

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

February 8, 2026

Fifth 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 "Nettleton" - Craig Phillips

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God calls us out of comfortable religion and into faithful living.

People: We come to seek the Lord, not only with our words, but with our lives.

Leader: God invites us to loose the bonds of injustice and lift the burdens of our neighbors.

People: We come ready to learn compassion, mercy, and courage.

Leader: God asks us to share our bread, welcome the poor, and care for one another.

People: Teach us, O God, what true worship looks like.

Leader: Then our light will break forth like the dawn, and God's healing will rise among us.

People: We gather now to worship the Lord, who calls us to justice, love, and new life.

***MORNING PRAYER**

Gracious God, we praise you for the gift of your way and your wisdom. Teach us to delight in your commandments and to trust you with steady and faithful hearts. Shape us to be people who are generous and compassionate,

ready to share, quick to help, and eager to do what is right. When fear and uncertainty surround us, anchor us in your promises and strengthen our confidence in you. Make us bold in kindness, rich in mercy, and joyful in serving others, so that your light may shine through our lives. We offer ourselves to you this day, trusting that you will guide us in faith, generosity, and love. It is in this spirit that we pray together, Our Father...

***HYMN #569 "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns Visitors Anniversaries

***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 #589 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"**

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" – Janet Linker

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 10:1-3

SERMON "The Spirit Calls Us to Maturity, Not Comfort" - Pastor Ed Karges

***CLOSING HYMN #408 "I Am Thine O Lord"**

***Benediction**

Postlude: "Amen" - Jester Hairston

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

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Audio and Video: Rich Spencer
Pianist/Music Coordinator: Becky Anderson
Organist: Andrea Spencer
Pianist: Kathlene Larson
Children's Ministry: Jane Nuss
Children's Music: Maddy Frankenhauser
Administrative Assistant: Steve Slawson
Missionaries: All Members of our Congregation

Multi-Media: Jim Huckemeyer
Multi-Media: Derick Johnson
Organist: Ann Vogel
Organist: Darryl Smith
Youth Director: Nick Frankenhauser
Confirmation: Amy Keller
Church Historian: Fred Scheer
Custodians: Brad and Nam Gehrlich

Liturgist: *Kathlene Larson*
Our Giving to God, February 1, 2026
Current - \$ 4,301 / Mission - \$ 431
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)
Attendance - 91
Loose offering today will go to Back Bay Mission

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



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
	6:00 pm	Consistory
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

The Stewardship Committee will meet today. They will meet down in the Christian Ed room next to Heritage Hall, about 15 minutes after the Morning Worship Service dismisses.

The next meeting of the H.E.A.L. group will be on Thursday, February 19th at 1:30 pm in the Chapel.

The Lima Area Organists will present their Super Bowl Concert today, February 8th, at Market Street Presbyterian Church at the corner of Market and Cole Streets in Lima. The concert will begin at 3:00 pm. A free will offering will be taken up. Come and hear some beautiful organ music.

Ash Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00 pm begins our annual series of Wednesday Lenten Services. Communion will be offered at the Ash Wednesday Service. There will be five Wednesday evening services, 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.

The Women's Guild would like to have updated addresses of college students, military personnel, shut-ins and nursing home residents. If you have this information please call Jane Nuss (419-305-9629), Linda Hadley (419-305-3668) or the church office.

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.



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| GREAT | SUBSTANTIAL | BULKY |
| HUGE | VAST | SIZABLE |
| WIDE | MASSIVE | BROAD |
| GRAND | IMMENSE | CAPACIOUS |
| CONSIDERABLE | SPACIOUS | COLOSSAL |

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, Ron Hunter, JoAnn Bambauer, Kelly Kill, Karen James, and Jean Smith,
- Scott & Robyn Everman, who are mourning the loss of Scott's dad, Tom Everman,
- The family of Kathy Dieringer, whose stepfather, Bruce Combs passed away,
- Robert Wehner & family, as Robert undergoes cancer treatment (friend of Brad & Nam Gehrlich),
- Lucas Knatz who is awaiting tests results after undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia,
- Ann Langenkamp, friend of Adele Fast, who is recovering from surgery for pancreatic cancer
- 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

LUKE 10:1-3

The Mission of the Seventy-Two

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After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.