

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

October 11, 2026 Twentieth 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 "In Christ Alone" - Lyndell Leatherman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God’s people once forgot the One who had saved them and exchanged
God’s glory for something they had made.

People: Keep our hearts faithful, O God, and turn us again toward you.

Leader: When we are tempted to place our trust in things that cannot save,
remind us of your mighty acts and steadfast love.

People: You alone are our God; you alone are worthy of our worship.

Leader: God is merciful even when we wander, calling us back into faithful
relationship.

People: So we come to remember, to listen, and to worship.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord, whose grace continues to call us home.

People: With grateful hearts, we worship our God!

*MORNING PRAYER

Good and gracious God, you are our Shepherd. You provide what we need,
lead us beside still waters, and restore our souls. When the path is difficult and
the way uncertain, remind us that we do not walk alone, for you are with us.
Lead us today in paths that reflect your love. Teach us to love genuinely, to
hold fast to what is good, to honor one another, to practice hospitality, and to
rejoice in hope. Give us patience when life is difficult and faithfulness in
prayer. When others hurt us, keep bitterness from taking root within us. Give
us the courage to bless rather than curse, to seek peace rather than revenge,

and to answer hatred with grace. May we never be overcome by evil, but,
through the power of your Spirit, overcome evil with good. Shepherd us,
Lord, until your goodness and mercy are not only blessings we receive, but
gifts that others experience through us. In the name of Jesus Christ, our
Good Shepherd, we pray. Amen. It is in this spirit that we pray together,
Our Father...

*HYMN # 560 "I Love to Tell the Story"

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns Visitors Anniversary’s

*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 # 87 "Come Christians Join To Sing"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "The Church’s One Foundation" - Samuel S. Wesley

*DOXOLOGY *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC CAROL WAESCH

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" arr. Mark Hayes

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSON ROMANS 12:9-21

SERMON "HOSPITALITY CHANGES LIVES" Pastor Ed Karges

*CLOSING HYMN # 501 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "In Heavenly Love Abiding" - Gilbert M. Martin

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

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Back Bay Missionary: Rev. Jeanette Tangeman
Audio and Video: Rich Spencer
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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
Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlich
Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss
Church Historian: Fred Scheer

Liturgist: Diane Gayer
Our Giving to God, October 4, 2026
Current - \$ 4,701 / Missions - \$ 693
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)

Attendance – 125
Loose offering today will go to AGAPE Helping Hands

Altar Flowers are given today by Carol & Lynn Schmidt in memory of their parents, Earl & Grace Klopfenstein, and Ray & Marge Schmidt

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
October 11, 2026

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

The Consistory will meet this Wednesday, October 14th at 6:00 pm.

The Sunday School will be passing out candy on trick or treat night, October 29th. If you would like to purchase and donate a bag of candy, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you for your generosity, the Sunday School Dept.

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 at this time.

Zion Lutheran Church, 210 North Wayne St., St Marys will be holding their annual **TRUNK OR TREAT** on Saturday, October 24th from 1:00pm - 2:30pm. Everyone is welcome. There will be games, prizes and candy! Hot dogs and hot chocolate will be served. Come join the fun. Rain or shine.

All Saints Sunday: November 1

“I thank my God every time I remember you.” Philippians 1:3

On Sunday, November 1, we will celebrate **All Saints Sunday**, a day to remember and give thanks for those whose lives have touched ours, shaped our faith, shared their love with us, and now rest in God’s eternal care.

During our special time of remembrance in worship, we will speak aloud the names of members of our church family who have passed away during the past year. As each name is spoken, a candle will be lit and a chime rung in their memory. Once again, we invite everyone to take part in our

All Saints Banner of Bells.

For the three Sundays preceding All Saints Sunday, the banner will be displayed in the sanctuary. Beside it will be a basket of bells, ribbon, and pins. You are invited to place a bell on the banner in memory of someone you love, a family member,

friend, teacher, mentor, or anyone whose life helped shape yours.
You may also bring a small bell of your own to add to the banner, and you may hang as many bells as you wish.
Each bell represents a name.
Each name holds a story.
And each story gives us another reason to say:
“I thank my God every time I remember you.”

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

Today	9:00 am 10:00 am	Sunday School & Adult Forum Class Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges
Monday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Tuesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Wednesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	9:00 am 6:00 pm	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
	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	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 Class Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Please continue praying for: Ron Ketchum, Leslie Hullinger, Louis & Vicki Dietz,*
- *Wynette Mase and family. Wynette's sister, Nanette passed away last week,*
- *Samantha Irons, who is critically ill at OSU,*
- *Melissa Sudman, daughter of Ron & Margaret Hunter, who is newly diagnosed with early stage breast cancer,*
- *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.

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

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 behind the Media Table in the Sanctuary.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE: Giving is easy and convenient with our online options! Just download the free Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement

app from the App Store or Google Play to get started. You can also give anytime by using the link on our website.

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. (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.

LIVING AS THE CHURCH

Our Monday through Saturday Prayers

Throughout our sermon series, *Living as the Church Monday through Saturday*, we are adding a simple prayer each week to help us carry our faith beyond Sunday morning. Keep these prayers close and use them as you go about your week.

Week 1 — You Are Sent

Jesus, where are you sending me today?

Week 2 — Bless Before You Speak

Jesus, help my first response be a blessing.

Week 3 — See People Like Jesus Sees Them

Jesus, help me notice who I normally overlook.

Week 4 — Hospitality Changes Lives

The Church gathers on Sunday.

The Church scatters Monday through Saturday.

But we never stop being the Church.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

October 11, 2026

Romans 12:9-21

Marks of the True Christian

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord.

¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.