now being collected. All are welcome to belong and support our local hospital. Dues are \$15 and checks should be made out to JTDMH Auxiliary. Money or check should be given to Ann Vogel by February 18.

ATTENTION: LADIES OF ST. PAUL'S

There will be a Ladies Luncheon at JT's on Thursday, February 1st at 11:30 a.m. All of the ladies of the church are welcome. We will be making Valentine bags. Please **RSVP to the church office or Jane Nuss by noon on January 31st.**

WELCOME! St. Paul's strives to create a faith community where ALL God's people are welcome to come and explore God's presence in the world. If you are visiting for the first time, we are Glad you are here. If you are a returning visitor, **welcome back!** Please complete the Welcome card located in the pew pocket in front of you and place it in the offering plate. Should you have a prayer request, please complete the Prayer card and place in the offering plate.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

*Don't forget that we now have online giving! It is available now by downloading Vanco Payment Solutions onto your mobile device by going 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 also take you to the Vanco site. This service is available for your convenience!*

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please keep the following in your prayers: Beverly Miller, Janet Keller, John Long, Kathy Raymond, Evelyn Horner and a close friend of Andrea Spencer.
- Bernie Schroer is recuperating at home.
- Sharon Sullivan is recuperating at home.
- Remember to pray for our shut-ins and the caregivers who take care of them.
- All prayer requests shall be given to the lead person of our Prayer Team, Carol Schmidt: cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com, or you can call or text her at 419-305-6164.

The Sunday School Department is asking for extra-large, empty cereal boxes to be used in an Easter craft. Please drop them off in the Sunday School Gathering Room by February 14th.

ORGAN AND 175TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEES HAVE MUSIC CONCERT FEBRUARY 4

The Organ Committee, along with the 175th Anniversary Committee, have planned a concert to be held on Sunday, February 4, at 3 p.m., in our Sanctuary. Community members will be performing some outstanding and special numbers. A free-will offering will be taken for the organ fund. You will not want to miss this concert, and you will not be disappointed!



Have you checked out our church website? www.stpaulsuccsm.com

Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ!

- ✚ **NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL TODDLER CARE** – Currently, while our nursery is not staffed during worship, parents are welcome to use the nursery and remain with your child. Children 1st Grade and older need to remain in the church. Thank you for your understanding.
- ✚ **HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE** restroom is located on the sanctuary level near the elevette room, and it also contains a baby changing table.
- ✚ **ENLARGED BULLETINS & HEARING DEVICES** - Available if needed (consult an usher).
- ✚ **TELEVISED WORSHIP SERVICE** - Our worship service here at St. Paul’s is shown on **TSC cable - Digital channel 1 or non-digital channel 2,** every Sunday at 10:30 am and also on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. This is now shown LIVE on Sundays and shown a day later on Mondays.
- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **EMERGENCY AED** – There is an emergency AED Unit located on the wall behind the soundboard in the Sanctuary.
- ✚ **RECYCLE YOUR BULLETIN** - On the registers at the North and South entrances you will see a tray where you can place your bulletin to be recycled (if you do not wish to take it home). Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S Handicap Accessible and Live Streamed

Today	9:15 am 10:30 am	Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Monday		<u>Church Office closed</u>
Thursday	6:00 pm 11:30 pm 4:30-5:15 pm 6:00 pm	Endowment Committee, Heritage Hall Ladies Luncheon, JTs Community Meal, carry-out only Personnel Committee, basement classroom
Friday		<u>Church Office closed</u>
Next Sun.	9:15 am 10:30 am	Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer

We **ALWAYS** need liturgists and volunteers to bring flowers for the altar. The **2024 Altar Flower Chart and the Liturgist Sign-Up Sheet** are located in the sanctuary on the bulletin board by the sound system equipment.

Psalm 111

Praise for God's Wonderful Works

¹ Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸ They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it^[a] have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.