

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

January 8, 2023      The Baptism of Christ      10:30 a.m.

**Order of Service**  
**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**  
**CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP**

**WELCOME** *(If you are new among us today, please fill in the Welcome card located in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate.)*

## PRELUDE

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We are called to this place to find a new way: a way of grace, hope, faith, life.

**People: God calls and we come.**

Leader: Come, and let go of that which is worn out: worn out habits, worn out dogmas, worn out resentments, worn out burdens.

**People: God calls and we come.**

Leader: This time is blessed and made sacred by the Spirit who: heals us, reconnects us, redirects us, empowers us.

**People: God blesses and we praise.**

Leader: Come, and receive: blessing, freedom, forgiveness, love.

**People: God blesses and we praise**

**\*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION**

**You know the good news God has proclaimed to you:  
we are called to let go of the past, and to walk, hand in hand with the Spirit,  
into the reign of God. God forgives us, accepts us, and sends us forth to do  
good and to testify about the One who baptizes us in the water and the Spirit.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #492**

## “Spirit of the Living God”

## CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements	Joys and Concerns of our Church Family
Introduction of Guests	Anniversaries

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**      Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**(People offer God's peace to those nearby with whatever you are comfortable with)**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Rachel Thornsberry

## RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING CONSISTORY MEMBERS

## INSTALLATION/COMMISSIONING OF 2023 CONSISTORY MEMBERS

Pastor: Jesus gathered faithful members to lead the community of faith and to work in the world on behalf of God's hope and vision to build the divine realm here on earth. Jesus commissioned these people with - the bread of life, the cup of a new promise, the light of truth and the word of good news.

**CONSISTORY MEMBERS: WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN ALL WE NEED!**

Pastor: Jesus sends you into the world to cast out prejudice, anger, fear, and greed; to share the good news of peace, justice, mercy, and joy.

**CONSISTORY MEMBERS: WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN A WORTHY TASK!**

Pastor: People of God, Followers of Christ, as you have been gifted, you will now answer the promises to serve this community of faith.....

***(Questions to be asked)***

**Congregational response: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to offer you Christian love, honor your leadership, assist and support you, so that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

**\*HYMN #502**

## “Be Thou My Vision”

## NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Terri and Mike Kerns

**Congregational Response: “We welcome you with joy in the common life of St. Paul’s United Church of Christ. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.”**

## WE OPEN UP TO GOD

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(using debts and debtors)

**OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD \*DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

THE PSALTER                      Psalm 29:1-11  
THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON    Genesis 1:1-5

SERMON                              "Beloved"                              Rev. Rhonda Hainer

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH AND COMMITMENT

\*HYMN #358                              "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

\*BENEDICTION

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

\*POSTLUDE

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

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Rich Spencer, Audio and Video  
Becky Anderson, Church Pianist, and  
Volunteer Coordinator of Special Music

Joan Leffel and Jane Nuss, Children's Ministry Coordinators  
Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher  
Andrea Spencer, Organist  
Madeline Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director  
Brad and Nam Gehrlich, Custodian  
Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor  
Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary

Liturgist .....Diane Gayer  
Acolytes .....Middle School Youth  
Children's offering.....Sunday School Youth  
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

*Our Giving to God, January 1, 2023*  
*Current - \$2715.00 / Mission - \$100.00 / Attendance – 88*

*The loose offering today is designated to Crossroad*



## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio  
January 8, 2023

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



## ATTENTION, LADIES OF ST. PAUL'S

There will be a Ladies Luncheon on the *first Thursday of each month* at 11:30 a.m. The location may change monthly, so watch for future details. All the ladies of the church are welcome. **RSVP to the church office or Jane Nuss by Noon at least two days before the luncheon.**

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**Agape Ministries is in need of volunteers!** If you are interested, contact Kris Rasneor, Program Manager at Agape Ministries, 419-394-8700.

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**Joint Township Memorial Hospital is in need of volunteers!** Grand Lake Health System is looking for volunteers. Various days and time available. Contact Denise Limbert at 419-394-3387, ext. 2808.

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**Prayer and Care Ministry: Prayer Team:** Prayer requests are welcome for any concern or thanksgiving. Requests are kept confidential and not included in public worship screen unless specifically requested. Contact Carol Schmidt with a prayer request at [cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com](mailto:cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com) or the church office.

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**You are invited** to the Caregiving from the Heart Support Group held here at St. Paul's on **January 9, 2023, at 7pm in the library.** This is a gathering for any caregivers (and others who are involved) whether you are doing it within your home, within your loved one's home or if your loved one resides in a care facility. It will be led by Rev. Jeanette Tangeman and will be a gathering to support each other, learn from each other, and find helpful resources. Any questions, please call Jeanette at 419-234-7935.

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**SOMETHING NEW:** A prayer station of votive candles is located in the front of the sanctuary. You are invited to light a candle for a prayer of joy or concern, or in remembrance of someone. Our Thanks to Fred Scheer for constructing the wooden risers.

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**ATTENTION:** Our home bound/shut-ins love to receive notes and cards. If you would like to send some cards to them, call or email the church office for a list of names and addresses!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# The Book of Genesis

G P N E D E F O N E D R A G L Y G U K K E U T T  
H Y A D U T A S U B X W N N A X I B H L Z V R Y  
B A Z T P A D G N H J V H D H N J S Y W M J E K  
J A N I M A L S I I M D R T B Z K P Z D Z M E P  
D M K R F D B A G S C J E Z U H T R A E A O O P  
U W M D O Z M I H L E S T S D R I B H X V R F H  
I B W J Y U B E T L D J P N N T S Z D M L I K P  
N E V A E H U E V H C R E A T U R E S L D M N V  
J Q Y C L A D A M D Z L L N F Q L D T S Q Z O K  
Y L E M J P X D R O W S G N I M A L F I P P W S  
C D V T H G I L L P D N E X B A E Q Y S C C L A  
O E G L R U N U Z N C V A E I O C C W E H Z E Q  
C M D F B F S U A H E S S N R J O L Z N A V D D  
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A C N A A O P J J C B L J U M E E K B G E B E L  
N Z R Q I D F M Q E R E V E A V E G I L R B G V  
W W G J T V H B T C K O O J D W H X D Y P Q O U  
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G U P C A H S L A Z K L M E O K U W B L N C D J  
W T O O V M E C V B Z Z F J G X A O G S T L E D  
M N Z U K B U U E C B M V C R U D O B D O Z V M  
E V K J A K U H W V J A U E I V O O Z F L D I N  
C S R L Y G D Q U R V U S I L F Y X R H S J L E  
D Z G K E K W H J D W V K C J S C X L H L M Q U

Creatures  
Flaming Sword  
Abel  
night  
Heaven  
birds  
Serpent  
Light  
Adam

Ocean  
Enoch  
Cain  
day  
Earth  
animals  
Adam's Rib  
Eve

Land  
Seth  
tree of knowledge good evil  
Dark  
Satuday  
GARDEN OF EDEN  
Sabbath Day  
+Genesis

**WELCOME!** 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 back side 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 people in your prayers: Ruth Knous, Sharon Sullivan, Cheryl Kline, John Hall, Diana Prichard, Shirley Harold, John Long, and Vern Luedeke. Also, pray for all of our military, medical, and emergency services.
- Kelly Kill & her family. Kelly's sister, Jeanette Castello, and sister-in-law, Sandy Lemming, are experiencing significant health issues at this time.
- Remember to pray for our shut-ins and for their caregivers that take care of them.
- All prayer requests shall be given to the lead person of our Prayer Team, Carol Schmidt: [cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com](mailto:cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com), or you can call or text her at 419-305-6164.
- The **2023 Altar Flower Charts, and the Liturgist sign-up sheets** are located here in the sanctuary on the bulletin board by the sound system equipment.
- **We need Liturgists!** Please take a moment to sign up (on the bulletin board by the soundboard) or call the church office to sign up. Thank you.

DEADLINE

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR COMMITTEES, ETC.

Carolyn will soon begin preparing the 2022 Annual Report. Please submit your report to her by **Tuesday, January 17th**. If you can type and send it by email, it is most helpful - she can cut and paste. If you have any questions, please give her a call in the church office.

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

- ✚ **NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL TODDLER CARE** - For your convenience, we have a staffed nursery located in the educational building. Should it become necessary for you to leave the sanctuary during worship, you can view the morning service on the TV in the nursery. **PLEASE NOTE** - Only Newborn to Kindergarten age children are permitted in the Nursery during our morning worship service to allow safety for the newborns and toddlers. 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](http://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

Today	9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer/Consistory Installation
Mon.	7:00 pm	Caregiver Support Meeting - Library
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	5:30 pm	Consistory Meet and Greet
	6:00 pm	Consistory Meeting
Thurs.	4:30-5:15pm	Breaking Bread
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: January 18

# Psalm 29

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

## The Voice of God in a Great Storm

### A Psalm of David.

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,<sup>[a]</sup>  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;  
worship the LORD in holy splendor.
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- <sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like a calf  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- <sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

- <sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl<sup>[b]</sup>  
and strips the forest bare,  
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

- <sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

- <sup>11</sup> May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

# Genesis 1:1-5

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## Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

- <sup>1</sup> When God began to create<sup>[a]</sup> the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God<sup>[b]</sup> swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.