

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

**November 21, 2021**                      **Reign of Christ**                      **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**                      “Now Thank We All Our God”                      Thomas Chesterton

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.  
**People: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.**  
Leader: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:  
**People: Love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.**  
Leader: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.  
**People: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION FOR THANKSGIVING**

**This morning, Lord, we want everything to be for your glory. We want our thoughts, our words, our songs, our church, our community, our resources, our time, our lives: all to be for you. Everything ours is yours, and we come together to declare this to be so, and offer now our thanksgiving. Bless our time together with your holy presence, Amen.**

**\*HYMN 721**                      “Come, Ye Thankful People Come”

**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**

Announcements                      Joys and Concerns of our Church Family  
Introduction of Guests

**ANTHEM**                      “Praise and Thanksgiving”                      Michael Barrett

**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 359**                      “Give Thanks”

**WE OPEN UP TO GOD**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD   \*DOXOLOGY   PRAYER OF DEDICATION**  
“Kremser”                      Craig Phillips

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS**   Psalm 100, I Timothy 6:6-12, 17-19

**SERMON**                      “Awake, Alive, Grateful”                      Rev. Rhonda Hainer

**WE RESPOND WITH FAITH AND COMMITMENT**

**\*HYMN 81**                      “We Gather Together”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND SERVE**

**POSTLUDE**                      “Song of Thankfulness”                      James Denton  
**\*Denotes those who are able are invited to stand in body and in spirit**                      .....Depart to serve

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Nick Frankenhauser, Youth Director	Kim Opperman, Church School Superintendent
Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant	Bob Schumacher, Custodian
Rich Spencer, Audio and Video	Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher
Kim Opperman, Sunday Nursery Supervisor	Jeanette Tangeman, Back Bay Missionary
Madeline Frankenhauser, Children’s Music Director	Becky Anderson, Church Pianist

Liturgist .....Susan Braun  
Acolytes .....Confirmants  
Children’s offering.....Berkley Knous; Presley, Haley & Riley Anderson  
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

*Our Giving to God November 14, 2021*  
*Current - \$2158.76 and Mission - \$90.00*  
*Attendance – 97*

*The flowers on the altar this week are from Fred and Pam Scheer*  
*in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!*

**O Give Thanks to God, for God’s steadfast love endures forever.**  
**-Psalm 107:1**

## GIVING THANKS COMMUNITY MEAL

Due of COVID, we will be doing carry out only again this year. It will be on Thursday, November 25, 2021, from 11:00 am to 1:00 p.m. Instead of coming in the east entrance at the Memorial High School commons area, we will be handing out meals on the east side but the next door south of the commons area. No need to get out of car. There will be deliveries to shut-ins contact phone number for that is Patty at The Evening Leader 419-394-7414.

We are asking for any donations of desserts from each church, so that everyone can enjoy a true Thanksgiving meal. You can drop off desserts from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Wayne Street United Methodist Church on Wednesday, November 24, 2021. Then from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the high school, again at the door south of the commons area on the east side if the school. Please **no Jell-O or soft desserts** for they are too hard to pack for carry out.

## WOMEN'S ADVENT BREAKFAST

The women of Zion Lutheran Church cordially invite the women of your congregation to our annual Advent Breakfast on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in Zion's auditorium. Our program is Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. Please RSVP to (419) 394-3115 by November 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Breaking Bread Reminder

### **NOTICE of Meal Schedule Change:**

There will be **NO MEAL** Thursday, November 25 (Thanksgiving)

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.

**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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## PSALMS 100

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GENERATIONS	ENDURE	TRUTH	EVERLASTING	MERCY
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PRAISE	THANKFUL	THANKSGIVING	GATES	ENTER
PEOPLE	OURSELVES	PASTURE	SHEEP	MADE
GOD	PRESENCE	SINGING	SERVE	LANDS
NOISE	JOYFUL	GLADNESS	LORD	

**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](mailto:cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com) or you can call or text her at 419-305-6164.
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- The **2021** 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.

**BREAK BAGS FOR AGAPE**

The Christian Education and Nurture committee is partnering with Agape to collect food for the December Break Bags. Agape has provided us with the list of food they will need to fill the December Break Bags. Copies of the list of needed items can be found in the **Elevette Room**. The church will not be handing out the break bags this year, only helping to provide the food for them. This will be the mission project for Sunday School for October and November. We are asking church members to help us collect this food. Collection boxes will be placed in the sanctuary, marked Break Bag Food collection. Food collected will be taken to Agape for Agape to fill and distribute the Break Bags. Thank you 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](http://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	Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
Thurs/Fri		Church Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Next Sun.	9:15 am	Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Forum
	9:15 am	Choir practice
	10:30 am	First Sunday in Advent Worship with Rev. Rhonda Hainer

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



Samaritan Sisters are planning a dinner out at JT's restaurant on Monday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5pm! We are inviting all women of the church to join us. Please let me know or you can contact the church office by Sunday December 5. Hope to see you all! ~Kris Vanderhorst

### A Thanksgiving Prayer to use and share

For the food we are about to share and for those who have worked to harvest, provide and prepare it, we give you thanks.

For all of our friends and family members who have died, (name specific individuals). For their lives and our memories of them, we give you thanks.

For those who are young and have high hopes for the future, we give you thanks.

For those who are old and for the wisdom they share, we give you thanks.

For moments of joy that brighten our days, we give you thanks. For every good night's sleep and every good day's work, we give you thanks. For strong bodies and minds and for opportunities to learn and grow, we give you thanks.

For those around the world who struggle for daily food, shelter and safety, for your will to use us and others to offer help, we give you thanks.

For your promise to bring healing and care for those ill or in need, surround them with your love. We give you thanks.

God, we lift up our praise and gratitude to you on this Thanksgiving Day, and always. Amen

Psalms 100 New Revised Standard Version

#### All Lands Summoned to Praise God

#### A Psalm of thanksgiving.

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;<sup>[a]</sup>

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

1 Timothy 6:6-12 New Revised Standard Version

<sup>6</sup> Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that<sup>[a]</sup> we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup> But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

#### The Good Fight of Faith

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made<sup>[b]</sup> the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

<sup>17</sup> As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.