

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

February 1, 2026 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany 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 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" arr. Lari Goss

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: Those who lived in deep darkness on them light has shined.

Leader: God has increased joy and gladness among the people.

People: We rejoice before the Lord as at the harvest, as people rejoice when burdens are lifted.

Leader: For the yoke that weighed heavy, the bar across weary shoulders,
the rod of oppression,

People: God has broken them, and set the people free.

Leader: Come, let us walk in the light God has given.

People: Let us worship the Lord, our light and our joy.

***MORNING PRAYER**

God of light and salvation, You are our stronghold, whom shall we fear?
You are the light that guides us and the strength that sustains us. One thing
we seek, O Lord: To dwell in your presence, to behold your beauty, and to
learn your ways. When we feel surrounded by uncertainty, lift our heads and
steady our hearts. When we cry out, hear us with mercy. Do not hide your

face from us, do not turn your servants away. You have been our help, stay
near us now. Teach us to trust your light, to wait for your goodness, and to
live boldly in faith. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father...

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

MIA RENEE BOWER

***HYMN #96**

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns Visitors Birthdays

***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 #451**

"Be Still My Soul"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 16:10-13

SERMON "The Gift's We Don't Want, But Really Need" Pastor Ed Karges

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN #500**

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

***Benediction**

Postlude: "You Raise Me Up" - Brendan Graham and Rolf Lovland

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

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Back Bay Missionary: Rev. Jeanette Tangeman	Multi-Media: Jim Huckemeyer
Audio and Video: Rich Spencer	Multi-Media: Derick Johnson
Pianist/Music Coordinator: Becky Anderson	Organist: Ann Vogel
Organist: Andrea Spencer	Organist: Darryl Smith
Confirmation: Amy Keller	Pianist: Kathlene Larson
Youth Director: Nick Frankenhauser	Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss
Children's Music: Maddy Frankenhauser	Church Historian: Fred Scheer
Administrative Assistant: Steve Slawson	Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlich
Missionaries: All Members of our Congregation	

Liturgist: Ruth Knous
Our Giving to God, January 18, 2026
Current - \$ 2,238 / Mission - \$ 95
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)
Attendance – 72
Loose offering today will go to the Organ 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.



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201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio
February 1, 2026

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



**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Please continue praying for: Jeff Lemming, Ron Ketchum, Ron Hall, Jean Smith, Ron Hunter, JoAnn Bambauer, and Kelly Kill,*
- *The family of Janet Swartz, who passed away on January 15th,*
- *Lucas Knatz, grandson of Teri Knatz, who got his last chemo treatment this past week, and will then be tested later for results,*
- *Rhett Chisolm, who has started Basic Training in the Army,*
- *Joseph Chiles, brother of Linda Hall, is a patient at Mercer Health, Coldwater,*
- *A friend of Diane Gayer, who is recovering from hip surgery,*
- *A young woman in Oklahoma, Kensey Carmack, who needs a new heart,*
- *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: Lschmidt@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 Endowment Fund Committee will meet tomorrow, February 2nd at 6:30 pm in Heritage Hall.

The Stewardship Committee meets next Sunday, February 8th. The meeting will begin about 15 minutes after the Morning Worship Service dismisses and will convene for an hour to an hour and a half, in the Christian Ed room next to Heritage Hall.

Once again, we are doing Valentine bags for the Legacy Members of the church. The bags will be in the middle of the Sanctuary on Sundays, February 8th and 15th. The list of names is included in this bulletin. If anyone would like to help deliver the bags on Sunday, February 15th, please let Jane Nuss or Lynda Hadley know.

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, 10:00am, and again on Monday, 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 9:00 am 10:00 am	Adult Forum Class Sunday School Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges
Monday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Church Office Hours Endowment Committee Meeting Caregiving Support Group
Tuesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 5:30 pm	Church Office Hours Bingo at Otterbein
Wednesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 9:00 am	Church Office Hours Quilting
Thursday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 11:30 am 6:00 pm	Church Office Hours Ladies Luncheon at JT's Personnel Committee
Friday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
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Communion Service

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to God.

L: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L: We give you thanks, Holy One, Almighty and eternal God, always and everywhere, the only one begotten by you before all time, by whom you made the world and all things.

We bless you for your continual love and care for every creature. We praise you for forming us in your image and for calling us to be your people.

Although we rebelled against your love, you did not abandon us in our sin but sent to us prophets and teachers to lead us into the way of salvation. Above all, we give you thanks for the gift of Jesus our only savior, who is the way, the truth, and the life.

In the fullness of time, you came to us and received our nature in the person of Jesus, who, in obedience to you, by suffering on the cross, and being raised from the dead, delivered us from the way of sin and death. We praise you that Jesus now reigns with you in glory and ever lives to pray for us. We thank you for the Holy Spirit who leads us into truth, defends us in adversity, and gathers us from every people to unite us in one holy church.

Therefore, with the entire company of saints in heaven and on earth, we worship and glorify you, God most high.

P: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God most high, Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

L: For in the night of betrayal Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me," In the same way also after supper, Jesus took the cup, and after giving you thanks, gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

L: Holy One, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your entire church through these holy mysteries. Grant that all who share the communion of the body and blood of our risen Savior may be one in Jesus Christ. May we remain faithful in love and hope, until the perfect feast with our exalted Savior in the eternal joy of your heavenly realm.

P: Gracious God, accept with favor this our sacrifice of praise, which we now present with these holy gifts. We offer to you ourselves, giving you thanks for the perfect offering of the only one begotten by you, Jesus Christ our Savior: By whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, eternal God, now and forever. Amen.

L: Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us. **Our Father, who art in...**

02.01.26 Scripture

LUKE 16:10-13

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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