



“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>	Donna Davis
<i>Nursery Care</i>	Lisa Smith and Norma Franke
<i>Radio</i>	Sherrri Stepp
<i>Sound / Control Room</i>	Rick Haar
<i>Ushering Team</i>	Dana Rosenzweig, Donna & Jim Young, Leslie, Carly & Megan Dahm
.....	Beverly Brightwell, Carol Simon
<i>Welcome Center</i>	Jeanine Guthrie, Rose Hoy, Sandy Kramer, Debbie Lippert, Scott Gentry
<i>Sunday School Assistant</i>	Pam Nicholson
<i>Director of Christian Education / Sunday School Teacher</i>	Tyler Kohrs
<i>Guest Organist</i>	Mary Lu Bretsch
<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian

St. Paul United Church of Christ

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time / Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 4, 2018 9:00 am

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Praise Him! Praise Him!* Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Together we come to herald the good news of God:

Many: for God so loves the world!

One: Together we come proclaiming a hopeful understanding of God:

Many: we are the salt of the earth!

One: Together we come bearing new life in God:

Many: we are the light of the world!

One: Come, let us love one another:

Many: we are the city of God!

INVOCATION (Unison)

Meet us here, O God, in these moments as we share your story and endeavor to be your salt to a bland world. We pray that our songs, prayers, and praise will be light in the shadows of this world. Guide us as we spend time in our work for you. Move us as we continue to do good works in your name. We share this in the name of the One You Sent to be Love, our Christ. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN *Forward Through the Ages*

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1. For - ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,
2. Wide grows God's do - min - ion, reign of love and peace;
3. Not a - lone we con - quer, not a - lone we fall;



move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine;
for it we must la - bor, till all striv - ings cease.
in each loss or tri - umph, lose or tri - umph all.



Gifts in dif - fer - ing mea - sure, hearts of one ac - cord,
Proph - ets have pro - claimed it, teach - ers tes - ti - fied,
Bound by God's far pur - pose in one liv - ing whole,



man - i - fold in ser - vice, — one the sure re - ward.
po - ets sung its glo - ry, — mar - tyrs for it died.
move we on to - geth - er — to the shin - ing goal.

REFRAIN



For - ward through the a - ges, — in un - bro - ken line,



Move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine.

+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: We forget that we are the bearers of Christ's light in the world. We neglect to use our time to flavor the world with hope and grace. Instead we confine Divine brightness to boxes of complacency and inertia.

All: Stir us, Spirit of Radiance. Help us to spend our time more efficiently and less time worrying, less time judging, less time coveting what our neighbors have. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: We hold the light of God with us all the time. God is giving us new chances to use this light to brighten the world. May we embrace this light and care for our world.

All: Amen! Thanks be to God!

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

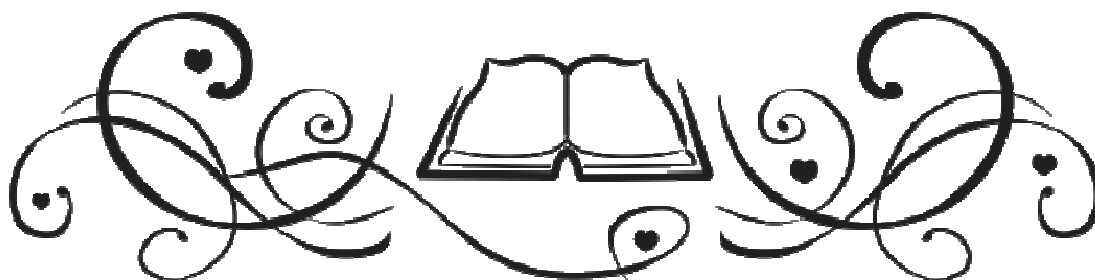
Many: And also with you.

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT with Pastor Michelle

BAPTISM of Avery Marie Elser

Born on May 16th, 2018 to Andrew & Brittany Elser,



Granddaughter of Bruce & Pam Elser and Kevin & Deloris Forshee,
Godparents are Nick Elser, Stacey Forshee, and Tiffany Forshee.

Welcome, Address, Questions of the Candidates

Congregational Assent

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them in baptism. Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to the one about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

All: We promise our love, support, and care.

Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

All: I believe in God.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of Baptism, Act of Baptism, Prayer for the Baptized

MISSION MOMENT



Stewardship Campaign

SPECIAL MUSIC *Pie Jesu, from Requiem* Andrew Lloyd Webber
 Osceola Mueller and Lisa Hudnall, duet

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:13-16, Psalm 90

+HYMN *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

1. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 2. When you found the won - der of the Word, I was
 3. In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not to
 4. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old, I re - joiced the day you

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. I was
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long. Should you
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun. When the
 were bap - tized to see your life un - fold. END

there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; I'll be
 find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be
 eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be

there in case you wan - der off, and find where de - mons dwell.
 there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk 'til ris - ing sun.
 there as I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

SERMON

Time

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

As we offer our gifts and lives in this moment, may we become light for the nations and salt for the earth. Gracious God, you reach to us and ask us to be the bearers of Jesus' name, unafraid and ready to shine. Keep fashioning us to be generous and gracious with all that is yours. In the name of our Light, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY

His Eye is On the Sparrow

Wilbur Held

+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

May these gifts bring light to the night, hope to the lost, love to the lonely, and joy to the forgotten. We pray that our gifts, tithes, and offerings we bring this day further the work of you in our world, and spur us to be your vessels. Bless us for the work ahead, we pray. Amen.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

One: This is the joyful feast remembering the life and ministry of Jesus.

Many: Each of us has travelled our own road to gather together around this table. We come seeking communion with God and with each other.

One: This table is open to all who wish to know God more deeply, to live in love and faithfulness as Jesus did and to share in the community of God's people.

PRAYER OF COMMUNION

One: Holy One, You know and love each of us completely. We gather here to share this food and drink and in doing so remember the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

May our sharing and building up of one another empower us to live boldly and to speak out against injustice and oppression. We pray for the strength to resist the evils of our time, evils which divide us from each other.

Help us to stand for what is life-giving even at the risk of suffering for our beliefs and actions as Jesus did. Give us courage to love others as you love us especially when loving others comes with a price.

We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice.

Through your Holy Spirit, bless this bread and cup. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table, that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the Christ in our midst. Bless those who do not eat with us here now but still remain part of the extended table.

Gracious God, we thank you for your goodness and your constant presence with us as we remember Jesus in whose name we pray.
Amen.

One: On the night of the Passover, Jesus asked for his friends to meet in a room-a room away from the chaos of the outside world to celebrate friendship, share concerns, rest with friends, and build the body and soul. The bread was blessed and broken by Jesus who shared the bread with his friends. Those present were thankful for the time and space of the feast.

All: We eat this bread in remembrance of the celebration between Jesus and his friends and the life-changing love of Christ.

One: At the wedding at Cana, as the wine vats ran dry, Mary knew the value of hospitality. The tables were to be filled, and the cups overflowing. Jesus blessed the vats filled with water, turning them into wine. The best refreshment was enjoyed by all.

All: We drink from our cups to celebrate the presence of Christ with those he loves. As we partake, we remember the new covenant.

One: As many were fed by the words of Jesus, they hungered for food. The loaves and fish were blessed and shared by Jesus, and thousands were fed!

All: We eat this meal in the presence of Christ knowing that we must go forward with courage, feeding others with foods that sustain the souls and bodies of those who hunger.

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come, for all things are ready.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Christ welcomes to the table all who seek his presence.

The outer circle of cups contains grape juice. The two inner circles contain wine. Please hold the bread and cup until all have been served, so we may commune together.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Generous God, Thank you for being refreshed at this meal that we have shared together. Through Scriptures and this meal, we have been reminded of the importance of staying closely connected with You in spirit and with others in community. Now send us out refreshed, renewed and ready to proclaim and embody your love for all people as Jesus did. Amen.

+CLOSING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine,

this lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine,

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine, let it

shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine.)

- 2 Ev-ery-where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine . . .
- 3 All-through the night, I'm gon-na let it shine . . .

+BENEDICTION

One: Let us share Christ's light with the world to bring more hope.
Let us share Christ's light with the world to share more joy.
Let us share Christ's light with the world to bring more peace.
And let us share Christ's light with the world to bring more love.
Amen!

+POSTLUDE

Call to Worship, Invocation, Receiving Our Morning Gifts and Offerings,
and Dedication Prayer from What Shall We Bring Stewardship resources
from the United Church of Christ

Prayer of Reconciliation, Assurance of Grace, Benediction written
by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian

Communion written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian and Julie Watson



NEWS & NOTES

Nov 4, 2018



In a spirit of celebration,
the Illinois South Conference
of the United Church of Christ
in covenant with
St. Paul United Church of Christ
invites you to a

Service of Installation
for
Rev. Michelle Torigian
as pastor and teacher

Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 3pm
St. Paul United Church of Christ
115 West B Street
Belleville, Illinois 62221

Reception to follow in Activity Center.
RSVP to 618.233.3303
or tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org
by Monday, November 5.

Pastors are asked to robe
with their favorite red stole
and to arrive at
2:30pm to join in the procession.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!!

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

Online Directory / Mobile App & Phone Directory

Online Directory Coming Soon! Need to contact a member of this congregation, but you don't have your Guide Book & Directory with you? New this year, we are working with Guide Book Publishing to launch a highly secure Online Directory & Mobile App!

Key Features:

- Easy to use search features
- One touch calling / texting / emailing
- One touch directions & mapping
- The ability to upload your own photos
- Bank level password encryption



This product will serve as an interactive pictorial directory without the commercial photography (no portrait session to attend, no pictures to buy). It is a safe, secure directory that can only be accessed by our congregation through our website or mobile app.

This is in addition to our printed Guide Book & Directory.

***Please make sure the church office has your correct contact information!
PHONE NUMBERS! ADDRESS! EMAILS!***

However, should you choose to not want to be a part of the Online Directory or printed Guide Book & Directory, please contact the church office, so we can remove your information from the list before uploading the information.

If you have a company that is interested in advertising in this new product and the printed Guide Book & Directory please contact the office. It is through the support of advertisers in our community that these services continue to be provided to us at no cost. *Thank you!!!*

The flowers today
are sponsored
in honor of:
Our granddaughter,
Avery Marie Elser's
Baptism.

Love, Bruce & Pam Elser



35
Years
Blessed

The music today
is sponsored
in honor of:
Our 35th
Wedding Anniversary
Lynn & Lucy Bradley



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/Welcome 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

“Conquer the angry one by not getting angry; conquer the wicked by goodness; conquer the stingy by generosity, and the liar by speaking the truth.” – **Gautama Buddha**

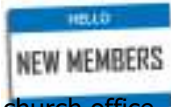
“Control your thoughts. Decide about that which you will think and concentrate upon. You are in charge of your life to the degree you take charge of your thoughts.” – **Earl Nightingale**

— This week at — St. Paul UCC

Please see stpaulucc.org for full calendar of events!

<u>Sun, Nov 4</u>	9am Traditional Service 10am Sunday School 11am Celebration Service
<u>Mon, Nov 5</u>	10am exercise 1:30 Staff Mtg 3pm Gov French 4pm Peanut Squares –HH 4:30 Investment Comm 4:30 girl scouts 6pm Volleyball
<u>Tues, Nov 6</u>	ELECTION DAY! 9am Quilters 5pm Comm Dinner
<u>Wed, Nov 7</u>	3pm Gov French Band / Bells / Choir
<u>Thurs, Nov 8</u>	10am Adult Christian Ed Class 3pm Gov French 4pm Masterworks 6pm Boards 6pm MDO Advisory Mtg
<u>Fri, Nov 9</u>	9:30 S&N Meeting
<u>Sat, Nov 10</u>	10am Centering Prayer 7:30 Bville Philharmonic Concert
<u>Sun, Nov 11</u>	3pm Pastor Michelle's Installation

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



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

<u>Weekly Attendance</u>		
9am / Celebration	<u>Oct 21, 2018</u>	<u>Oct 22, 2017</u>
	163/27	106/34

Offering for 10/21/2018 - \$16,163		General Fund	Needed each week \$12,912
Giving to...			\$541,517
Budget to...			\$542,304
Total Budget			\$671,441