

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

October 29, 2023 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost 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.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

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 new today, please fill in the Welcome Card located in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate.)*

PRELUDE "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. P. Choplin Kathlene Larson

***OPENING HYMN #27** "God of Creation, All-Powerful"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, all who thirst—come to the water! You who long for the water of life—come and drink!
Dip your soul in the river of God's goodness; quench your thirst at God's well of grace.
For God is here among us, offering living water to all who would drink!
Let's worship God together!

***UNISON PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Awesome and majestic God, your creative power, your glory and your holiness were experienced by your people of old as clouds and fire guiding them to freedom. They believed that no one could see your face and live. Therefore, how blessed are we, for you have revealed your face to us in Jesus—the human face of your love.

You have equipped us for our journey through life and beyond, by breathing new and everlasting life into our very beings, through the gift of the Holy Spirit.
People of old believed that it was your presence with them which made them a chosen and special people.
We praise and adore you, O God, for making our lives so special, by choosing to share your life with us in and through Jesus.
May this time of worship and service of our lives reveal our thanksgiving and wonder that you should so care so much for us.
We pray together Our Father....

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns of our Church Family
Introduction of Guests

ON THE STEPS WITH THE CHILDREN

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
(Offer God's peace to those nearby)

***HYMN #460** "All for Jesus!"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD **WE OPEN UP TO GOD**
***DOXOLOGY** **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
"Meditation" B. Giamanco Kathlene Larson

GOD SPEAKS TO US

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Leviticus 23: 1-3a, 4-12,14

SERMON "Sacrifice and Celebration" Rev. Rhonda Hainer

***HYMN #11** "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" arr. C. Berry Kathlene Larson

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

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Rev. Rhonda A. Hainer, Pastor
 Cynthia Hanover, Choir/Church Pianist
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 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, Custodians
 Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor
 Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary
 Jim Huckemeyer, Multi-Media

LiturgistStephanie Marsee
 AcolytesConfirmants
 Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God, October 22, 2023
Current - \$2783.00 / Mission - \$165.00
Attendance – 100

The flower arrangement on the altar today is in loving memory of
Gary W. James from his kids and grandkids

Thank you to Kathlene Larson for being our guest organist today

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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
 October 29, 2023

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



Have you returned your questionnaire? The Strategic Planning committee would like your feedback.

AGAPE TOILET PAPER MISSION: Let’s get rolling and collect toilet paper rolls in the Hospitality Room. Rolls can also be purchased by giving donations to Janet Gibson, Terri Kerns or the office. We will be glad to help out. So, let’s just keep the paper rolling. Thank you for your past and present support on this project.



If you are not already on the prayer team email list and would like to be, please provide Carol Schmidt with a valid email address. Carol’s email is: lschmidt@bright.net

TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY TO COLLECT COATS!

Accepting:

- New/gently used heavy winter coats
- New winter hats
- New winter gloves
- New winter scarves
- New socks

Agape Ministries, Inc

Warm Winter Coat Drive

September 19th - October 30th



Matthew

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AMEN	GALILEE	POTTERS FIELD	STAR
ANDREW	GLORIFY	PREPARE	STATURE
ASTRAY	GOLGOTHA	PURE	STONES
CHURCH	HARVEST	RACHEL	SWEAR
CLEANSE	HEART	RANSOM	TARES
CLEAVE	HUMBLE	REBUKED	TEMPEST
CROSS	HYMN	REPENT	TEMPT
CUP	MARY	RESIST	THIEVES
CURSED	MERCY	RISEN	TWELVE
DEBT	PASSOVER	SABBATH	VEXED
ENEMIES	PEACEMAKERS	SECRET	WALKING
EVIL	PERISH	SELL	WEeping
EYE	PHYSICIAN	SHEEP	WINE
		SHINE	

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 people in your prayers: Mary Schumm, Kathy Raymond, Evelyn Horner, Cheryl Kline, John Long, Laura Yelton, and Virginia Larmore (daughter-in-law of Kendra Strand). Also, pray for all of our military.
 - Please keep the family of Dorothy "Dot" Silver in your prayers. Dot passed away earlier in the week.
 - 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, or you can call or text her at 419-305-6164.
 - We **ALWAYS** need liturgists and volunteers to bring flowers for the altar. 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.

The Numbers of Hope to Max Lucado 3:16 Small Group Bible Study — Every Tuesday Afternoon 1:00 pm in the church chapel - led by Derick Johnson. Join us for study, reflection, and fellowship as we grow closer to Jesus Christ.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS COMING UP

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- 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 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	Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Tues.	1:00 pm	Numbers of Hope Bible Study – Church Chapel
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	6:00 pm	Christian Ed. Mtg.
Thurs.	6:00 pm	Personnel Mtg.
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer/All Saints Sunday

JUST A REMINDER
If you would like to remember a loved one by pinning a bell on the memorial banner, bells are provided in a basket by the banner, or you may bring one of your own. All Saints Sunday is November 5th.

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

Leviticus 23:1-3

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Appointed Festivals

23 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to the Israelites and say to them: These are the appointed festivals of the LORD that you shall proclaim as holy convocations, my appointed festivals.

The Sabbath, Passover, and Unleavened Bread

³“Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of complete rest, a holy convocation; you shall do no work: it is a Sabbath to the LORD throughout your settlements.

Leviticus 23:4-12

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⁴“These are the appointed festivals of the LORD, the holy convocations, that you shall celebrate at the time appointed for them. ⁵In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, at twilight,^[a] there shall be a Passover offering to the LORD, ⁶and on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Festival of Unleavened Bread to the LORD; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. ⁷On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall not work at your occupations. ⁸For seven days you shall present the LORD’s offerings by fire;^[b] on the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation: you shall not work at your occupations.”

The Offering of First Fruits

⁹The LORD spoke to Moses, ¹⁰“Speak to the Israelites and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you and you reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf

of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest. ¹¹He shall raise the sheaf before the LORD, that you may find acceptance; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall raise it. ¹²On the day when you raise the sheaf, you shall offer a lamb a year old, without blemish, as a burnt offering to the LORD.

Leviticus 23:14

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¹⁴You shall eat no bread or parched grain or fresh ears until that very day, until you have brought the offering of your God. This is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your settlements.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/CONGREGATION MISSION PROJECT

The congregation and Sunday School Mission Project for this fall is the solar lanterns for Ukraine. Each lantern is \$10. Pull a tag! Each tag states how many lanterns you would like to support. Sunday, November 26th, is the last day to turn in lantern money. Please remember to state how many lanterns you would like to support. You can put the money in an envelope and either drop it in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office. Be sure to mark LANTERN on your envelope. Thank you!

LANTERN UPDATE

For each lantern that is purchased, we are posting cut-out lanterns and hanging them in the hallway between the sanctuary and the Education Building. Be sure to check out all the lanterns sold so far! Thank you to everyone who is supporting this mission!