

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

January 11, 2026

Baptism of Christ 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

"Assurance" - John Ness Beck

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Here is the Servant of the Lord, the One in whom God delights. God's Spirit rests upon Him.

People: He comes not to break the bruised reed or quench the dimly burning wick.

Leader: He comes to bring justice with gentleness, truth with compassion, hope without shouting or force.

People: He will faithfully bring justice to the nations, and His teaching will be our light.

Leader: Thus says the Lord, who created the heavens and the earth, who gives breath to all people:

People: The Lord calls us in righteousness and holds us by the hand.

Leader: God sends light to open blind eyes, to release those bound in darkness, to make all things new.

People: We come to worship the Lord, let us praise God for the new thing He is doing among us.

***MORNING PRAYER**

Holy and mighty God, we ascribe to You glory and strength. We worship You in the beauty of holiness, for You alone are worthy of our praise. Your voice moves over the waters. Your voice is powerful and full of majesty. Your voice shakes what seems unshakable and reminds us that nothing stands outside Your reign.

When our lives feel loud with fear or uncertainty, help us to listen for Your voice,

the voice that brings order out of chaos and peace out of confusion. Lord, you sit enthroned over the flood; You reign as King forever. Strengthen Your people this day. Bless us with the peace that only You can give. Send us from this place trusting not in our own power, but in Your presence, not in our own control, but in Your steady and faithful love. We offer You our worship, our lives, and our obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father...

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

***HYMN #66** "To God Be the Glory"

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns Visitors Anniversaries

***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 #461** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "There Is a Name I Love to Hear" - Anne A. Davis

*DOXOLOGY *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC EVAN PUGH

THE GOSPEL LESSON MARK 1:16-20

SERMON "One Body, Many Members" Pastor Ed Karges

***HYMN #71** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Benediction

Postlude: "The Bond of Love" - Ron Sprunger

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

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Organist: Andrea Spencer

Pianist: Kathlene Larson

Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss

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

Youth Director: Nick Frankenhauser

Confirmation: Amy Keller

Church Historian: Fred Scheer

Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlich

Liturgist: Stephanie Marsee

Our Giving to God, January 4, 2026

Current - \$ 4,624 / Mission - \$ 301

(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)

Attendance – 88

Loose offering today will go to Crossroads

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."



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

The Pastoral Search Committee will meet with the Heartland Conference Bridge Minister, Rev. Don Giesmann in Heritage Hall today at 1:30 pm.

Rev. Jeanette Tangeman will have a Back Bay Mission Orientation this Tuesday, January 13th from 7:00pm – 8:30pm here in the Sanctuary.

The Consistory will meet this Wednesday, January 14th at 5:30 pm.

We will be having a “Youth Night” this Saturday, January 17th here at the church, beginning at 8:00 pm. The 6th and 7th Grade students will leave at Midnight, and the High School students will stay on overnight.

The Endowment Fund Committee will meet on Monday, January 26th at 6:00 pm in Heritage Hall.

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.

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 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Adult Forum Class Sunday School Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges Pastoral Search Committee Meeting
Monday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Tuesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Wednesday	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm 9:00 am – 2:00 pm 9:00 am 5:30 pm	Back Bay Mission Orientation in the Sanctuary Church Office Hours Quilting Consistory
Thursday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 1:30 pm 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm	Church Office Hours H.E.A.L. Breaking Bread
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

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted their call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

Leader: Sisters and Brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church, whether gathered or scattered.

Leader: Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

Leader: If so, answer by saying, "I am."

Individuals: I Am

Leader: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

Leader: If so, answer by saying, "I do, relying on God's grace."

Individuals: I do, relying on God's Grace.

Leader: To the members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Let us gather in celebration of Joy that is ours to be partners with them in the service of Jesus Christ. Will you all promise to love them and honor their leadership, and assist them that together we may be a fruitful church of Jesus Christ?

Leadership: If so answer by saying, "We will, with the help of God."

Congregation: We will, with the help of God.

Leader: Let us pray. Eternal God, You have called these people to serve You in this household of faith and in the world, which You have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send Your Holy Spirit upon them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that Your church may prosper in the mission You place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please continue praying for: Jeff Lemming, Ron Ketchum (Who is back home),
- Ron Hall, who is recovering from a fall,
- Jean Smith, who is recovering from rotator cuff surgery this past week,
- 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, 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.

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



01.11.26 Scripture

MARK 1:16-20

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James, son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.