



“No matter who you are,
No matter where you are
on life’s journey,
You are welcome here.”



Welcome to Worship

Welcome to St. Paul Church. We are glad you are here!

9:00 am Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary
11:00 am Celebration Worship Service in Heritage Hall

Information for our friends...

Weekly Sunday morning services ~

•Our **9am Traditional Service** is inspired with hymns, scripture and a theological based sermon. And our **11am Celebration Service** has a relaxed family-friendly message with contemporary Christian music. *Please feel free to try one or both styles of worship.*

•The Nursery is open during 9 am service (first classroom in the hallway off the sanctuary) If the small person gets wiggly, there are toys & books to enjoy.

•Hearing devices, large print bulletins, and large Bibles (in church library) are available, please see your ushers if you have any questions.

•Our Worship Service is broadcast on KSTL-690 AM radio & streamed on Jubilee690.com at 9am Sundays and repeated at 9pm.

•We want to know you!! Please sign the Pew Pad today. If you are new to St. Paul, want your information updated or with us every week– let us know you are here!! Please fill in your contact information and we will happily contact you as you wish.

•When you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital, please ask the hospital to notify the church office. If you have a new addition to your family, if your address or phone changes, please contact the church office so we can keep our records current.

LEADING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP

<i>Lay Reader</i>	Pam Nicholson
<i>Radio</i>	Renee Seaman
<i>Sound / Control Room</i>	Greg Seaman and Rick Haar
<i>Ushering Team</i>	Larry Walton, Eric Gentry, Margot Uhrig, Sherri Gericki, Barb Eichenlaub Cornell
<i>Welcome Center</i>	Sandra Loeffler, Judy & Bob Harms, Cecil Crites
<i>Music Ministry</i>	St. Paul Chancel Choir
<i>Sunday School Assistant</i>	Al Scharf
<i>Director of Christian Education / Sunday School Teacher</i>	Tyler Kohrs
<i>Traditional Music Director</i>	Dan Fry
<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian

St. Paul United Church of Christ

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

October 28, 2018 9:00 am

OT = Old Testament NT = New Testament † Please stand if able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Air

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Here in this place we experience the love of God.

Many: Understanding this love must be shared in the world.

One: Here in this place we experience the peace of God.

Many: Knowing this peace must transform all people on earth.

One: Here in this place we experience the grace of God.

Many: As we are called to transform communities into centers of God's healing mercy.

INVOCATION (Unison)

Sweet Source of Grace, you supply us with steadfast love in our backpacks for the journey. You furnish us with endless streams of mercy as we travel on our rocky roads. May we soak ourselves in your waters of grace, and may we fill our reserves with this grace to share with companions we meet along the way. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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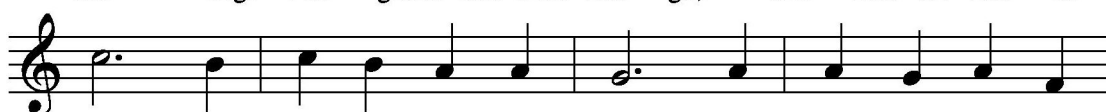
1. A might - y for - tress is _____ our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our _____ own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world with dev - ils filled should threat - en to un -
 4. That word be - yond _____ all earth - ly powers for - ev - er is a -



fail - ing, Our pres - ent help a - mid _____ the flood of mor - tal ills pre -
 los - ing, But there is one _____ who takes our side, the One of God's own
 do _____ us, We will not fear _____ for God _____ has willed the truth to tri - umph
 bid - ing; The Spir - it and _____ the gifts _____ are ours, for Christ is with us



vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe does seek to work us
 choos - ing. You ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus sets us
 through _____ us. The powers of e - vil grim, we trem - ble not for
 sid - ing. Let goods and kind - red go, this mor - tal life al -



woe with craft and pow - er great, and armed with cru - el
 free! With might - y power to save, vic - to - rious o'er the
 them; their rage we can en - dure, for lo, their doom is
 so; the bod - y they may kill; God's truth shall tri - umph



hate, on earth with - out an e - qual.
 grave, Christ will pre - vail tri - um - phant.
 sure: one lit - tle word shall fell _____ them.
 still; God's reign en - dures for - ev - er.

+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: We don't always play well with others. We grip onto the gifts that God has given us -whether gifts of talents, time, and treasures, or the gifts of love and grace. We shove the idea of sharing into the back of our minds hoping that, one day, we will stop fearing scarcity.

All: Shift our minds from scarcity to plenty. Move us from hoarding to sharing Divine love and grace. May we each see kindness as stewardship, and may we be agents of your mercy, God. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: As the sun rises on the day, fresh beginnings beckon us to try again. Today we can begin anew. Today we can fill this world with love. With gratitude to God's overflowing grace, we embrace mercy and share this gift with our neighbors!

All: Amen. With gratitude to God's overflowing grace, we embrace mercy and share this gift with our neighbors!

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of the peace with one another.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT with Pastor Michelle

MISSION MOMENT *Illinois So. Conference Annual Meeting Review* Mimi Llamas

ANTHEM *Hymn of Creation* Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 4:7-11
Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON Stewards of Grace

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HYMN *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2 My gra-cious Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
 3 Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease
 4 Glo - ry to God, and love and praise be ev - er, ev - er given

The glo - ries ev - er ech - o - ing the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 To spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
 Is mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
 By all the saints in ev - ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE with LORD'S PRAYER

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.

RECEIVING OUR MORNING GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

One: What shall we bring? As we approach the season of Thanksgiving and Stewardship, we are invited to reflect upon all of the treasures in our lives. We are also called to ponder the ways we utilize our gifts to nurture our congregation, community, and world. As treasures are collected, let us also consider the ways we can expand our stewardship of gifts and grace.

OFFERTORY

Duet

Felix Mendelssohn

+DOXOLOGY

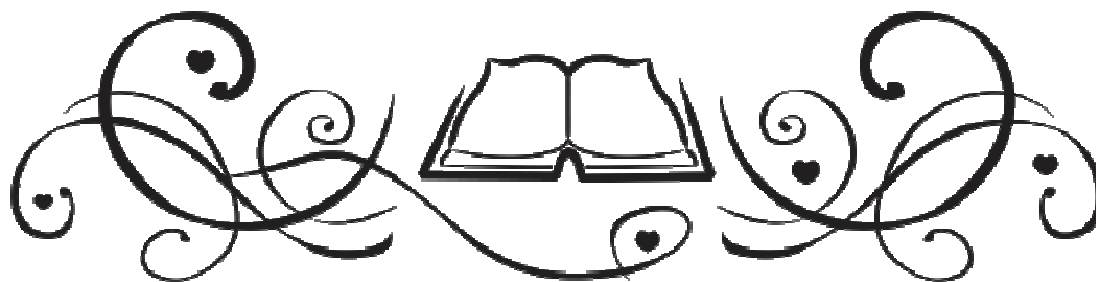
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ in whom God's grace we know
Praise Spirit, with us evermore;
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.

+UNISON DEDICATION PRAYER

Spirit of Generosity, we celebrate the gifts which have come from our hands and hearts. May we continue to contemplate the ways we can become stronger stewards of all you give to us. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God



1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and
 2. O may this boun-teous God through all our life be
 3. All praise and thanks to God our Mak - er now be

voic - es, Who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re -
 near us, With ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to
 giv - en, To Christ, and Spir - it, too, our help in high - est

joic - es, Who, from our par - ents' arms, has blessed us on our way With
 cheer us, And keep us still in grace, and guide us when per - plexed, And
 heav - en, The one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a - dore, for

count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

+BENEDICTION

One: May we maintain constant love for one another.
 May hospitality be the path we choose.
 May we be stewards of God's grace,
 And may we serve one another with whatever gifts God has granted us.
 For the Spirit of hope, the Christ of love, and the God of joy abides with
 us in this moment and on this journey. Amen!

All: Amen!

+POSTLUDE *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* Wilbur Held

Worship service written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian



NEWS & NOTES

Oct 28, 2018



SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!!

**10am in the library
With Tyler and friends!**

Good morning,

I have been attending meetings representing Mission Board and St.. Paul UCC with the Homeless Backbone Committee. This committee consists of city officials and local churches getting involved with our less fortunate citizens of Belleville.

Wanted to update the congregation that Beacon, which we partner with, is partnering with Salvation Army beginning November 1st to create a partnership called the Center of Hope. Their objective is to give people a place to go for services varying on their degree of circumstances in life. A social worker will be available for assistance. There will be shower facilities, washers & dryers, computers to fill the needs that are so great. The computers will aid in job searches. Like the Food Pantry, the need is great & I am offering all of you and opportunity to volunteer if you are able.

The hours are 9-2 Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Captain TJ Daniels will be assisting with some training to be a volunteer. I am going to volunteer once a month and ask you to please consider giving a helping hand for this worthwhile project. Please call Carol Haffner Meyer at 314-583-1279 to volunteer.

Let's show the city and community that St. Paul UCC cares about this project by helping the less fortunate.

Thank You
Sandy Ritter



The flowers today are sponsored
in memory of:
Gary Rotert,
Dedicated husband,
father, and grandfather...
Missing you on this
first anniversary of your passing.
Love, Bette

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ATTENTION ALL ST. PAUL UCC BELLEVILLE YOUTH!
WE ARE PARTNERING WITH REGION 9 AND GETTING ALL THE YOUTH GROUPS IN THE AREA TOGETHER FOR A GIANT YOUTH EVENT.
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018 FROM 1:00PM TO 3:00PM WE WILL BE SPENDING AN AFTERNOON AT SKYZONE FOR COMMUNITY, FELLOWSHIP, AND MOST DEFINITELY FUN!
RSVP WITH TYLER KOHRS (CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR)
CALL: (618) 233-3303 OR EMAIL: TKOHR@STPAULUCC.ORG



Join us this year in sharing the joy of the season~
come to the "Hanging of the Greens".

On November 25th, we will begin Advent
by decorating our church
for the holiday season together.

At the 11 am Celebration Service,
we will be "Hanging the greens" together.

Then at 4:00pm, come back to church
& help in the Sanctuary/Welcoming Center areas.

Bring an appetizer and a drink.

Some food and drink will be provided.

After decorating, we could all go to dinner!

Help those in need with Thanksgiving Dinner!

Thanksgiving is fast approaching and the Mission Board would like to assist those less fortunate in the Franklin Neighborhood area. Monetary donations in any amount will enable us to provide Thanksgiving dinner for these families. Donations may be mailed to the St. Paul Church office or placed in the offering plate. Please clearly mark your donation as "Thanksgiving Donation". Thank you.





For Our Prayers


Brittany Keuther - Marsha McCoy - Bill Whicher

For Our Thoughts

— This week at — St. Paul UCC
 Please see stpaulucc.org for full calendar of events!

- Sun, Oct 28 **9am Traditional Service**
Culinaires !
9:30-11:30 Flu Clinic –AC
11am Celebration Service
- Mon, Oct 22 10am exercise
 1:30 Staff Mtg
 3pm Gov French
 4:30 girl scouts
 6pm Volleyball –AC
- Tues, Oct 23 9am Quilters
 3pm Gov French
 5pm Comm Dinner
- Wed, Oct 24 9:30 Baby Class
 3pm Gov French
 Band / Bells / Choir
- Thurs, Oct 25 10am Christian Ed Class
 3pm Gov French
 4pm Masterworks
 6:15 Food Pantry Mtg
 6:30 Youth Group
 7pm Shufflers
- Fri, Oct 26 6:30pm Mingles & Singles
 Ghosts & Goblins Party at Wag-
 ner's
- Sat, Oct 27 **10:30 Spooktacular / Trunk R**
Treat

Are you interested in being a member of St. Paul UCC? Please contact Pastor Michelle or the church office.



Feeling Social!?

Men's Breakfast Group
 Meet Wednesday morning about 7am at Swansea Family Restaurant at 4425 West Main, Bville

Fireside Club Meeting
 Sunday, October 28th
 6pm in Heritage Hall
 Guest Speaker is Stephenie Bauza talking about the Choir's trip to Germany last summer. Come and join us for dessert, program, and meeting. All members and friends are invited.

Weekly Attendance		
9am / Celebration	Oct 14, 2018	Oct 15, 2017
	136/31	115/25

Offering for 10/14/2018 - \$14,004	General Fund	Needed each week \$12,912
Giving to..	\$525,355	
Budget to..	\$529,392	
Total Budget		\$671,441