

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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Audio and Video: Rich Spencer  
Pianist/Music Coordinator: Becky Anderson  
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.



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio  
January 11, 2026

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



**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 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm – 8:30pm here in the Sanctuary.

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

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

The Endowment Fund Committee will meet on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.spuccsm.com) or on YouTube.

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

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|-------------|-------------------|---|
| Today       | 8:45 am           | Adult Forum Class                             |
|             | 9:00 am           | Sunday School                                 |
|             | 10:00 am          | Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges         |
|             | 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm | Pastoral Search Committee Meeting             |
| Monday      | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm | Church Office Hours                           |
| Tuesday     | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm | Church Office Hours                           |
|             | 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm | Back Bay Mission Orientation in the Sanctuary |
| Wednesday   | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm | Church Office Hours                           |
|             | 9:00 am           | Quilting                                      |
|             | 5:30 pm           | Consistory                                    |
| Thursday    | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm | Church Office Hours                           |
|             | 1:30 pm           | H.E.A.L.                                      |
|             | 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         |

**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@stpaulsuccsm.com](mailto: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](mailto: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**

<sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> As he went a little farther, he saw James, son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.