

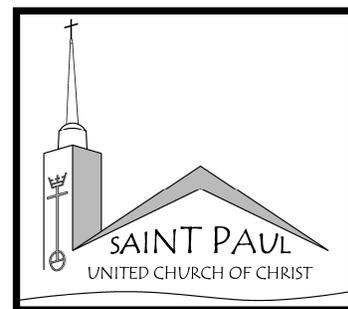
# THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

*“This is my Son, the Beloved,  
with whom I am well pleased.”*



*Matthew 3*

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



# *Welcome to Worship*

## at St. Paul UCC

*We are glad you are here!*

9 am Worship in the Sanctuary  
 9:15 am Pre K Sunday School ~ Nursery  
 10 am Sunday School ~ Library

### Information for our friends ~

- Our **9am Worship Service** is inspired with hymns, scripture and a uplifting, theological based sermon, in a family friendly environment.
- The Cry Room is open during 9 am service ~If the small person gets wiggly, there are toys & books to enjoy in this space.
- 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> .....	Karen Keuss
<i>Radio</i> .....	Sherri Stepp
<i>Sound / Control Room</i> .....	Rick Haar and Tina Lake-Hopper
<i>Acolytes</i> .....	Daniela Wilson, Carson Hopper
<i>Ushers</i> .....	Wayne Caughman, Donna Davis, Bob & Judy Harms, Scott Gentry, Terry Kalinowski
<i>Welcome Center</i> .....	Lana Gentry, Shirley Martin, Jerry Messick, Gloria Strohm
<i>Music Ministry</i> .....	Chancel Choir
<i>Music Director</i> .....	Dr. Bill Wade
<i>Senior Pastor</i> .....	Rev. Michelle Torigian

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

# *St. Paul United Church of Christ*

*Third Sunday after Christmas*

January 12, 2020 9:00 am

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**      *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*      (HOUSTON)  
Composer: Kathleen Thomerson, (b.1934), arranged by Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The prophet announces:

**Many: All of you will return to God,  
a great company of saints processing!**

One: The people reply:

**Many: We praise the Lord, for we are God's people!**

One: God restores what has been broken:

**Many: Communities destroyed by conflict,  
Trust betrayed by broken promises.**

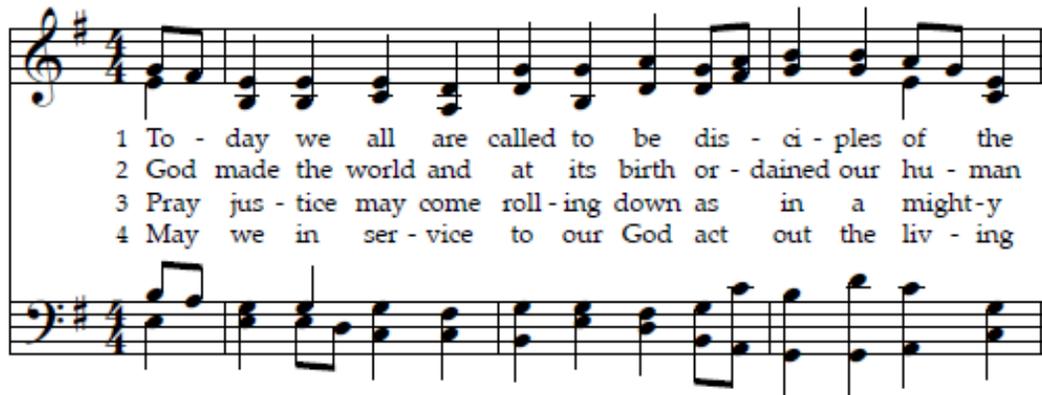
One: The prophet has spoken, and the people respond:

**Many: We praise the Lord, for we are God's people!**

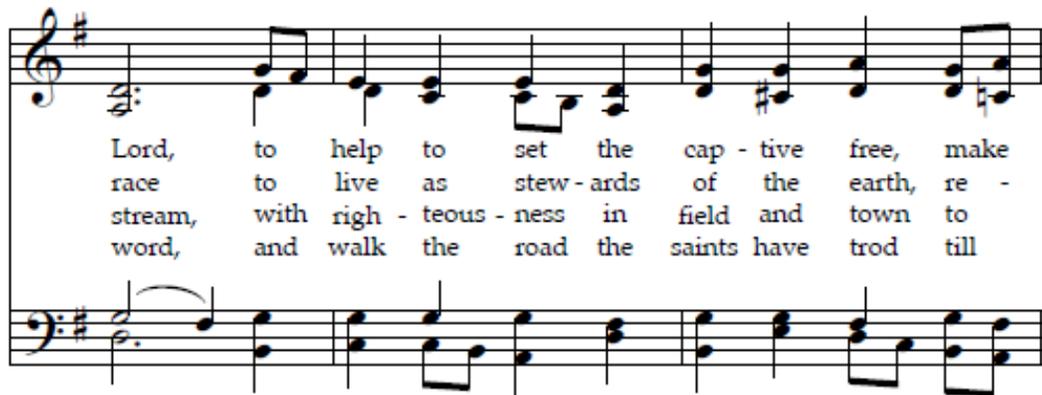
## INVOCATION (Unison)

**We have been gathered by your strong, tender arms, O God.  
You have walked with us through terrors. You have freed us to  
run like living waters upon the earth. Let your Spirit flow  
through this place, that every spiritual blessing might be ours for  
the receiving and the sharing. Amen.**

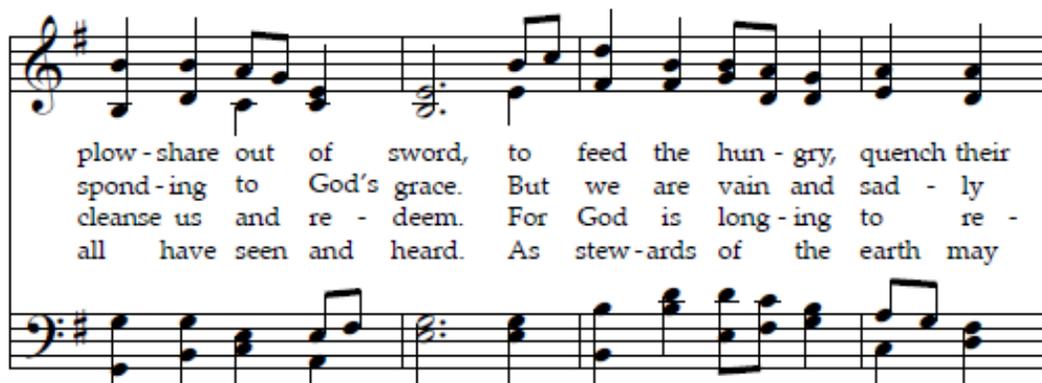
+OPENING HYMN *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*  
(KINGSFOLD)



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their  
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly  
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -  
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the  
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord  
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that  
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

**+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

**All: God of heaven and earth, you see all things. You know the depths of our hearts better than we can know ourselves. You know the great heights to which we aspire. You know the depth of our failures when we fall short of doing what we know is right. We ask for your mercy and forgiveness for our selfishness and fears. Help us to walk as the faithful representatives you call us to be. Amen.**

**+ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: God truly shows no partiality. God's love and grace is experienced in every faith community and in every nation.  
Let us celebrate God's grace and love today and always!

**All: Amen! Thanks be to God!**

**+PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**  
One: Let us share a sign of the peace with one another.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** with Pastor Michelle

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Wade in the Water*

Composer: Aaron David Miller (b. 1949)

REFRAIN: Wade in the water, wade in the water children,  
wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.  
Wade in the water, wade in the water children,  
wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

Now see that host all dressed up bright,  
God's gonna trouble the water.  
The leader looks like the Israelite.  
God's gonna trouble the water. REFRAIN

Look over yonder, what do I see,  
God's gonna trouble the water.  
The Holy Spirit's coming for me.  
God's gonna trouble the water.

Now see that band all dressed in red,  
God's gonna trouble the water.  
It looks like the band that Moses led.  
God's gonna trouble the water.

If you don't believe, I've been redeemed,  
God's gonna trouble the water.  
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream.  
God's gonna trouble the water. REFRAIN

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 3:13-17  
Isaiah 42:1-9

**SERMON**

The Beginning

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE with the 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: Blessings abound! Just as God holds nothing back in giving us the fullness of God's own self, let us offer all of our lives in these our gifts and tithes. In this way, we join in the great company of God's beloved people.

**OFFERTORY**

*As with Gladness*

(DIX)

Tune by Conrad Kocher (1786-1872), arranged by Wayne Wold

**+DOXOLOGY** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* (OLD 100th)

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.

**+DEDICATION PRAYER (Unison)**

**Bless these gifts, offered in hope for the fulfilling of all your promises, gracious God. May they draw all your children together in peace and joy, in order that the world may be filled with Christ's love. Amen.**

+CLOSING HYMN *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* (WATERLIFE)



1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when  
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to  
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to  
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to  
 lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -



see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a  
 whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your  
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of  
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to  
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
 make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
 I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

## +BENEDICTION

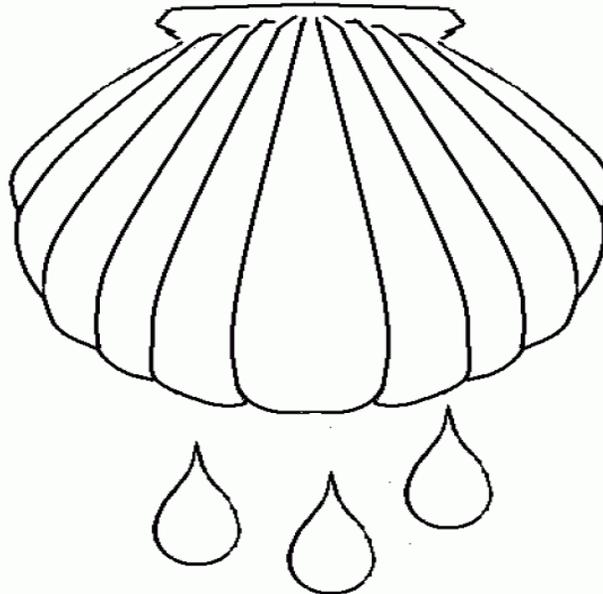
One: The light has come into the world to shine on our path.  
Go forth from this place reflecting the brightness of Christ's presence in your hearts. Go forth from this place warmed by the promises of God's eternal care. Go forth from this place joyous, for you are a part of God's "great company." Above all, go forth from this place sharing the glory and grace of God, who creates, redeems and sustains. Amen.

**All: Amen!**

## POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Processional in G*

Composer: David Lasky (b. 1957)



*Information about today's service:* All St. Paul United Church of Christ services may be recorded.

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Welcome

We're glad  
you're here!

News & Notes

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## WELCOME to Dr. Bill Wade Our New Director of Music

Dr. Bill Wade is excited to join the staff at St. Paul UCC January 1, 2020. A native of Arlington, Texas, Bill has been music minister/organist in Saint Louis, MO for the last eleven years at Trinity Presbyterian Church and then Ferguson First Presbyterian Church. Bill has been an active church musician since age 14 and has served churches in TX, OK, KS and MO.

Bill is a former Dean of the Saint Louis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and is a member of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, the Handbell Association of America and the Hymn Society of North America and Canada.

Dr. Wade is a retired physician, has a Masters degree in organ performance from Webster University, and a Masters in Public Health from Saint Louis University.



We like when you are here  
so, please let us you know you are here!!

When you sign in the pew pad, please sign in complete information (first and last name, etc)  
If there would be an emergency, we would use these pads to know whose was where, when, and complete information

is important for this process.

So, please be sure to fill out the pew pad completely every week!

Thanks!!



## **THE BYLAW REVISIONS ARE ALMOST COMPLETE!**

Your Bylaw Committee has been hard at work these past few months. Our task is to carefully revise our present bylaws in an effort to make them more efficient and flexible.

Some of the concepts we will be recommending will be quite different from the way we presently do business and govern ourselves. But we hope you will agree that the suggested changes will move us into the future with less cumbersome requirements.

Here's what you need to know about the timeline:

Sunday, December 8 immediately following the service at the Annual Congregational Budget Meeting, we will be asking the Congregation for permission to postpone the annual election until the Annual Meeting on February 8.

Sunday, December 22 the proposed Bylaw revisions will be available for you to read.

Sunday, January 5 immediately following the service, an informal meeting for Q & A will be held in the sanctuary

**Sunday, January 12 immediately following the service, a Special Bylaw Meeting will be held in the sanctuary to vote on the proposed Bylaws.**

Sunday, February 9 immediately following the service, elections will be held as part of the Annual Meeting agenda.

Thank you for your consideration concerning this most important effort.

Bylaw Committee:

Brett White	Mimi Llamas
Larry Walton	Dana Rosenzweig
Karen Keuss	Sandy Wagner, chair
Diane Drake	Pastor Michelle Torigian

# CRAFTY MANIA

Proceeds to Benefit: A Mission of the Church

Are you a Scrapbooker, Card Maker, Jewelry Maker, or a Sewer?  
What ever your craft, join us!! Spend the day doing what you like!!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!



**What:** All Day Crafting  
**When:** Saturday –February 1<sup>st</sup> 2020  
**\*\*\*(if the event gets cancelled due to snow or low attendance, the new date would be April 18th)\*\*\*\***  
9:00am – 4:00pm

**Where:** St. Paul UCC  
115 West B st (enter on C st)  
Belleville, IL

**Adults:** \$30.00 with lunch / \$25 no lunch  
**Includes:** snacks, vendors, reserved space, attendance prizes,

**Extended Hours Available!** 9am–10:00pm \$35.00 per person (meals served) / NO meals \$30

**Contact Person:** Diana Haar @ [dmhaar@charter.net](mailto:dmhaar@charter.net) or

St. Paul Church @ (618) 233-3303

**\*\*Raffle tickets will be available for purchase of a variety of items.**

**\*\*\* Early bird registration due January 6<sup>th</sup> (to be entered in special drawing)**

### Reservation Deadline is January 20<sup>th</sup>

**\*\*\*\*Please remember IF the minimum is not met by the deadline, the event will be **CANCELLED!!****

**Make checks payable to:** St. Paul UCC  
**Mail payment & reservation to:** St. Paul UCC **Attn: Crafty Mania**  
115 West B st  
Belleville, IL 62220

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail(print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_  
I would like to sit by \_\_\_\_\_  
My craft is \_\_\_\_\_  
Enclosed is my payment of (please circle ONE below)

- 1 \$30.00 with lunch / \$25.00 no lunch                      9am – 4pm
- 2 \$35.00 with lunch & dinner/ \$30.00 no meals      9am – 10:00pm



### Pre-Confirmation Classes starting in late January

Do you know a young person  
in sixth-eighth grade that  
may be interested in  
confirmation class?

We would love to have them  
join us for a pre-confirmation  
class on the fourth Sundays  
of each month following  
worship.

For more information,  
contact Pastor Michelle.

The Culinares would  
like to celebrate a year  
“well-done” and see  
what is on the  
“menu” for 2020!

If you would like to know more  
about the Culinares, ask  
questions and see what all the  
fuss it about, come to  
our meeting on  
Saturday, January 18 at 6pm.  
Bring a spouse, friend, or  
significant other. And please  
bring an appetizer or something  
to share - Be bold!

This is the group to try  
new things on!

Dave & Sue Hoffmann’s Home  
233 Bourdelais, Swansea

Hello Social Justice Book Group!

Over the next months, we will be reading *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander.

We will be meeting on the following dates:

**(TODAY) January 12** and February 9

All dates will be on days in which we have congregational meetings about the budget or bylaws, so we will meet at Tavern on Main at 11am or as soon as the meeting is over - whichever happens to be later. You'll find the link below to the book on Amazon.

I look forward to discussing this with you!





## at St. Paul UCC

### Age 2-5: Pre-K Sunday School

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Our Pre-K Sunday School takes place in our Nursery  
Time: 9:15am after the Children's Time  
Sundays: 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th

### Age 6+: Sunday School

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Our Sunday School takes place in our Library (for now)  
Time: 10am (after service)  
Sundays: 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th

### For more information:

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contact Craig 233-3303      [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)

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115 West B Street Belleville, IL  
618-233-3303      [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)

## **Friends, Food & Fun**

(Formally known as *Mingles and Singles*)

### **Yearly Planning Meeting**

(This meeting is to finalize tentative plans)

**Friday, January 24th at 6:30pm**

Judy Koch & Al Stahl's home

2345 Slammer Drive, Belleville

Please bring an appetizer to share and beverage of choice.

## **St. Paul's MDO Spirit Night**

Thursday, January 16th, 2020

5PM - 8PM



Join us for food and fun! Come support St. Paul's MDO and a portion of the night's sales will be donated accordingly.

### **Chick-Fil-A**

Green Mount Commons

2532 Green Mount Commons Drive, Belleville, IL

\* MUST SAY YOU ARE THERE FOR SPIRIT NIGHT \*

### For Your Prayers

Marsha McCoy  
Casey Randolph  
Tim Ritter  
Dian Thom  
Margo Uhrig

### History with Henke *A hint of St. Paul history each week*

February 28, 1842 - Rev. Alexis Dony was elected pastor.  
February 2, 1851 - Rev. J.B. Hoppe was elected pastor. Andreas Lang was also elected teacher. Therefore, at this time, St Paul Church had both a minister and a teacher. In October, 1851, a second teacher was appointed. This indicates a substantial enrollment in the school.

### This Week

Sun, Jan 12 9am Worship  
9:15 Pre K Sunday School  
10am Sunday School  
CONGREGATIONAL MTG

Mon, Jan 13 MDO  
10am Exercise  
1pm Fireside Exec Board-Library  
5pm Girl Scouts  
6:30 Volleyball

Tues, Jan 14 MDO  
9am Quilters  
10am Safety Meeting  
1:30 Shufflers  
4:30 Ecuador Mtg-Upper Rm  
5pm Comm Dinner

Wed, Jan 15 MDO  
9:30 Stewardship Mtg -Library  
10am Genealogy Class  
Bells / Choir

Thurs, Jan 16 MDO  
3pm Gov French  
4pm Masterworks  
5pm MDO Chic-Fil-A Fundraiser  
6:30 Council

Fri, Jan 17 MDO  
3pm Gov French

Sat, Jan 17 Ctr Prayer

**Pastor Michelle's Office Hours this week:**  
Mon & Tues 9am- noon Thurs 2pm -5pm

Call Tina at 233-3303 for any scheduling questions.

### For Your Information

**PRAYER REQUEST**  
Cards are now in the  
church pews.  
Please write your request  
and place slip on the center  
pew arm before service or  
give to usher.

### Weekly Attendance

9am /11am	Nov 29, 2019	Nov 30, 2018
	118/Single	133/ Single

Offering for 12/31/2019 -	\$11,658	<b>General Fund</b>	Needed each week	\$13,281
Giving to...				
Budget to...	\$690,615			\$693,954
Total Budget	\$690,615			