

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

February 22, 2026 First Sunday in Lent 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 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" – Sebastian Temple

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: "Be still, and know that I am God."

People: We come to be still in God's presence.

Leader: "Be still, and know that I am God."

People: We release our worries, our rush, and our distractions.

Leader: "Be still, and know that I am God."

People: We open our hearts to the One who reigns over all.

Leader: Come, let us be still and worship the living God.

***MORNING PRAYER**

Gracious and loving God, we come into this place carrying full schedules, full minds, and full hearts. So often our lives are crowded with noise, worry, and hurry, and we forget to make room for you. Slow us down, Lord. Clear away what distracts us from your voice. Open space in our hearts for your truth, in our lives for your love, and in our choices for your way. Teach us to release what we try to control, to let go of fear, resentment, and busyness, and to trust you more deeply each day. In this season of our journey, help us make room for your grace, make room for your healing, and make room for

Christ to shape who we are becoming. We offer you our lives again today, not as we wish they were, but as they truly are. Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell with us. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father...

BAPTISM OF GREER LAINE BURKE

***HYMN #257** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

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 #470** "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "I LOVE YOU, LORD" – Laurie Klein

***DOXOLOGY** ***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SPECIAL MUSIC - LESLIE HULLINGER "BLESSED ASSURANCE" –MARK HAYES

THE GOSPEL LESSON **MARK 1:35**

SERMON "MAKING ROOM TO SLOW DOWN" Pastor Ed Karges

***CLOSING HYMN #614** "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Thy Word" - Grant / Smith

*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
Pianist: Cynthia Hanover	Pianist: Kathlene Larson
Youth Director: Nick Frankenhauser	Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss
Children's Music: Maddy Frankenhauser	Confirmation: Amy Keller
Administrative Assistant: Steve Slawson	Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlich
Church Historian: Fred Scheer	Missionaries: All Members of our Congregation

Liturgist: Brian Lynch
Our Giving to God, February 15, 2026
Current - \$ 4,499 / Mission - \$ 245
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)
Attendance – 85

Loose offering today will go to the Current Fund
Altar Flowers are given today by Miriam Lynch

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 22, 2026

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



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
Handicap Accessible and Live Streamed

Today	8:45 am	Adult Forum Class
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	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
	7:00 pm	Lenten Worship Service
Thursday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	4:30 pm – 5:15 pm	Breaking Bread
Friday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Adult Forum Class
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Applications for the STEVA-KOHLER GRANT are now available in the chapel. These must be submitted to the office by Noon on Wednesday, April 1st in order to be considered.

The 2024 St. Paul's Annual Report is complete, and copies have been distributed. You can pick one up in the Hospitality Room, in the Chapel, or in the church office. If you would like to have it emailed to you, please notify the church office at smucc@bright.net

Once again it is time to pay JTDMH Hospital Guild Dues. Our dues are \$15 and can be paid by cash or check. Checks should be made out to "JTDMH Auxiliary". These dues help to purchase needed equipment for the hospital. Please have dues to Ann Vogel by March 1st.

The March meeting of the Caregiving Support Group has been moved from March 2nd to Monday, March 9th at 7:00 pm.

Our next BINGO will be on Tuesday, March 3rd, 6:30 pm at Vancrest.

The March Ladies Luncheon will be on Thursday, March 5th, 11:30 am at JTs.

Please be sure to join us for Lenten Worship Services the next 4 Wednesdays, with the last one on March 18th. We will have Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, as well, all at 7:00 pm. We invite you to come and make this worship experience part of your Lenten remembrance.

Rest, Pray Listen in the Chapel - Once again, the Chapel is available through Lent. Lenten devotional and prayer materials are available for use while sitting in the Chapel or are available to take home to read at your leisure. The Chapel is open every day, at any time during office hours, and prior to or following worship on Sundays. The Chapel will also be open before or after Lenten Services on Wednesday evenings. Everyone is invited to stop by the Chapel for a moment or longer to rest, pray, and listen.

Donations of spring flowers for the Easter service would be greatly appreciated. Please have your flowers in the hospitality room by 2pm on Saturday, April 4th.

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.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE: Don't forget that we have online giving for your convenience! It is available now by downloading Vanco Payment Solutions onto your mobile device. Go 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 take you to the Vanco site.

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alternate	congruent	dilations	adjacent
triangle	angles sum	pentagon	geometry
vertical	exterior	interior	hexagon
degrees	enlarge	similar	polygon
reduce			

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.

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**, on Sundays at 10:00am, and again on Mondays at 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please continue praying for: Jeff Lemming, Ron Ketchum, Jean Smith, JoAnn Bambauer, Kelly Kill, Karen James, Lucas Knatz, Marilyn Schroer, Robert Wehner, and Ann Langenkamp,
- 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@bright.net, 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.

02.22.26 Scripture

MARK 1:35

A Preaching Tour in Galilee

³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.