

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

February 11, 2024                      Sixth Sunday after Epiphany                      10:30 a.m.

Transfiguration Sunday  
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.*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES  
CHIMES  
WELCOME  
PRELUDE

“I am His, and He is Mine”                      arr. Cindy Berry

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:        From the rising of the sun, to its setting, God speaks to us and summons us.  
God gathers us in covenant... God’s glory shines forth. Let us worship God!

\* UNISON PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)  
Mighty God, you call to us. You call to the heavens and earth in covenant. So, we call to you:  
be present as we worship. Gather us, that we may hear your voice and respond to your ways  
of righteousness. We pray in the power of your Holy Spirit and ask that you hear us as we  
continue to pray, saying, Our Father.....

\* HYMN # 68        “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY  
Announcements  
Joys and Concerns

ON THE STEPS WITH THE CHILDREN

\* 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 #458                      “Oh Jesus I have Promised”

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD    “Near To The Heart Of God”  
\* DOXOLOGY  
\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC                      Memorial High School Girls Ensemble

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON                      2 Kings 2:1-12

GOSPEL LESSON                      Mark 9:2-9

SERMON                      Moments of Transfiguration                      Rev. Rhonda Hainer

\* HYMN #372                      “I Then Shall Live”

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      “ The Longer I Serve Him”                      arr. Fred Beck

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

*“And all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”*  
--Romans 3:24

## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

201 N. Perry St.  
St. Marys, OH 45885  
Church Office: (419) 394-3811  
Church Fax: (419) 394-8733  
Email: [smucc@bright.net](mailto:smucc@bright.net)  
Website: [www.stpaulsuccsm.com](http://www.stpaulsuccsm.com)

Rev. Rhonda A. Hainer  
Email: [rhainer@bright.net](mailto:rhainer@bright.net)  
Mobile: (563) 210-3508

Prayer Request Email (Carol Schmidt): [cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com](mailto:cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com)  
Christian Education Email: [jinl2021@gmail.com](mailto:jinl2021@gmail.com)  
Media Email: [spmedia@bright.net](mailto:spmedia@bright.net)

Back Bay Missionary: Rev. Jeanette Tangeman  
Children's Ministry: Joan Leffel and Jane Nuss  
Children's Music: Maddy Frankenhauser  
Youth Director: Nick Frankenhauser  
Confirmation: Amy Keller  
Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrich  
Missionaries: All Members of our Congregation

Audio and Video: Rich Spencer  
Multi-Media: Jim Huckemeyer  
Pianist/Music Coordinator: Becky Anderson  
Pianist: Cynthia Hanover  
Pianist: Kathlene Larson  
Organist: Ann Vogel  
Organist: Andrea Spencer

Liturgist: Lynda Hadley  
Acolytes: Confirmands

*Our Giving to God, February 4, 2024*  
*Current - \$ 3,633.00/ Mission - \$ 330.00*  
*Attendance – 92*

*Altar Flowers are to the Glory of God and His Presence in our lives*

### 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.



## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio  
February 11, 2024, 2024

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



## Ash Wednesday Worship Service This Wednesday

7:00 p.m.

*Plan now to attend the service of worship offered for Ash Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. **This will be a traditional worship service that will include a message by Pastor Rhonda and both the imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.***

### Helping Each other Adjust to Loss

We can all agree this has been a difficult year, full of challenges and many losses. It has been especially painful for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. HEAL is the St. Paul's grief support group led by Pastor Rhonda Hainer, who is trained to assist persons in times of loss, struggle, or crisis. HEAL will meet in the Chapel adjacent to the sanctuary on February 15, at 1:30 p.m., and is open for anyone in our community who is seeking comfort, clarity, hope for a path forward.

**THE JTDMH AUXILIARY** dues are now being collected. All are welcome to belong and support our local hospital. Dues are \$15 and checks should be made out to JTDMH Auxiliary. Money or check should be given to Ann Vogel by February 18.

**AGAPE TOILET PAPER MISSION** The Church did an amazing job collecting toilet paper for Agape in 2023, donating 1,353 rolls. Our goal for 2024 is 1,500! That averages 125 rolls per month. So far, in January we have collected 143 rolls. Keep up the good work! It is greatly appreciated by the Agape clients.

Janet Gibson and Terri Kerns

We **ALWAYS** need liturgists and volunteers to bring flowers for the altar. The **2024 Altar Flower Chart and the Liturgist Sign-Up Sheet** are located in the sanctuary on the bulletin board by the sound system equipment.

**VALENTINE BAGS** for our Senior and homebound members are full of hearts and cupids and pretty sentiments. If you would like to help deliver the bags, please gather at the table in the middle of the church and let Kris Vanderhorst or Jane Nuss know who you can deliver to.

### 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 in your prayers: *Ron Ketchum, Beverly Miller, Bernie Schroer, Sharon Sullivan, John Long, Kathy Raymond, Evelyn Horner, & a close friend of Andra Spencer.*
- Keep the family of Janet Keller, whose funeral this past week.
- Remember to pray for our shut-ins and the caregivers who provide 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.

**The Safety Committee**, working with the St. Marys Fire Department, will be offering to church members CPR classes throughout 2024. Classes will be held at the fire department on Saturdays, May 4, August 3 and Nov.2, from 9 am to noon. The classes are free. Those interested must register at the fire department, 419-394-2361.

**QUILTERS:** Our quilting ladies meet on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to ??? in the sewing room. Questions? Call Margaret Hunter at 419-733-4332. (**Note: We don't meet in the summer months**)

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

**Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ!**

- ✚ **NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL TODDLER CARE** – Currently, while our nursery is not staffed during worship, parents are welcome to use the nursery and remain with your child. 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 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**, 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 Rev. Rhonda Hainer
	3:00 pm	Music Concert in the Sanctuary
Monday		<b><u>Church Office closed</u></b>
Tuesday	9 am – noon	Church Office Hours
	And 1 – 3 pm	Church Office Hours
	5:00 pm	<b>Consistory meeting</b>
Wednesday	9 am – noon	Church Office Hours
	And 1 – 3 pm	
		<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>
Thursday	9:00 am	Quilters
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
	9 am – noon	Church Office Hours
	And 1 – 3 pm	
	1:30 pm	H.E.A.L.
Friday		<b><u>Church Office closed</u></b>
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer

## 2 Kings 2:1-12

### Version

## New Revised Standard

### Elijah Ascends to Heaven

**2** Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup> The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

<sup>4</sup> Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup> The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

<sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup> Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup> He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup> As they

continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup> Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

## Mark 9:2-9

### The Transfiguration

<sup>2</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one<sup>[a]</sup> on earth could brighten them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup> He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup> Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved;<sup>[a]</sup> listen to him!" <sup>8</sup> Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.