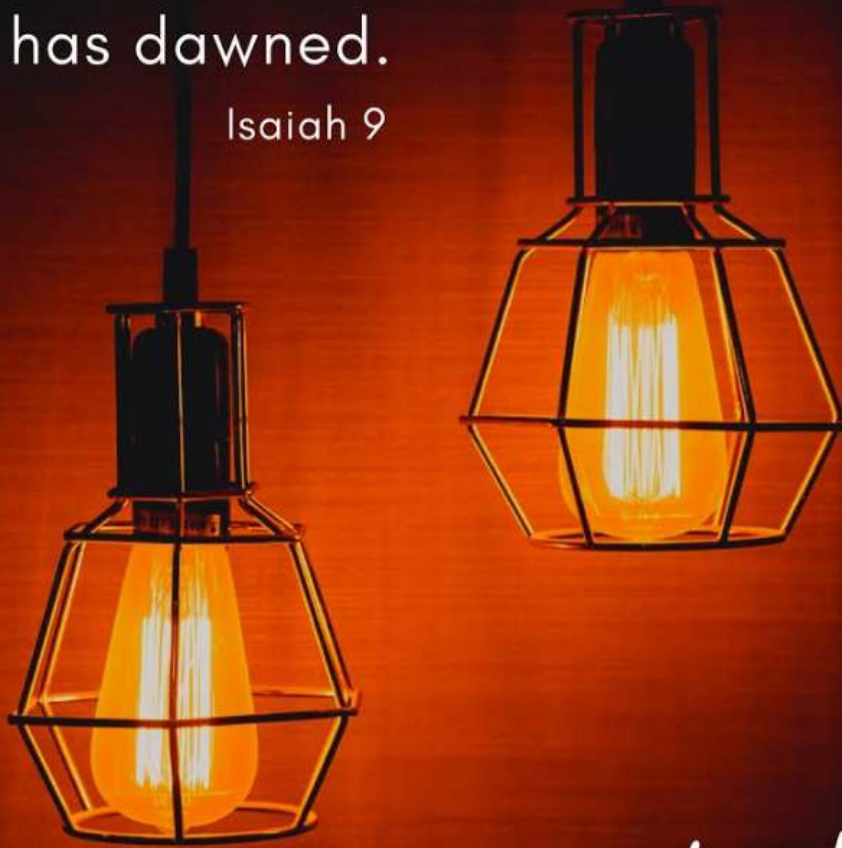


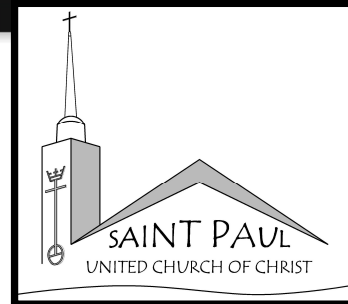
Light has dawned.

Isaiah 9



Experiencing Light

“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.
- Prayer Request Cards can be found in the pew pockets. Please write your request and place slip on the center arm before service or give to an usher.
- 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>	Lynn Koehler
<i>Radio</i>	Renee Seaman
<i>Sound / Control Room</i>	Greg Seaman and Dana Rosenzweig
<i>Ushers</i>	Wayne Caughman, Larry Walton, Sherri Gericki, Jerri Pierce-Heisler
<i>Welcome Center</i>	Cecil Crites, Bob & Judy Harms, Sandra Loeffler
<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 Epiphany

January 26, 2020 9:00 am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Tune by John Hughes, 1873-1932; Arranged by J. Bert Carlson (1937-2017)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In this space, God's glow surrounds us.

**Many: In this place, God's glimmer
brightens the surrounding gloom.**

One: We yearn to see the radiance from the sun's company.

**Many: We hope to see the moon's glow accompanying
us until the morn.**

One: Winter's malaise will not last long.

Many: Arise, friends. For God's warmth endures forever.

INVOCATION (Unison)

**Holy Radiance, Holy Spirit, in our seasons when gloom invades
our skies, may your mirthful glow shine brightly. As brisk winds
monopolize our air, may your welcoming breezes nudge us to
comfort and serve our world. Help us to seek you beyond thick
layers of clouds. Encourage us to steer our neighbors to see you
in the short days of winter and the long nights of summer. Amen.**

+OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

(DIX)

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (Unison)

One: God of breezy nights and dreary days, we hoard Divine brilliance for ourselves - even when we have been reminded that to love our neighbors means to spread light into the world.

All: Without thinking, we cast shadows across the earth. Shift our perspectives so that we avoid becoming obstacles to God's gleam. May we become carriers of light instead of barriers to God's glow. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: God will always share Divine Beauty with us. God will call us to find splendor and in darkness and magnificence in daylight as both are where God abides. God will continue to ask us to share radiance and joy with our neighbors. God gives us second chances, calling us again and again to be channels of love and warmth.

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 *Go Ye Into All the World*

REFRAIN: Go ye into all the world and preach My gospel to ev'ry creature!
Go ye into all the world and preach My gospel to ev'ry creature!
Go ye into all the world,
Go ye into all the world and preach My Gospel!

Jesus said, "This is the great commandment:
that ye love one another as I have loved you.
Greater love hath no man than this;
that he lay down his life for his friends." REFRAIN

"Let not your heart be troubled,
You believe in God,
If you believe in God,
You believe in Me!" REFRAIN

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:1-4
Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON

Experiencing Light

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: Holy Radiance, you fill our hearts with levity and our souls with joy. Even in the seasons that appear gloomy, your steadfast presence kindles our spirits, sustaining us until the new season approaches. In our gratitude for love and light, we share our gifts and our luminosity with our world. Loving God, let us take these moments to share our gifts and reflect on how we share your Divine Glow with our world.

OFFERTORY

Assurance

Tune: Phoebe P. Knapp (1830-1908), arranged by J. Bert Carlson (b. 1937)

+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)

We look to you for what we need, God of Love. We ask that you continue to fill our hearts with your Divine Glow. Ignite our spirits so that we can pass along your radiance to our world. We pray all of this with hearts of hope. Amen.

+CLOSING HYMN

Hark The Herald Angels Sing (WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT)

With a gospel feel

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing.
2 Joy - ful all you na - tions, rise. Je - sus, the
3 Christ by high - est heaven a - dored;
4 Hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

light of the world. Glo - ry to the
Join the tri - umph
Christ, the ev - er -
Hail, the Sun of

new - born King,
of the skies. Je - sus, the light of the world.
last - ing Lord;
righ - teous - ness!

Hymn continues on next page

Refrain

We'll walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light.

Come where the dew - drops of mer - cy shine bright.

O, shine all a - round us by day and by

night. Je - sus, the light of the world.

+BENEDICTION

One: In seasons of despair, God's Glow will warm our hearts.
In seasons of hopelessness, Christ's Light will spark our minds.
In seasons of gloom, Holy Radiance will sustain our souls.
As clouds droop low and shadows stretch, let us carry Divine
Illumination into our world! Amen!

All: Amen!

Information about today's service: All St. Paul United Church of Christ services may be recorded .
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Worship Service written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE

May the God of Hope Go With Us (Sing 3 times)



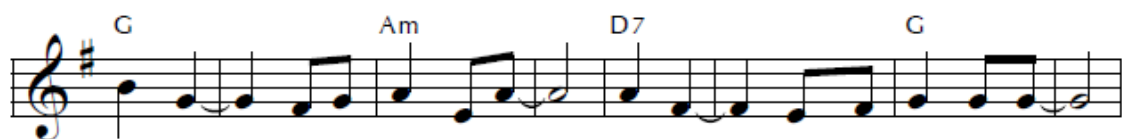
May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our
¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en



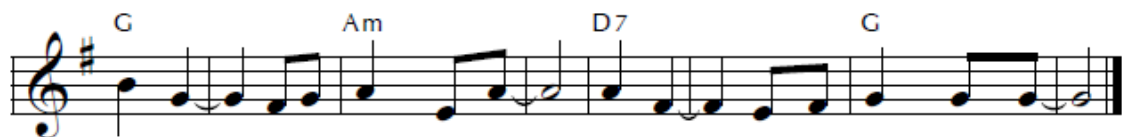
lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;
O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.
Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.

POSTLUDE

Recessional on "Hymn to Joy"

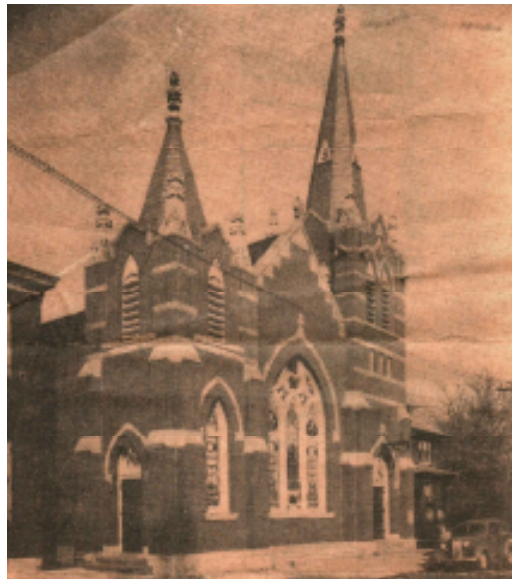
Arranged by Matthew H. Corl



Celebration of the Restoration of Heritage Hall

Save the Date

Sunday,
April 5th
2pm - 4pm





Welcome

We're glad
you're here!

News & Notes

stpaulucc.org

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 Blue Barrel for the Memorial
Auxiliary Book Fair has arrived!**

The Blue Barrel is located in the
hallway next to the
Community Collection Corner, and
will only be here for a short while!!
Bring your books when you come to
the church or if you have a large
amount, call the Memorial Hospital
Auxiliary for arrangements. Thanks!

Fireside Club

The Fireside Club will be meeting at
Cheddar's Restaurant
(in front of St. Clair Mall in Fairview Heights)
following service on Sunday, January 26th
Doors open at 10:30am
There will be no meeting in February.





ST PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FINE ARTS SERIES *PRESENTS*

JAZZ WINDS
OF
PATAGONIA

Bill Molenhof, Artistic Director, Percussion

Maria Gabriela Guala, Piano, Voice

Joy Harris, 6 String Electric Bass, Voice

FREE CONCERT - FREE WILL OFFERING

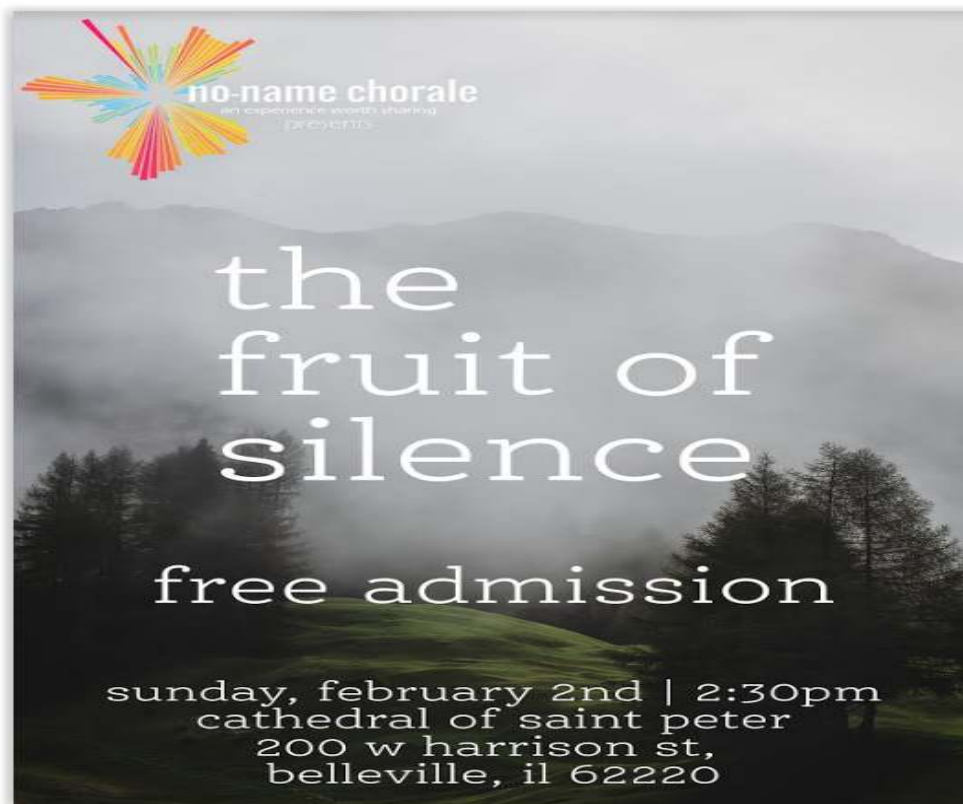
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7 PM

ST PAUL UCC SANCTUARY

115 WEST B STREET (ENTER FROM C STREET)

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THE WITTENBURG GERMANY
SCHLOSSKIRCHE GOSPEL CHOIR
IS COMING TO ST. PAUL

SAVE THE DATE !!!!!

Here's your chance to get to know someone new. On Friday, May 22, as our final Fine Arts Series Concert, we will be welcoming the Wittenburg Germany Schlosskirche Gospel Choir.

Our friends will arrive on Thursday evening, May 21. We're inviting YOU to be a part of hosting our guests on Thursday and Friday nights. Details are still being worked out, but we know that we will need housing for about 40 folks on Thursday and Friday nights. We'll keep everyone apprised of the schedule as the date gets closer.

Please be thinking about how YOU can be a part of this exciting experience!
Sandy Wagner

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



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.

RING IN 2020 WITH YOUTH PROGRAMS AT ST. PAUL UCC & CHRISTIAN ED

NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION to build a YOUNG AT HEART SPIRIT to support our youth programs created by Craig Bielke, our Director of Faith Formation & Care, and Pastor Michelle by participating in the life of St. Paul UCC.

BUILD A TEAM for an Event:

Bunny Breakfast - April 11 from 10am-noon

Vacation Bible School-June 22-26 from 6-8pm

Spooktacular - October TBD

Cookies with Santa - December 5 from 10am-noon

These events need a team of volunteers to help make it success!

Programs:

Any Age from 18-90 can sign up to participate and help chaperone in the different programs and activities. *ALL volunteers must have a current background check and paperwork on file in the office prior to volunteering. Takes approximately 2 weeks at most.

PreK Sunday School - 45 minute commitment in nursery during worship service,

programming prepared, assist lead teacher, all weeks but 1st

Sunday School - Following service in the library, programming prepared,

assist lead teacher, all weeks but 3rd

Youth Group - meets first Wed of the month through May, 6-8pm

Youth Group Outreach Outings - usually Saturdays or evenings - Once a month Chaperone/ Building relationships with the youth & keeping them interested.

As you can see Christian Ed, Craig, Pastor Michelle have been very busy providing energetic and enthusiastic programs that will interest our youth. We can only build on this with ALL OF YOUR HELP. SO BECOME INVOLVED TO BUILD A VITAL PART OF THE FUTURE OF ST. PAUL UCC.

PLEASE CALL SANDY RITTER 222-1123 TO PICK YOUR DATES TO HELP.

For Your Prayers

Marsha McCoy
Casey Randolph
Tim Ritter
Billy Pelc
Dian Thom
Margo Uhrig
Nancy Vieman

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

February 7, 1862 - The congregation decided to give a dance a City Park to raise money for the new church. The dance was to be given on Washington's birthday.

February 8, 1868 - The congregation decided to build a school house and parsonage on the lot adjoining the church. (This is the area next to Heritage Hall where the playground is now located.)
The lot was purchased for \$200.

This Week

Sun, Jan 19 **9am Worship**
9:15 Pre K Sunday School
10am Sunday School

Mon, Jan 20 MDO
10am exercise
Noon - prayer group - upper rm
4pm MDO Parent/Teacher Conf
4:30 Investment Comm-upper rm
5pm Girl Scouts
6:30 Volleyball

Tues, Jan 21 MDO
9am Quilters
4pm MDO Parent/Teacher Conf
5pm Comm Dinner
5pm Girl Scouts

Wed, Jan 22 MDO
Bells / Choir

Thurs, Jan 23 MDO
3pm Gov French
4pm Masterworks

Fri, Jan 24 MDO
Craftymania setup

Sat, Jan 25 Craftymania

Pastor Michelle's Office Hours this week:
Mon and Tues 10am - 1pm

For Your Information



at St. Paul UCC

Age 2-5: Pre-K Sunday School

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

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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Weekly Attendance

	Jan 12, 2020	Jan 13, 2019
9am / 11am	116/Single	51/19

