

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

October 12, 2025 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 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 “Children's Medley” arr. Brenda Dillon

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!
People: Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious!
Leader: Come and see what God has done, how awesome are His deeds
 among us!
**People: The Lord has turned the sea into dry land; He has brought us through
 fire and water, yet He has brought us to a place of abundance.**
Leader: Let the sound of His praise be heard!
**People: We come with thankful hearts, for God has tested us, refined us,
 and redeemed us.**
Leader: Come, all who worship the Lord,
**People: Let us lift our voices and glorify the One whose steadfast love
 endures forever!**

*MORNING PRAYER

Gracious and Almighty God, we give You thanks with all our hearts for Your
wonderful works. Your deeds are full of splendor and majesty, and Your
righteousness endures forever. You are gracious and compassionate,
providing for all who fear You and remembering Your covenant forever.
You have shown us the power of Your works and given us the gift of

redemption through Your Son. Your teachings are trustworthy, and Your
promises stand firm for all generations. Teach us to walk in reverence and
joy, to praise You not only with our lips but with our lives. May our worship
this day bring glory to Your holy name. 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 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 #87 “Come Christians Join to Sing”**

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY “Softly and Tenderly” - Will L. Thompson
*DOXOLOGY *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 18:23-35

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON “THE DANGER OF AN UNFORGIVING HEART” Pastor Ed Karges

***HYMN #501 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

*Benediction

POSTLUDE “Great Is the Lord” arr. Mark Hayes

*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
Confirmation: Amy Keller
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
Children's Music: Maddy Frankenhauser
Church Historian: Fred Scheer
Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlich

Liturgist: Dane Marsee
Our Giving to God, October 5, 2025
Current - \$ 4,198 / Mission - \$ 753
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)
Attendance – 107

Loose offering today will go to Agape Helping Hands

Altar Flowers are given today by Jim & Neva Rowen

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 12, 2025

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



50TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

Agape Ministries, Inc.

YOU ARE INVITED
OCTOBER 18
2025

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

AGAPE THRIFT STORE & CLIENT SERVICES
1220 E. SPRING STREET
ST. MARYS, OHIO

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE IN THE CLIENT SERVICES BUILDING
RAFFLES, DOOR PRIZES AND IN STORE SPECIALS

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 - 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, 10:00 am, and again Monday 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.

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	8:45 am	Adult Forum Class
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	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	Quilting
	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	KIDKONNECT
Thursday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	1:30 pm	H.E.A.L.
	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Bible Study in Heritage Hall
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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Please continue praying for: Sidney Smith, Jeff Lemming,*
- *Lucas Knatz, who will soon begin Chemotherapy,*
- *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: cschmidt@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 or text 419-394-6164.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

The Stewardship Committee will meet in the classroom next to the kitchen, 10 minutes after the service ends this morning

A special “Thank You” to all the volunteers that helped to prepare, serve, and clean up after the Fall Cafeteria! Thanks to all the bakers who provided all the delicious desserts for the meal and also for the Bake Sale. It was an enjoyable evening of good food and fellowship!

Reminder, our Adult Bible Study, “Love God, Love Self, Love Neighbor” with Pastor Ed, meets on Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 pm in Heritage Hall.

The next meeting of Rebecca Circle will be on Monday, October 20 at 1:00 pm.

The deadline for information for the November Newsletter is Tuesday, October 21st.

The “Release of Service” ceremony for Dan Busch will be held on Sunday, October 26th at 3:00 pm at Trinity United Church of Christ, 131 E. Perry St., Tiffin, OH 44883

YOU ARE INVITED! The Christian Education & Nurture committee is sponsoring Trick or Treat in the church parking lot on Thursday, Oct. 30th from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Come **"Fall in Love with Jesus"** as we hand out treats to kids and families in our church neighborhood. It will be a great opportunity to say hello and invite them to worship with us. If you are unable to join us and would like to donate candy, you can drop it off at the church office or in the Gathering Room. Thank you!

All Saints Sunday: November 2nd

November 2nd is **“All Saints Day”**, a day set aside as a symbolic reminder of all of those who have touched our lives and have been witnesses to our faith throughout our lives. It is during this special service that we are reminded of the sacredness of this life and of the lives of those who live within us and whose love fills us.

During the time of remembrance in our traditional service, the names of those who have passed in the past year are spoken aloud during worship, a candle lit and a chime rung in their memory.

Once again, we invite everyone to participate in an act of corporate worship by remembering those you love by placing a bell on the “All Saints Banner of Bells.” The Banner is located in the sanctuary for the three Sundays preceding Nov. 2nd and next to the banner will be a basket of bells with ribbon and a pin for you to hang on the banner. Or if you prefer, you may bring a small bell or bells to pin on the banner in memory of departed family members and friends, who are the saints who have gone before. You may hang as many bells as you would like.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE:

Don’t forget that we have online giving for your convenience! It is available now by downloading [Vanco Payment Solutions](#) onto your mobile device. Go 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 take you to the Vanco site

10.12.25 Scripture

MATTHEW 18:23-35

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

²³ “For this reason, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave

you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”