

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

January 9, 2022 First Sunday after Epiphany 10:30a.m.

Order of Service

As we transition from the Season of Christmas to the Season of Ordinary Time, today's liturgy reminds us of the importance our own baptism – we are not called to be mere spectators of the life in the Church. Rather, we too, are called to be God's beloved daughters and sons.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP
WELCOME

PRELUDE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. Lloyd Larson

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Isaiah 43:2)

Leader: When we pass through the waters,
People: God is there with us.
Leader: When we suffer and feel hopeless,
People: God is there with us.
Leader: When we are joyful and celebratory,
People: God is there with us.
Leader: Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,
People: God is there with us, always.
Leader: Come, let us worship together with Emmanuel, God with us.

*OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, you have formed us from the dust, redeemed us from our brokenness,
and led us through the waters of the Red Sea, and we have arrived safely on the other side.
May our worship of you reflect the awe we have of your amazing grace, the grace that sustains
us when the waves rise around us. Amen.

*HYMN #502 "Be Thou My Vision"

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

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

HYMN #492 "Spirit of the Living 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.

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD *DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION
"There Is a Redeemer" arr. Mark Hayes

ANTHEM "This is My Father's World" arr. Todd Billingsley

PRESENTATION OF THE TOM PATON AWARD

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 43:1-7
THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON "Your Primary Identity" Rev. David Long-Higgins

HYMN #358 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" arr. Lloyd Larson
*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
Tracy Winget, Sunday Nursery Supervisor	Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary
Becky Anderson, Church Pianist	

LiturgistRev. Rhonda Hainer
AcolytesConfirmands
Children's offering.....Sunday school children
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

*Our Giving to God January 2, 2022
Current - \$3101.00 and Mission - \$305.00
Attendance – 93*

THE LOOSE OFFERING TODAY IS DESIGNATED TO THE CROSSROADS

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and
peace. Romans 15:13*



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"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.

DEADLINE

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR COMMITTEES, ETC.

Carolyn will soon begin preparing the 2021 Annual Report. Please submit your report to her by **Tuesday, January 18th**. If you can type and send it by email, it is most helpful - she can cut and paste!! If you have any questions, please give her a call in the church office.

There is a Women’s Guild Cabinet Meeting Jan. 12th at 1p in the old Library



Saturday March 5th 8am - 1pm at St. Paul’s UCC in St. Marys

8am-9am Early Admission: \$5 (for non-sellers)
After 9am Admission: \$1 (for non-sellers)

Lots of kids clothing, maternity clothes, toys, and accessories.

All proceeds from admission and booth rental go to the St. Paul’s Youth Fund

For booth rental information contact Tracy Winget 419-733-2030 or tracy.winget@outlook.com

NOTE: More tables are needed. If you have one we can borrow, please let Tracy Winget know. Thank you.

The Baptism of Jesus



When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. Luke 3:21 (NIV)
Words are taken from Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NIV).

L P Q S P I R I T O P P W G M
U B S O M N L L F E R O A V C
M U U L E K N L J L A U T M K
E Z Z V Y O E U E V Y S E P U
U L A Z O R G A S Q I P R B X
C E E T I R K P U W N V W M M
H Y R F U L W C S L G L B J N
S J Y Z D Q H D U Q V R X I F
H T O K U X J F O L A O E W R
A O M H O Y R H K Q H T I Z J
D A L B N E P V Z Q U U T C M
B O Z Y W I M C H R I S T F E
K V V O A S X S P E O P L E Q
K E P E X D O P E N E D P V S
B A P T I Z E U Z V F V L D S

Spirit	John	voice	Christ	fire
opened	Jesus	dove	powerful	water
people	praying	heaven	Holy	baptize

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: Leslie Hullinger, Vern Luedeke, Janet Keller, Verneda Fark, Cheryl Kline, Harold McCune, and the mother of Austin Gottschalk. 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 **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.

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 supporting our Agape Mission
Jane Nuss

Kitchen Cleaning! There is a list of cleaning duties on the freezer in the kitchen! If you can help, there are some supplies in the kitchen or you can bring your own. Pick your own time and ask someone to help you! Check off on list what you have cleaned. Thanks for your help!

- 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	9:00-10:15 am	Informational Fair
	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. David Long-Higgins
Wed.	11:30 am	Meet and greet with Rev. David Long-Higgins
	9:00 am	Quilting
	1:00 pm	Guild Cabinet Meeting
	5:30 pm	Consistory Meet & Greet
Thurs.	6:00 pm	Consistory Meeting
	4:30-5:15pm	Breaking Bread – Drive thru Only
	6:00 pm	Personnel Meeting – Old Library
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	9:15 am	Choir Practice
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
	11:30 am	Family Ministries Soup and Sandwich in Fellowship Hall

*****NEXT SUNDAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP, Family Ministries will be hosting Soup and Sandwich in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!**

Isaiah 43:1-7

New Revised Standard Version

Restoration and Protection Promised

⁴³ But now thus says the LORD,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.
² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.
³ For I am the LORD your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
 Ethiopia^[a] and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴ Because you are precious in my sight,
 and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.
⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
 I will bring your offspring from the east,
 and from the west I will gather you;
⁶ I will say to the north, “Give them up,”
 and to the south, “Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
 and my daughters from the end of the earth—
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made.”

Luke 3:15-17

New Revised Standard Version

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,^[a] ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with^[b] the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Luke 3:21-22

New Revised Standard Version

The Baptism of Jesus

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved;^[a] with you I am well pleased.”^[b]