

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

March 3, 2024 Third Sunday In Lent 10:30 a.m.

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

EXTINGUISH THE LENTEN CANDLES

PRELUDE "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" Arr. Matt Hyzer

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

People: We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

Leader: Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

People: We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Leader: Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

People: We long to live lives of holiness and light.

Leader: God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask. Come near, people of God!

Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

Eternal God, guide us now to focus upon You, knowing that in You, our distractions become new possibilities for action. Breathe life into our singing, our praying, our speaking, our listening, our touching, that all these activities might become more than they are. In our worship we reach out to You, O God, knowing that You have already enfolded us in Your arms. Hear us as together we pray, Our Father.

* HYMN # 504 "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

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 #349 "Seek Ye First"

Our Offerings to God "I Need Thee Every Hour"

* DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC "Cross Medley" Arr. David Huntsinger
"Must Jesus Bear the Cross" "Near the Cross" "Old Rugged Cross"
Carol Waesch

THE PSALTER Psalm 98
GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 10:24-39

SERMON "Welcome to the Real Jesus Revolution" Rev. Rhonda Hainer

* HYMN # 595 "They'll Know We Are Christians"

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Arr. Lloyd Larson

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

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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: Carol Gehres
Acolytes: Confirmands

Our Giving to God, February 25, 2024
Current – \$2,359.79 / Mission - \$125.00
Attendance – 101

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



Lenten Coin Boxes are available to pick up at the North and South entrances as you leave worship today.

AGAPE TOILET PAPER MISSION Our goal for 2024 is 1,500! That averages 125 rolls per month. So far we have collected 209 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.

TIME SHARE: If you enjoy listening and sharing in conversation, you might want to consider joining the Legacy Members calling team. It involves making visits, phone calls or sending cards to out members who are either homebound or in nursing homes. Everyone enjoys a visit or call, or a card from a fellow church member.

MIDWEEK VESPERS

Lenten Vespers: Each Wednesday evening during Lent at 7 pm, all are invited to join in midweek *Lenten Vespers*, (February 28, March 6, 13, 20) in the sanctuary. These brief (30 minute) services are intentionally designed to give you an anchor, to re-focus your life on God during Lent.

LENT IN THE CHAPEL

Once again throughout Lent, the Chapel (adjacent to the sanctuary) is open every day and Lenten devotional and prayer materials are available for your use while sitting in the chapel or to take home to read there. Everyone is invited to stop by the Chapel for a moment or longer to rest, to pray, to listen.

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, Bernie Schroer, Sharon Sullivan, John Long, Kathy Raymond, Evelyn Horner and the family of Beverly Miller.*
- Prayers of Sympathy to Jean and Fred Waesch as their daughter, Tammi Robbins of Winchester, IN, passed away while awaiting a liver transplant. Jean is a sister of Joyce Greenawalt and Karen James. Fred is brother-in-law to Carol Waesch.
- Remember to pray for our shut-ins and the caregivers who provide care for 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.

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Have you checked out our church website? www.stpaulsuccsm.com

***"O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory."***



Spring Word Search

SPRING

MAY

GREEN

WARM

UMBRELLA



MARCH

FLOWERS

GRASS

SHOWERS

EASTER



APRIL

BASEBALL

SUNSHINE

RAIN

BIRDS



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 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
Monday		Children sing
	1:00 pm	Church Office closed
Tuesday	6:15 pm	Bingo at Vancrest
	And 1 – 3 pm	Church Office Hours
Wednesday	9 am – noon	Church Office Hours
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Thursday	9:00 am	Quilters
	7:00 pm	Lenten Vespers
	9 am – noon	Office Hours
	11:30 am	Ladies’ Luncheon
	1 –3 pm	Church Office Hours
Friday	6:00 pm	Personnel Committee
		Church Office closed
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Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School / Confirmation / Adult Forum
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