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

November 5, 2023 All Saints Sunday

Order of Service
WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP
PROCESSION OF THE ALL SAINTS BELL BANNER

**WELCOME** (If you are new among us today, please fill in the Welcome card located

in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate.)

PRELUDE "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place" Lanny Wolfe

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: There are many who have walked the path before us, showing us the way with

their lives.

People: We come to give thanks for them.

Leader: As they were called, the Lord called us to live as Jesus did, answering the call

of God, saying, "Here I am! Send me."

People: We come to ask for guidance and courage.

Leader: We are, each of us, like those who have gone before us, a strange mixture

of saint and sinner.

All: God accepts us as we are, and fills us with the Spirit, who empowers us to act.

We come to worship the Holy God.

\*OPENING HYMN #531 "Rejoice in God's Saints"

**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY** 

Announcements Joys and Concerns of our Church Family

Introduction of Guests Birthdays

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(People offer God's peace to those nearby with whatever you are comfortable with)

**HYMN #518** "Give Thanks for Life"

### \*ALL SAINTS' DAY PRAYER: SET IN THE COMPANY OF SAINTS

You are our God and we are Your people. We are grateful that You have claimed us as your own. You have placed us in the company of Saints past and present, among those who have made bold witness to Your goodness and truth. Your Word opens up new futures where we see no way forward. You know the places in our hearts where we are afraid,

- afraid of a future we cannot control
- afraid of losing health and independence
- afraid for the well-being of our children
- afraid that past mistakes will ruin our future. Write the stories of your people deep into our hearts so that we may learn to trust you beyond our fears. Give us hearts, minds and spirits, ready to trust and follow wherever your Spirit leads, confident that you will not lead us beyond your loving embrace. We ask in Jesus' name whose outstretched arms welcome us and hold us securely in your grace. Hear us as together we pray...Our Father.

### OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD \*DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

"I Can Only Imagine"

**Bart Millard** 

**THE OLD TESTEMENT LESSON** Revelation 7:9-17

**SERMON:** "Saints Can't Keep From Singing"

HONORING AND REMEMBERING

see insert

Rev. Rhonda Hainer

Readers: Kelly Kill and Susan Braun Candle lighters: Jill Dickman and Larry Kill

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

10:30 a.m.

Hymns to be sung during communion

**HYMN #699** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

**HYMN #689** "One Bread, One Body" **HYMN #685** "What Gift Can We Bring"

\*HYMN #424 "How Can I Keep From Singing?"

\*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** "God Will Take Care of You" arr. Lloyd Larson

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

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Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant
Rich Spencer, Audio and Video
Becky Anderson, Church Pianist, and
Brad and Nam Gehrlich, Custodians
Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor
Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary

Volunteer Coordinator of Special Music Jim Huckemeyer, Multi-Media

Liturgist ......Diane Gayer
Acolytes ......Confirmands

Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

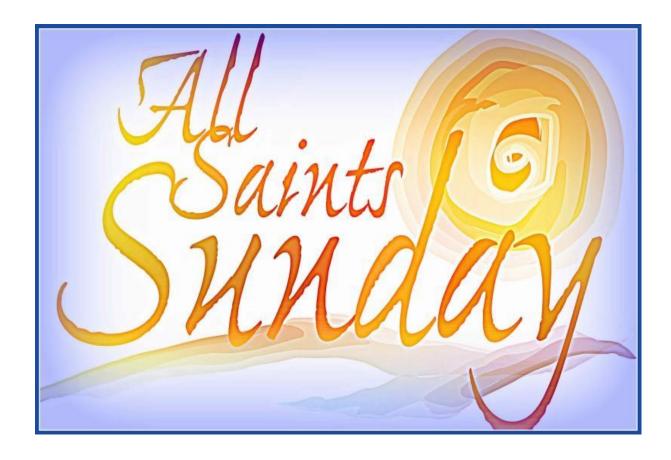
Our Giving to God, October 29, 2023 Current - \$8,000.37 / Mission - \$845.00 Attendance - 77

The loose offering today is designated to the Organ Refurbishing Fund

### **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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** – The St. Marys Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at the Grand Opera Theatre



# ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio November 5, 2023



# **HELP!**

The Sunday school department is looking for a bell that has a handle on it and an old dial phone to use for the Christmas program. If you have one that we could borrow, please let Jane Nuss know.

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**AGAPE TOILET PAPER MISSION:** 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.

Prayer

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: lschmidt@bright.net

Mark your calendar and watch for more details for upcoming Family Room events that are geared for all ages, singles, children and families.

**November 12:** Intergenerational Sunday School—Fellowship Hall 9:15-10:15 am Adults and children team up and work on an Advent project during the Sunday School hour. Supplies will be provided.

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



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# **ALL SAINTS DAY**

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HolyDay

StTherese

Halloween

AllHallowsEve

AllSoulsDay

**JackOLantern** 

Soulcakes

**Pumpkins** 

AllSaintsDay

Kinsley

Kason

Braden

Julia

Emma

Montgomery

Teddy

Ainsley

Gavin J

Joseph

GavinH

Mollie



**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: 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: <u>cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com</u>, 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.

The Numbers of Hope to Max Lucado 3:16 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.

**TODAY** is the last day to purchase a lantern!

**NOVEMBER SPECIAL OFFERINGS** 

The loose offering today is for the Organ Refurbishing Fund
The loose offering for next Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, is designated to Goodfellows

### 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 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 10:30 am	Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer/All Saints Sunday
Mon.	7:00 pm	Caregivers Meeting
Tues.	1:00 pm	Numbers of Hope Bible Study – Church Chapel
	6:15-7:15 pm	Bingo at Vancrest
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	6:00 pm	Consistory
Thurs.	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread Community Meal
	6:00 PM	Hanging of the Greens Committee Mtg. – H. Hall
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer

Have you checked out our church website? www.stpaulsuccsm.com

### ST. PAUL'S SAINTS WHO HAVE DIED OCTOBER 31, 2022 – OCTOBER 31, 2023 ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Welcome to our celebration of ALL SAINTS' DAY. A tradition practiced in the church since the 4th century, when special services remembering those who had died in the faith were held in the days or weeks following Easter. By the 8th century, the celebration had been moved to its present date, November 1 or the first Sunday in November. The day offers us the opportunity to rejoice for all those, known to us and unknown, who have tried in their own lives to serve God faithfully. It also gives us occasion to be drawn out of preoccupation with ourselves and our own immediate situations as we affirm our places in the ongoing and living community of saints – of the past, the present, and the future – who abide in God's eternal presence.

### Today, we remember:



Frank McLain	November 12, 2022
Ernest Wurster	November 22, 2022
Robert Griesdorn	November 29, 2022
Wilma Tester	December 6, 2022
Susan Wicker	December 16, 2022
Judy Taylor	December 20, 2022
Hazel Armstrong	January 6, 2023
Tonie Might	February 6, 2023
Chuck Greenawalt	February 13, 2023
Vernon Luedeke	February 13, 2023
Carol McDonald	February 25, 2023
Nellie Krauss	April 13, 2023
John Hall	April 21, 2023
Eileen Chiles	May 10, 2023
Martha May	July 23, 2023
Mike Lhamon	July 27, 2023
Shirley Harold	October 3, 2023
Dorothy "Dot" Silver	October 25, 2023

# Revelation 7:9-17

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# **The Multitude from Every Nation**

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

- <sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
- They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat,
- <sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."