

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

October 4, 2026 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am

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 "Surely, the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place" arr. Mark Hayes

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the skies proclaim the work of God's hands.

People: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

Leader: There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

People: Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.

Leader: Today, with sisters and brothers around the world, we gather as one body in Christ.

People: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

Leader: Come, people of God, from many places but at one table.

People: Let us worship God together!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING

"He's Got The Whole World In His Hands"
"This Little Light of Mine"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HYMN # 35 "Morning Has Broken"**

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns Visitors Birthdays

***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 # 422 "Amazing Grace"**

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"I Love To Tell The Story" Arr. Lloyd Larson

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TODAY'S GOSPEL LESSON LUKE 10:25-37

SERMON "SEE PEOPLE LIKE JESUS SEES THEM" Pastor Ed Karges

COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, restore us, and let your face shine upon us. You have planted your people like a vine and called us to grow in your love. On this World Communion Sunday, remind us that your table stretches far beyond the walls of this sanctuary. We are joined with followers of Christ in places we know and places we may never see, speaking languages we may never understand, yet sharing one faith, one hope, and one Lord. Tend your church throughout the world. Where we are divided, bring reconciliation. Where we have grown weak, give us strength. Where we have forgotten one another, open our eyes and our hearts. Nourish us at your table so that we may bear the fruit of compassion, justice, mercy, and love. Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, that we may reflect your grace to the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION "World Communion Sunday"

***CLOSING HYMN # 302 "He Lives"**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Soon and Very Soon" arr. Jack Schrader

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

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Organist: Andrea Spencer
Confirmation: Amy Keller
Youth Director: Nick Frankenhauser
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
Church Historian: Fred Scheer
Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss
Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlich

Liturgist: Stephanie Marsee
Our Giving to God, September 27, 2026
Current - \$2,166 / Missions - \$ 90
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)
Attendance – 110

Loose offering today will go to the Organ Fund

**Altar Flowers are given today by Tom & Ruth Knous in memory
of their mom, Barb Knous for her birthday on 9/26**

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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201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio
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"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."



Communion Service

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to God.

L: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L: We give you thanks, Holy One, Almighty and eternal God, always and everywhere, the only one begotten by you before all time, by whom you made the world and all things.

We bless you for your continual love and care for every creature.

We praise you for forming us in your image and for calling us to be your people.

Although we rebelled against your love, you did not abandon us in our sin but sent to us prophets and teachers to lead us into the way of salvation.

Above all, we give you thanks for the gift of Jesus our only savior, who is the way, the truth, and the life.

In the fullness of time, you came to us and received our nature in the person of Jesus, who, in obedience to you, by suffering on the cross, and being raised from the dead, delivered us from the way of sin and death.

We praise you that Jesus now reigns with you in glory and ever lives to pray for us. We thank you for the Holy Spirit who leads us into truth, defends us in adversity, and gathers us from every people to unite us in one holy church.

Therefore, with the entire company of saints in heaven and on earth, we worship and glorify you, God most high.

P: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God most high, Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

L: For in the night of betrayal Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me,"

In the same way also after supper, Jesus took the cup, and after giving you thanks, gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

L: Holy One, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your entire church through these holy mysteries. Grant that all who share the communion of the body and blood of our risen Savior may be one in Jesus Christ. May we remain faithful in love and hope, until the perfect feast with our exalted Savior in the eternal joy of your heavenly realm.

P: Gracious God, accept with favor this our sacrifice of praise, which we now present with these holy gifts. We offer to you ourselves, giving you thanks for the perfect offering of the only one begotten by you, Jesus Christ our Savior: By whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, eternal God, now and forever. Amen.

L: Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us. **Our Father, who art in...**

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Please continue praying for: Ron Ketchum, Leslie Hullinger, Louis & Vicki Dietz,*
- *Caleb Thomas and family, cousin of Maddie Frankenhauser. This family lost their 16 year old son, Dawson last week,*
- *Brother in Law of Virginia Burroughs, who needs prayers...this family is caring for a person who has muscular dystrophy who requires lots of care,*
- *Diane Gayer & family. Diane's aunt passed last week,*
- *A friend of Nick Frankenhauser who is battling a brain tumor,*
- *All Military Personnel who find themselves in harm's way all around the world, as well as our Veterans who served in the past,*
- *All those who have health issues, but prefer to remain anonymous at this time; may they find comfort in knowing they are in our thoughts & prayers,*
- *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@bright.net or you can call or text her: 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: 419-305-6164.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Neighbors In Need offering is today! This offering supports ministries of justice and compassion. One-third is given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supports UCC justice ministries. In 2025 the Neighbors in Need Offering supported 26 grant recipients across the UCC who were engaged in projects of direct service and advocacy. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Fall Harvest Meal and Market tickets are on sale - Before and after worship service. Tickets can be purchased from Jane Laird, Jane Nuss, or in the church office. Sign-up sheets for desserts and volunteers are also available.

Youth Mission Trip - Mark your calendars for June 14-20, 2027. Greg and Sarah Walter along with Dave and Kara Birt will be taking the youth on a mission trip to High Country UCC in North Carolina. We're looking for 16 high school and college age youth to join us. Contact Sarah 419-305-1952 to sign up and answer any questions you might have.

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.

ENLARGED BULLETINS & HEARING DEVICES are 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**, on Sundays at 10:00am. (1 week delay), and then again on Mondays at 7:00 pm.

WORSHIP SERVICE ON THE INTERNET – If you do not have TSC cable, you can watch our service on our web page at www.spuccsm.com or on YouTube.

EMERGENCY AED – There is an emergency AED Unit located on the wall behind the Media Table in the Sanctuary.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Handicap Accessible and Live Streamed

Today	9:00 am 10:00 am	Sunday School & Adult Forum Classes Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges
Monday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Church Office Hours Caregiving Support Group
Tuesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Church Office Hours BINGO @ Vancrest
Wednesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 9:00 am 1:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Church Office Hours Quilting Craft/Bake Sale
Thursday	4:30 pm – 6:30 pm 9:00 am – 2:00 pm 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Fall Harvest Meal Church Office Hours Breaking Bread Spiritual Gifts Class
Friday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Next Sunday	9:00 am 10:00 am	Sunday School & Adult Forum Classes Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

October 4, 2026

Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take

care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’” ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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