

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

August 3, 2025 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 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 "Precious Lord"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!
People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from every direction—from east and west, from north and south.
Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city in which to dwell; hungry and thirsty, their souls fainted within them.
People: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.
Leader: He led them by a straight way, until they reached a city to live in.
People: Let us thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things!

*Morning Prayer

Gracious God, We gather this morning to listen for your wisdom, that You would speak to all people, great and small, rich and poor alike. Teach us, Lord, to see beyond the glitter of wealth and the pride of possessions. Remind us that our days are fleeting, and that no earthly treasure can redeem our souls. Help us to trust in who you are, our Redeemer and our refuge. Turn our hearts from anxiety about what we have and draw us to the richness of your grace and truth. May your Spirit

guide our thoughts and our lives today, that we may walk humbly, love deeply, and live wisely, remembering that all we have and all we are, belong to you. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN #106 "All Hail the power of Jesus Name"

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 #478 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

BLESSING OF THE BUCKETS

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Nearer my God to Thee"
*DOXOLOGY *PRAYER OF DEDICATION
SPECIAL MUSIC "This Little Light/Do Lord" Grand Lake Sound Waves

THE GOSPEL LESSON LUKE 12:16-21
PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON "God Called Him a Fool" Pastor Ed Karges

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN #500 "Precious Lord Take My Hand"

*Benediction

POSTLUDE "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

*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: Kathlene Larson
Our Giving to God, July 27, 2025
Current - \$ 1,501 / Mission - \$ 96
(Includes Vanco e-giving for the week)
Attendance – 88

Loose offering today will go to the 'Grand Lake Sound Waves'

Altar Flowers are given today by Richard & Kathlene Larson

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."



PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Please continue praying for: Jim Hunter, Nancy Stabelli, and Pat Briggs,*
- *Lena Riesen, 5-year-old granddaughter of Doug and Teresa Riesen, is having very high fevers and needs prayer,*
- *Ron Hall and family, as Betty Hall passed away this past week,*
- *Carol Schmidt, as she prepares for surgery this Thursday, August 7th,*
- *All Legacy Members and Shut-ins, and the caregivers who provide them care,*
- *All those illnesses which cannot be seen,*
- *All of the families who have lost loved ones in the terrible flooding in Texas.*

All prayer requests should 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.

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 **Caregiving Support Group** meets tomorrow at 7:00pm in the Chapel.
The **Christian Ed Committee** meets Tuesday, August 5th at 6:00pm in the Chapel.

On Wednesday, August 13th, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, we will have an evening of Putter Golf at KC Geiger Park. All members of the Congregation are invited. The Christian Ed Department will pick up the cost for the Golf for everyone. Come on out for a time of Fun and Fellowship! We look forward to seeing you there!

Here is your opportunity to change lives: Our yearly mission trip to Back Bay Mission, Biloxi, MS, is scheduled for Mar 22-28, 2026. It seems a long way off but time flies. If you are interested please let Jeanette Tangeman know and she will get you all the information you need. Call or Text 419-234-7935, or email:

tangeman@ohiolink.net.

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,** each Sunday, 10:00 am, and again Monday evenings at 7:00 pm.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S

Handicap Accessible and Live Streamed

Today	10:00 am	Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges
Monday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	7:00 pm	Caregiving Support Group
Tuesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	6:00 pm	Christian Ed Committee Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
	9:00 am	Quilting
	7:00 pm	Handbells Practice
Thursday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Friday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Office Hours
Next Sunday	10:00 am	Morning Worship with Pastor Ed Karges

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

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...**

08.03.25 Scripture

LUKE 12:16-21

¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

08.03.25 Announcements

A special ‘Thank You’ to the Grand Lake Sound Waves for proving special music for our Worship Service today !!
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