

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

December 5, 2021 Second 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
PRELUDE “In the Bleak Mid-winter” Charity Boyles

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH “Peace” Chad, Leslie and Ruby Laman
We need peace in our lives, our homes, our families, our church, and our whole world. May God help us to slow down and seek out the peace that only God provides, so we may become peacemakers for ourselves and others.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: A voice cries out: “Prepare for God’s arrival! Make the road straight and smooth, a highway fit for our God. Fill in the valleys, level off the hills. Smooth out the ruts, and clear out the rocks. For our God is coming! Let’s worship together.

MORNING PRAYER

Holy God, We long for your peace, and trust in your promise; we hear your call to turn toward you, to change our lives and welcome you in. Meet us here and fill our minds with your wisdom and our hearts with your peace, that our worship together may open us to the challenge of your dream of wholeness for all. In the Name of the One who is coming, we pray. Amen!

***HYMN 153** “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

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

ANTHEM “Is Your Heart Prepared For a King” Robert Lau

ON THE STEPS WITH THE CHILDREN

PASSING OF THE PEACE
*Leader and children: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also, with you.
(Those of you who are new among us today, please fill in the Welcome card that you will find in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate - Thank you!)

HYMN 180 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

WE OPEN UP TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD ***DOXOLOGY** **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
 “What Child Is This” Rachel Thornsberry

GOD SPEAKS TO US

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6

SERMON “What Do You Need” Rev. Rhonda Hainer

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH AND COMMITMENT

***HYMN 196** “In the Bleak Midwinter”

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: May the peace of the Christ Child sustain us through this darkness.
People: That together we may shine again. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

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

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

Liturgist	Joan Leffel
Acolytes	Confirmands
Children’s offering.....	Avery Dieringer
Missionaries.....	Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God November 28, 2021
Current - \$1512.75 and Mission - \$210.00
Attendance – 90

Altar flowers today are from Carolyn Garrison in memory of her father, Robert VonAschen

***TAKE NOTE: Next Sunday is a special offering for
Veterans of the Cross***

**Rejoice in hope; be patient in suffering; be
persistent in prayer. Romans 12:12**

REMINDER: Tomorrow, December 6th at 5pm, Samaritan Sisters will be holding their Ladies Christmas dinner at JT's. Ladies, please plan on attending. Great fellowship!

SATURDAY ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERIES: If you order altar flowers, be sure to let your florist know that the Elevator entrance is the **only door** that will be open on Saturdays, and that **deliveries must be made before we lock up at noon**. Thank you.

Breaking Bread Reminder
NOTICE of Meal Schedule Change:
 There will be **NO MEALS** in the month of **December**
 Breaking Bread Staff are taking a Holiday Break!
 Please join us back here on January 13th! Thank you.



The Family Room Event



Fa La La La La La La

Join us for an afternoon around the town to sing **Christmas Carols** on **Sunday, December 12th at 1pm**. We will meet in Fellowship Hall and will divide into groups and sing to shut-ins, friends and family in the nursing homes and other church members. Afterwards, we will gather back at church for hot chocolate and treats. Watch for sign-up sheets and let Amy Keller know of anyone who would enjoy a visit.

Name: _____

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Advent Word Search



Find the Words

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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 "GivePlus Church". 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!



- Please keep the following people in your prayers: Vern Luedeke, Janet Keller, Verneda Fark, Cheryl Kline, Harold McCune, and Shirley Huckeriede. Also, pray for all of our military, medical, and emergency services.
- 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 **2021/2022** Altar Flower Chart 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. Thank you.

NOTICE – CONGREGATION MEETING
2022 Budget Presentation & Consistory Members Vote
The 2022 budget (approved by Consistory) is included in the December edition of "The Communicator". The budget will be considered for the congregation's approval at the congregational meeting following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 12th.

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** rest room 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. There is a one-week delay of the service shown.
- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **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/Confirmation
	9:15 am	Choir practice
	10:30 am	Second Sunday in Advent Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Mon.	5:00 pm	Samaritan Sisters Ladies Dinner at JT's
Tues.	9:30 am	Advent Breakfast at Zion Lutheran
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
Next Sun.	6:00 pm	Consistory Meeting
	7:00 pm	Advent Service
	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Forum
	9:15 am	Choir practice
	10:30 am	Third Sunday in Advent – Children's Christmas Program
	11:30 am	Congregation Meeting following worship

**THERE IS COFFEE AND TEA AVAILABLE
IN THE ELEVETTE ROOM**



Paul’s Prayer for the Philippians

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart,^[a] for all of you share in God’s grace^[b] with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler^[a] of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler^[b] of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler^[c] of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”