

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

February 20, 2022 **Seventh Sunday after Epiphany** **10:30a.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 “Meditation on Showalter” Ben Logan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Have you not known?
People: Our God is the everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth.
Leader: Have you not heard?
People: God does not faint or grow weary. God’s understanding is unsearchable.
Leader: Have you not heard?
People: God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.
Leader: Those who wait for God will renew their strength they shall mount up with wings like eagles.
People: We come to hear. We come to know.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

O God, we are gathered here under the shelter of your wings, nurtured by your love, and encouraged, then, to fly by faith on the wind of your Spirit. Teach us how to wait, then, that we may learn how to fly. May this nest we call "family" be built with sturdy materials. Don't let us forget, though, that this nest was not created as a fortress behind which to hide, but as a perch from which to take off. And strengthen us with the assurance that we do not fly alone. This we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN #231** “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns of our Church Family
Introduction of Guests Committee Presentation
Reminder that Offering Plates are located at the front and back of the sanctuary, as well as in each balcony

WE OPEN UP TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN #428 “When Peace Like a River”

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD ***DOXOLOGY** **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
“Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled” David Paxton

GOD SPEAKS TO US

THE PSALM Psalm 39:1-7
THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 40:21-31

SERMON “You Can Run Forever” Rev. Rhonda Hainer

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH AND COMMITMENT

HYMN #438 “On Eagle’s Wings”

BENEDICTION

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE

POSTLUDE “My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff” Edward Broughton

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

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 Becky Anderson, Church Pianist

Joan Leffel and Jane Nuss, Children's Ministry Coordinators
 Cynthia Hanover, Choir/Church Pianist
 Andrea Spencer, Organist
 Madeline Frankenhauser, Children's Music Director
 Vacant, Custodian
 Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher
 Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary

LiturgistFred Scheer
 AcolytesConfirmands
 Children's offering.....Sunday School Children
 Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

*Our Giving to God February 13, 2022 = Current - \$7909.01 / Mission - \$280.00 ** Attendance – 134*

The altar flowers today are from the Spencer family, celebrating the life of Janet Spencer.

God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5



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201 N. Perry St., St. Marys, Ohio

February 20, 2022

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



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 between 8a and noon**. Thank you.

ATTENTION PARENTS/CAMPERS

Please inform Jane Nuss and Joni Leffel if you are going to church camp by May 1st, so that the church has time to submit funds towards your camp fees. Please email us, or text/call us. Email: jnjl2021@gmail.com or cell numbers: Joni Leffel 419-305-5610, Jane Nuss 419-305-9629. It is easier for us if you email, call or text us instead of leaving a message for us at the church office. There will also be a sign up list in the gathering room.



TAKE NOTE: Christian Ed and Nurture will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, March 2nd at 6pm in Heritage Hall.

March 2 is Ash Wednesday. The Service of worship with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion will be at 7:00 p.m.

Back Bay Mission is asking for help in collecting items for the Micah Center. The Micah Center provides homeless and low-income individuals and families with a safe and hospitable place to stay and receive services during the day. They can take showers, have laundry done, and have mail, phone, and computer services.

Items needed are:

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste (small/travel-worthy)
- Razors (single as opposed to one handle and multiple blade refills)
- Ladies' underwear (sizes 5-12)
- Men's underwear (any/all sizes)
- Bug spray
- Men's pants (sizes 30-36) hard wearing and durable
- Ladies' hygiene products
- Bleach
- Disposable gloves
- Trash bags (white/black)
- Bathroom/surface cleaning spray

These items will be collected until **March 13** at which time they will be delivered by our church members who will be volunteering.

Pastor Rhonda will be on vacation this week, beginning after the service today. In the case of pastoral emergencies Rev. Becky Erb Strang is available to assist you. Next Sunday, David Hainer will be our guest preacher.

Isaiah

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ASHAMED	FRO	ORATOR	REEL	SWORD
BABYLON	FURNACE	OUTCASTS	RESPECT	SWORN
CARCASE	GOD IS WITH US	PANGS	RUINOUS	TERROR
CAST	HEAR	PARDON	SCEPTRE	TRODDEN
CURSE	HERE AM I	PEACE	SHEEP	TRUST
DASHED	JUDGE	PIT	SHOUT	UNCLEAN
DEATH	LOP	POMP	SIGH	VOMIT
DEW	MEEK	POTTER	SIN	WASTE
DITCH	MIRE	PRAISE	SOW	WIMPLES
DREGS	NETTLES	PREACH	SPOIL	WOE
			SPRIGS	WRATH

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!



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please keep the following people in your prayers: Wilma Heil, Norma Lhamon, Bill Nuss, Vern Luedeke, Janet Keller, Verneda Fark, Cheryl Kline, Michael J. Selby, and Harold McCune, 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.
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- The **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 or call the church office to sign up. Thank you.



**AGAPE HAS ASKED US TO SWITCH OVER TO
BUYING THESE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS:**

Cleaning supplies, toilet cleaner, spray cleaner, shampoo, body wash, small salt and pepper that come together in cardboard container, cooking oil, and brown sugar

Thank you for supporting our Agape Mission
Jane Nuss

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	Adult Forum
	9:15 am	Choir Practice
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Mon.	1:00 pm	Rebecca Circle
	6:00 pm	Personnel
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
Thurs.	4:30-5:15pm	Breaking Bread Community Meal – drive thru only
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	9:15 am	Choir Practice
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. David Hainer

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



Psalm 39:1-7 New Revised Standard Version

Prayer for Wisdom and Forgiveness

To the leader: to Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

¹ I said, “I will guard my ways
that I may not sin with my tongue;
I will keep a muzzle on my mouth
as long as the wicked are in my presence.”
² I was silent and still;
I held my peace to no avail;
my distress grew worse,
³ my heart became hot within me.
While I mused, the fire burned;
then I spoke with my tongue:
⁴ “LORD, let me know my end,
and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting my life is.
⁵ You have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight.
Surely everyone stands as a mere breath. *Selah*
⁶ Surely everyone goes about like a shadow.
Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;
they heap up, and do not know who will gather.
⁷ “And now, O Lord, what do I wait for?
My hope is in you.

Isaiah 40:21-31 New Revised Standard Version

²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
²³ who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
²⁵ To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.
²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.