

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

"We Shine for All Through Christ"

St. Marys, Ohio

October 25, 2026 Twenty-Second 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 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" - Dale Wood

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Blessed are those who delight in the ways of the Lord, who seek God's wisdom and walk in God's truth.

People: We come to listen for God's Word and to be rooted in God's love.

Leader: Like trees planted beside streams of living water, God nourishes us and strengthens us for faithful living.

People: May our lives bear good fruit in every season.

Leader: Come, let us turn our hearts toward the One who knows our way and guides our steps.

People: Let us worship God together!

***MORNING PRAYER**

Loving God, you have entrusted us with the good news of Jesus Christ. Teach us to speak with honesty, to serve with humility, and to live not for the approval of others, but to please you. Give us gentle hearts that care deeply for those around us. Help us remember that sharing our faith is more than sharing words; it is

sharing our lives, our compassion, our time, and our love. Root us deeply in your grace so that wherever you send us, others may see Christ through the way we live and love. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father...

***HYMN # 50**

"Great is the Lord"

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Visitors

***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 # 66**

"To God Be the Glory"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

"Guidance" - Lani Smith

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TODAY'S GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 5:1-16

SERMON

"LEAVE A BLESSING"

Pastor Ed Karges

***CLOSING HYMN # 72**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "All Glory Be to God on High" - Raymond H Hann

*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

Gehrlich Administrative Assistant: Steve Slawson

Missionaries: All Members of our Congregation

Multi-Media: Jim Huckemeyer

Multi-Media: Derick Johnson

Organist: Ann Vogel

Organist: Darryl Smith

Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss

Church Historian: Fred Scheer

Custodians: Brad and Nam

Liturgist: Ruth Knous

Our Giving to God, October 18, 2026

Current - \$ 2,377 / Missions - \$ 185

(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)

Attendance – 106

Loose offering today will go to the Current Fund

**Altar Flowers are given today by the James Kids in memory of
their father Gary James**

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 25, 2026

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



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

Jesus, help me make room for someone

Week 5 — Carry Someone Else's Burden

Jesus, show me whose burden I can help carry today.

Week 6 — Leave a Blessing

The Church gathers on Sunday.

The Church scatters Monday through Saturday.

But we never stop being the Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Grand Lake Symphony Orchestra's Fall Concert is today at 3:00 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Celina.

The Sunday School will be passing out candy on trick or treat night, this Thursday, Oct 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.

Thanks to the generous donations in the offering, and the rolls brought in, we are over 1,520 rolls of toilet paper for AGAPE so far this year!! Can we make it to 2,000 by Christmas? The need continues and the help is much appreciated - Terri Kerns

All Saints Sunday: November 1

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

Next 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."

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Please continue praying for: Louis & Vicki Dietz, Leroy Kogge,*
- *Leslie Hullinger, who is on her second type of chemo in an attempt to control her lymphoma,*
- *Nick Frankenhauser’s friend Matt, who is having surgery for a brain tumor,*
- *Melissa Hunter Sudman, daughter of Ron & Margaret Hunter, who is having surgery for breast cancer,*
- *Samantha Irons, who is recovering from illness,*
- *Allison Coleman, great niece of Becky Anderson, is experiencing health issues,*
- *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, 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.

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. 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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S

Handicap Accessible and Live Streamed

Today	9:00 am	Sunday School & Adult Forum Class
	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
Thursday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	4:30 pm – 5:15 pm	Breaking Bread
	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Trick or Treat in the Parking Lot
Friday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Next Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School & Adult Forum Class
	10:00 am	Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

October 25, 2026

Matthew 5:1-16

The Beatitudes

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Salt and Light

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for

anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.