

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

November 19, 2023      Twenty-fifth 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**      *Ray Walter*

**CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP**

**WELCOME** *(New among us today? Please fill out the Welcome card located in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate.)*      *Nick Frankenhauser*

**PRELUDE**      "Prelude in C Major" by J.S. Bach      *Ollie Chisholm*

**\*OPENING HYMN #36**      "Thank You, God, For Water, Soil, and Air"

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**      *Rhett Chisholm*  
Leader: As dry land thirsts for water, as budding plants reach for the sun, and as  
dying leaves fall to the earth.  
People: **our longing souls call us to worship.**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION FOR THANKSGIVING**  
Lord, we want everything to be for your glory this morning. We want our thoughts,  
words, songs, church, community, resources, time, and our lives: all to be for you.  
Everything ours is yours. We come together to declare, and offer now our thanksgiving.  
Bless our time together with your holy presence, Amen.

**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**      *Riley Anderson*  
Announcements      Joys and Concerns of our Church Family  
Introduction of Guests

**\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      *Kaylee Clausing*  
You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose  
overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God. You, O God, are  
infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have  
revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are  
with us now. You are God. You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the  
world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**      *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the  
beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end, amen, amen.*

**ON THE STEPS WITH THE CHILDREN**      *Nick Frankenhauser*

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

WE OPEN UP TO GOD

**OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD**      **\*DOXOLOGY**      **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**      *Brian Speckman*  
"A Flower Remembered" John Rutter

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      GOD SPEAKS TO US  
"Rainbow" by Kacey Musgraves      *Ryen Chisholm*  
*Hattie Patterson*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**      Psalms 107:8-9      *Ray Walter*  
**THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**      2 Corinthians 9:11      *Ray Walter*

**SERMON**      "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving"      *Sophie James*

**\*HYMN #725**      "Thanks to God for My Redeemer"

**\*BENEDICTION**      *Brian Speckman*

**\*POSTLUDE**      "Londonderry Air"      *Ollie Chisholm*

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

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 Ann Vogel, Organist  
 Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director  
 Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant  
 Rich Spencer, Audio and Video  
 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 Gehrlach, Custodians  
 Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor  
 Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary  
 Jim Huckemeyer, Multi-Media

Liturgist .....High School Youth  
 Acolytes .....Confirmands  
 Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

*Our Giving to God, November 12, 2023*  
*Current - \$3016.50/ Mission - \$295.00*  
*Attendance – 101*

*The flower arrangement on the altar today are from Connie Gibson  
 in memory of her father, Gerald Gibson*

*Additional altar flowers today are from the family of Verneda Fark  
 in celebration of Verneda's 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday*

***Pastor Rhonda will be on vacation this week through November 27<sup>th</sup>. If you should need  
 Pastoral Care, Rev. Anthony Brookhart will be available at the following number: (419)  
 733-0379.***

#### 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  
 November 19, 2023

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



**AGAPE TOILET PAPER MISSION – YTD total is only 1063:** 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: Ischmidt@bright.net

**The Giving Tree** is up and ready to be decorated with **NEW** hats, scarves, gloves and mittens! **New this year** we are asking for socks and slippers too! **All** items donated are given to Goodfellows to distribute to needy. We will be collecting from Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Giving Thanks Community Meal needs desserts**

In the past, the local churches have graciously helped us by providing desserts. We tend to run very low on desserts. We humbly ask for your help again this year. Desserts can be dropped off on Wednesday, November 22nd, from 1p to-4p at Wayne Street Church or at St. Marys Memorial High School (at the door south of the Commons area) from 5p-7p. We appreciate all the donations and everything the churches do for our community. If you have questions about desserts, you may call Sue Halko at 419-394-5475. If you have any other questions, please call Joni Gatton at 419-305-1997.

**NOTICE – CONGREGATIONAL/ANNUAL MEETING**

On Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, following worship there will be a Congregational Annual Meeting. At this meeting we will be voting/approving the 2024 Church Budget, the 2024 New Consistory Member, and do a brief review of the committee events of 2023. Information on Budget and Consistory Members items will be included in the December Communicator. Please plan on reviewing the documents as well as attending the meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The 2023 Annual Report will be out in late January

Have you checked out our church website? [www.stpaulsuccsm.com](http://www.stpaulsuccsm.com)

THANKSGIVINGWORD SEARCH

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Blessings  
Corn  
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Cranberry

Family  
Feast  
Gather  
Gratitude

Harvest  
Indians  
November  
Pilgrims

Pumpkin Pie  
Stuffing  
Sweet Potatoes  
Thanksgiving

Tradition  
Turkey

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**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: Marsha Heckler, Janet Keller, 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.
  - 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](mailto: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.

**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. **The Bible Study Class will be taking a break for the holidays and will return on Tuesday, January 9th! A new study series will begin at that time. All are welcome.**



Join us for our "Third Sunday Membership Opportunity" on the third Sunday of the month. **TODAY - Following the 10:30 am Worship Service.**

**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](http://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 our Youth
	11:45 am	Membership Opportunity - Chapel
Mon.	1:00 pm	Rebecca Circle
Tues.	7:00 pm	Community Thanksgiving Worship Service – SM Theatre
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir practice
Thurs.	CLOSED	Thanksgiving – Church Closed
Fri.	CLOSED	Church closed for holiday
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Guest Speaker Bryan Trego

**WANTED**

The supplier of yearly calendars that we use in all the Sunday School classrooms, office and kitchen is no longer giving out **free** calendars. If you happen to receive any free 2024 calendars that you don't personally need, please drop them off at the church office. Thank you.

## Psalm 107:8-9

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

<sup>8</sup> Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.

<sup>9</sup> For he satisfies the thirsty,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.

## 2 Corinthians 9:11

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Edition

<sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way for your great  
generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God  
through us,