

February 19, 2023
Transfiguration Sunday
10:30 a.m.

Order of Service

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE	“The Greatness of the Lord”	Richard Miles
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Leader: Let us worship and strive to walk the path of discipleship. Amen

***HYMN #231** "Arise, Your Light is Come"

SPECIAL MUSIC Nate Good

***Denotes those who are able to are invited to stand in body and in spiritDepart to serve**

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 Madeline Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director
 Brad and Nam Gehrlich, Custodian
 Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor
 Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary

LiturgistKathlene Larson
 AcolytesMiddle School Youth
 Children's offering.....Sunday School Youth
 Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God, February 12, 2023
Current - \$3715.00 / Mission - \$155.00
Attendance – 82

*Altar flowers today are from the Spencer family in loving memory of their mother,
 Janet, who they dearly miss*

Become part of our church family! Join us for our "Third Sunday Membership Opportunity" TODAY following the 10:30 am Worship Service.

If you are feeling led to be a part of our ministry and to join us as a member of Christ's body by becoming a member of the congregation of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, we invite you to our "Third Sunday" membership opportunity. You can meet with the Pastor and a few elders from the Consistory following the worship services on the Third Sunday of each month. We meet in the former library (on the left side of the church). Please contact Pastor Rhonda with any questions at 563-210-3508.



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201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio
 February 19, 2023

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



ATTENTION, LADIES OF ST. PAUL’S There will be a Ladies Luncheon on the *first Thursday of each month* at 11:30 a.m. The location may change monthly, so watch for future details. All the ladies of the church are welcome. RSVP **to the church office or Jane Nuss by Noon at least two days before the luncheon. The next luncheon will be March 2, 2023 at LaCarreta II (across from Pak-a-Sak).**

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ATTENTION: Our home bound/shut-ins love to receive notes and cards. If you would like to send some cards to them, call or email the church office for a list of names and addresses!

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Prayer and Care Ministry Prayer Team: Prayer requests are welcome for any concern or thanksgiving. Requests are kept confidential and not included in public worship screen unless specifically requested. Contact Carol Schmidt with a prayer request at cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com, Carol’s cell (419) 305-6164, or the church office.

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You are invited to the Caregiving from the Heart Support Group held here at St. Paul’s. **The group meets on the first Monday of each month at 7p in the church Library.** This is a gathering for any caregivers (and others who are involved) whether you are doing it within your home, within your loved one’s home or if your loved one resides in a care facility. It will be led by Rev. Jeanette Tangeman (or Ruth Knous in Jeanette’s absence) and will be a gathering to support each other, learn from each other, and find helpful resources. Any questions, please call Jeanette at 419-234-7935, or Ruth Knous at 419-394-8085.

JTDMH Guild #20 Dues: The Joint Township District Memorial Hospital 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 checks should be given to Ann Vogel **TODAY**.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Take note that there are colored notecards in the pews. Please take a minute before church to answer the monthly “Stewardship Reflecting Question” that will be printed in the bulletin. Please write your response on your notecard and drop it in the offering plate! You can include your name on your response, or you can remain anonymous. Responses will be compiled and shared on the screens before church services.

February question is: What is Stewardship and what does it mean to you?
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The Transfiguration

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| Haven | crucified | blessing | arrested |
| believe | viewpoint | repent | arise |
| cloud | overshadowed | baptism | beloved son |
| roman rule | mountain | appearance | kingdom |
| sacrifice | commandments | Moses | tabernacle |
| rebuked | messiah | forgiven | prophet |
| Jerusalem | transfiguration | | |

WELCOME! Here at St. Paul’s, we strive 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: Connie Gibson, Cara Mabry, Sharon Sullivan, Cheryl Kline, John Hall, Diana Prichard, Shirley Harold, and John Long. Also, pray for all of our military, medical, and emergency services.
 - Please pray for the families of Chuck Greenawalt and Vern Luedeke. Both gentlemen passed away this past week.
 - Please keep DeWayne Marsee and his family in your prayers. DeWayne’s sister, Janet, passed away last weekend.
 - 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: cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com, or you can call or text her at 419-305-6164.
- 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.



Ash Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 pm begins our annual series of Wednesday Lenten Services. Communion will be offered at the Ash Wednesday Service. There will be six services, with the last one occurring on April 5th. Make this worship experience part of your Lenten remembrance.

- 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		
Today	9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
	11:45 am	Membership Sunday – church library
	5:00-7:00 pm	Family Room Event/Potluck Dinner -Fellowship Hall
Mon.	1:00 pm	Rebecca Circle
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thurs.	4:30-5:15 pm	Breaking Bread Community Meal
	7-8:00 pm	Bell Choir
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
		First Sunday of Lent-Communion

St. Paul’s Grant Applications are now available in the church office, or on the podium in the library

Psalms 99

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Praise to God for His Holiness

- ¹ The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- ² The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
- ³ Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!
- ⁴ Mighty King,^[a] lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.
- ⁵ Extol the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!
- ⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.
- ⁷ He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees
and the statutes that he gave them.
- ⁸ O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

- ⁹ Extol the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain,
for the LORD our God is holy.

Matthew 17:1-9

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The Transfiguration

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I^[a] will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved;^[b] with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."