

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

December 11, 2022 **Third Sunday of Advent** **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.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME *(If you are new among us today, please fill in the Welcome card located in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate.)*

PRELUDE “Canon de Noel” arr. by Joseph M. Martin Reece Long

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH “Joy” Sunday School Youth

SPECIAL MUSIC	"Do You Hear What I Hear"	Henry Klosterman
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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Holy One, you created the heavens and Earth and all that is.

People: Happy are those whose help is in God.

Leader: You bring justice for the oppressed, food to the hungry and set the prisoners free.

People: Happy are those whose help is in God.

Leader: God, you lift up the humble and watch over all who are vulnerable.

People: For all generations, praise God.

*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

May we lift our voices as we sing a new song! Even in our brokenness and imperfection, God never leaves us. May we sing praise as Mary does, steeped in the assurance of this truth: We are forgiven and cherished through and through. Thanks be to God. Amen.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements	Joys and Concerns of our Church Family
Introduction of Guests	Anniversaries

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(People offer God's peace to those nearby with whatever you are comfortable with)

SPECIAL MUSIC	Away in a Manger and Jingle Bells	Nursery, PreK, and Kindergarten
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OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION Ryen Chisholm

“GOOD NEWS AHEAD...THE SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS” - By Gina Boe and Barb Dorn

1. *Good News Ahead!*
2. *Baby on Board*
3. *Immanuel with What a Beautiful Name*
 - a. *Duet - Amelia Klosterman and Arianna Ickes*
4. *The Sign of Christmas*
5. *One Way to Christmas*
6. *Good News Ahead (Reprise)*

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

- Dylan - Dylan Winget
- Carsen - Carsen Long
- Henry - Henry Klosterman
- Mr. Craft - Asher Craft
- Mary - Aubrey Birt
- Joseph - Beckett Clark
- Angel - Emily Turner
- Shepherds - Nolan Frankenhauser, Ethan Frankenhauser
- Choir - K-5th Grade
 - Adelyn Clark, Presley Anderson, Arianna Ickes, Harrison Silber, Toby Turner, Savannah Hillis, Amelia Klosterman, Allie Long, Elliot Bower, Maya McDonald, Benjamin McDonald, Colt Bower, Jillian Frankenhauser, Lucy Klosterman, Austin Winget, Berkley Knous, Jameson McGee, and Graham James
- Sheep - Nursery and PK
 - Ford Klosterman, Jameson McGee, Owen Mabry, Evelyn Cotterman, Amara Howell, Tripp Burke, Carter Opperman, Lorra Bower, Merritt Burke and Amani Howell

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!!

Joyce Roth, Andrea Clark, Brittany Burke, Karen Bower, Linda McDonald, Marsha Landers, Kaylee Long, Pam Sheer, Nancy Mauter, Aimee Opperman, Tracy Winget, Allison Craft, Kim Opperman, Sarah Walter, Amy Keller, Nick Frankenhauser, Maddy Frankenhauser, Jane Nuss and Joni Leffel.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Rhonda Hainer

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

POSTLUDE

Ollie Chisholm

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

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Rev. Rhonda A. Hainer, Pastor	Joan Leffel and Jane Nuss, Children’s Ministry Coordinators
Cynthia Hanover, Choir/Church Pianist	Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher
Ann Vogel, Organist	Andrea Spencer, Organist
Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director	Madeline Frankenhauser, Children’s Music Director
Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant	Brad and Nam Gehrlisch, Custodian
Rich Spencer, Audio and Video	Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor
Becky Anderson, Church Pianist, and	Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary
Volunteer Coordinator of Special Music	

LiturgistSunday School Youth
AcolytesMiddle School Youth
Children’s offering.....Sunday School Youth
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God, December 4, 2022
Current - \$6325.00 / Mission - \$280.00
Attendance – 98

The loose offering today is designated to the Current Fund

The altar flowers today are from Cal and Dianne Caywood in celebration of this wondrous season

LET'S ROLL...AROUND THE RINK!

What: ALL CHURCH Roller-Skating Party
When: Wednesday, Dec. 28 6-8pm
Where: Grand Lake Skate on Celina Road (703), St. Marys
Cost: Admission is \$1.00. Admission includes skate rental.

Concessions are open and available at your own expense. Christian Education and Nurture Committee is inviting all members to the roller-skating party. If you would just like to come visit or watch the skaters, there is not an admission charge for non-skaters. It could be a great evening to catch up after Christmas with friends, entertain the kids during Christmas break or just remember, or roller skate or watch the young youth and the young at heart enjoy an evening together. If you have questions, please contact Amy Keller, Joni Leffel or Jane Nuss.

TAKE NOTE:

- The Middle School Youth will be performing a skit during the December 18th worship service.
- Reminder there is no Sunday School December 25 and January 1. We will resume on January 8.

A HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Saturday, December 17th, 6:30pm at the Grand Opera House

Featuring the St. Marys Area Community Band, with special musical guests: Memorial High School Glitter and Gold Show Choir, Jazz Saxophonist Adam Uhlenhake, and vocalist Rachel Thornsberry. There will be a \$10 donation at the front door to benefit Friends of the St. Marys Theater and Grand Opera House. Refreshments will be available.

Agape Ministries is in need of volunteers! If you are interested, contact Kris Rasneor, Program Manager at Agape Ministries 419-394-8700.

Joint Township Memorial Hospital is in need of volunteers! Grand Lake Health System is looking for volunteers. Various days and time available. Contact Denise Limbert at 419-394-3387 ext. 2808.

St. Marys Chamber Holiday Tour of Homes December 14th 4:30-8p

Congregation members Greg and Sarah Walter’s home is one of the seven homes that will be on this tour! You can purchase tickets at the Chamber office or online at www.stmarysohio.org/winter-dreams-a-holiday-tour-of-homes.



Joy to the World

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JESUS
JOSEPH
MAGI
MANGER
MARY
MIRACLE

MYRRH
NATIVITY
REJOICE
STABLE
STAR
THREE KINGS
WISE MEN



WELCOME! 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 back side 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: Carol Schmidt, Cheryl Kline, John Hall, Diana Prichard, Shirley Harold, John Long, and Vern Luedeke. Also, pray for all of our military, medical, and emergency services.
 - Please keep the family of Wilma Tester in your prayers. Wilma passed away earlier in the week.
 - Kelly Kill & her family. Kelly's sister, Jeanette Castello, and sister-in-law, Sandy Lemming, are experiencing significant health issues at this time.
 - 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.
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- 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.
 - **We need Liturgists!** Please take a moment to sign up (on the bulletin board by the soundboard) or call the church office to sign up. Thank you.

THE GIVING TREE: We ran out of trees this year, so a tub has been set up near the elevator for donations of hats, gloves and scarves. Thank you in advance for your donations!

5 for 5 Special Offering Next Sunday
Christmas Fund–Veterans of the Cross
SPECIAL OFFERING December 18

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	End of Life Series – Jeff Dieringer
	10:30 am	Children's Program/3 rd Sunday of Advent
Mon.	7:00 pm	Caregiver Meeting - Library
Wed.	6:00 pm	Consistory Mtg.
	7:00 pm	Advent Midweek Worship Service
Thurs.	9:00 am	Newsletter Deadline
	7-8:00 pm	Bell Choir practice
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer/4 th Sunday of Advent

TODAY following the children's Christmas program, there will be a **Congregational Meeting. At this meeting we will be voting/approving the 2023 Church Budget, 2023 New Consistory Members, and potential change to Article VIII-Consistory of the Constitution of St. Paul's.** Please plan attending the meeting following worship today.