

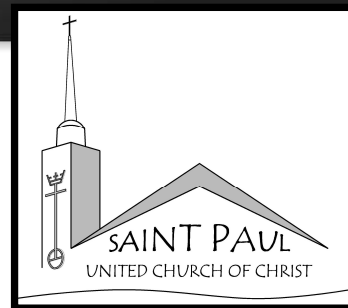
EPIPHANY

“When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.”

Matthew 2



“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
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>	Dave Hoffmann
<i>Radio</i>	Sherri Stepp
<i>Sound / Control Room</i>	Dana Rosenzweig and Greg Seaman
<i>Ushers</i>	Wayne Caughman, Beverly Brightwell,Carly, Megan & Leslie Dahm, Tammy & Amber Flach, Judy Saeger, Carol Simon
<i>Welcome Center</i>	Scott Gentry, Jeanine Guthrie, Rose Hoy, Debbie Lippert, Sandy Kramer
<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

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 5, 2020 9:00 am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Noel X Variations on French Noel

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The light shines in dimness

Many: And dimness did not overtake the light.

One: The light shines in each space.

Many: No gloom, no despair will overtake it.

One: The light shines in our souls.

Many: The shadows of life did not shade Divine light.

One: We celebrate the light of Christ

Many: A steadfast presence from the beginning

Which will shine through the end of time.

INVOCATION (Unison)

Holy Lamplighter, as night prematurely encroaches upon us each day, may your illumination brighten our souls. As we wait for dawn's first glimmer, may the warmth you carry radiate across this community. Kindle our hearts made cold by the world's frostiness, and brighten the road ahead as we ponder what is most important in our lives. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN

We Three Kings of Orient Are

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far,
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I, in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
prayer and prais - ing, voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.
sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain
O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

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+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: Spirit of God, we have blocked your light and love from our neighbors. We have barricaded the Divine glow which enlightens and empowers all of us. We have turned our backs on the gleam of your wisdom, God.

All: Yet no matter how far we flee, your light still flows near. You will never hide your light from us. Encourage us to open doors and shutters to your brilliance so that your illumination will reach our souls. May this enlightenment bring us closer to your intentions for this earth. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: God's warmth melts our hardened hearts. God's brilliance lights the path on which we will start again. May we embrace God's luminosity as we start on this new year journey. Amen!

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

+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

The Works of Christmas Dan Forrest (b.1978)
Chancel Choir and Dr. Bill Wade

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

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: As we seek the presence of God in our lives, we will begin to sense how God is calling us to use our gifts to build our church, our community, and our world. It is a privilege to share what we have been given to love and light this earth.

OFFERTORY *The Faithful Shepherd* G.F Handel (1685-1759)

+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

Divine Lamplighter, in gratitude, we share our treasures, our talents, and our time with this congregation. We humbly ask that you illuminate our minds and hearts as we use all our resources to craft a just world for all. Amen.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

One: Here at this table and in this sanctuary,
let the Divine Spark enter our lives.

**Many: Let the Holy Light aid us
in seeing the Christ in our midst.**

One: The Brightness of Jesus the Christ
will illuminate our way.

Many: The Radiance of the Christ will warm our hearts.

One: God is shining upon you!

Many: And God's light streams upon you!

One: Open your hearts.

Many: We open them to the brilliance of God.

One: Let us give thanks for the light and love of God.

Many: We praise our Creator with joy and thanksgiving.

Prayer of Communion

One: We enter this stunning space eager to experience the presence of the Christ. Notice the Christ in the cries of the children. Spot the Christ your neighbor's singing. Recognize the Christ in the laughter from the back of the sanctuary. The Christ is gleaming here, summoning us to share love and light as we greet our neighbors, share peace, pass the bread and cup, and love kindness across this earth.

On the night before Jesus died, when some were plotting to extinguish the Holy Light, warmth was shared between friends. Jesus took bread. In his blessing, he passed the Divine Glow to his followers. As he broke the bread, he reminded them to eat in remembrance of him.

Later that same evening, Jesus took the cup. He blessed it and invited his friends to taste from the cup of grace. "Do this, as often as you drink of this, for the remembrance of me."

Holy Spirit, may your Divine Glow bless this bread and cup. Warm our hearts made cold by a chilled world. May this meal inspire us to carry your warmth into our world. Amen.

Distribution of the Elements

Today we will receive the bread and wine by INTINCTION.

Please come forward by the center aisle; take a piece of bread, dip it into either the wine (labeled with the purple ribbon) or white grape juice (labeled with a white ribbon). You may consume both elements while returning to your pew by the outer aisles. Bread is Gluten free.

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Light and Love, we cherish this table in this season when the nights are long and cold. Through this meal, the Christ, and our neighbors, our hearts have warmed. May the comfort in our souls sustain us through winter and nudge us to create welcoming spaces for our neighbors. With gratitude, we leave here energized to kindle your love in this world. Amen.

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

Worship service from Reformation and Reconciliation: Service Prayers for the 24th Sunday after Pentecost was written by LT Leticia Rouser, a chaplain in the United States Navy. Opening Prayer, Prayer of Reconciliation, Assurance of Grace from <http://rev-olution.org/2016/11/04/worship-resources-for-november-13-2016-twenty-sixth-sunday-after-pentecost/>

Service of Communion written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian Prayers for Totenfest from <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/06/opening-prayer-1-kings-19-8-15.html> written by Katherine Hawker (1995), and posted on Liturgies Outside.<http://liturgyoutside.net/CPr5.html>

+CLOSING HYMN *Arise, Your Light Is Come*

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise

forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
up the bro - ken-heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn,
up like ea - gles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

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+BENEDICTION

One: As we travel dim streets during this new year, God,
Be our Divine Lamplighter.
May your light shine on the road ahead of us.
May the warmth from your flame melt the frost
covering our hearts.
May our souls come alive at the sight of your brilliance.
And may your light draw us closer to our neighbors
as we begin this season together. Amen!

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE *Noel X Finale* Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)



Welcome

We're glad
you're here!

News & Notes

stpaulucc.org

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 1st 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 or

St. Paul Church @ (618) 233-3303

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

***** Early bird registration due January 6th (to be entered in special drawing)**

Reservation Deadline is January 20th

******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

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:

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

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:

contact **Craig 233-3303** **stpaulucc.org**

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For Your Prayers

Marsha McCoy
Casey Randolph
Tim Ritter
Dian Thom
Margo Uhrig

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

January 17, 1931 - A resolution was adopted providing for the appointment of an assistant pastor for the first time. Rev. Ludwig Kutz was called to this position and preached for the first time in July, 1931. (Rev Kutz was also the guest speaker at the 150th Anniversary Confirmation reunion on June 25-26, 1988)
January 1963 - the Merry Mates were organized to promote Christian fellowship among young married couples of the church.

This Week

Sun, Jan 5 **9am Worship**
 10am Sunday School
Mon, Jan 6 MDO Back to School
 10am Exercise
 6:30 Volleyball
Tues, Jan 7 9am Quilters
 10am Plarn
 1pm Food Prep
 5pm Comm Dinner
Wed, Jan 8 9:30 Baby Class
 6pm Youth Group
 Bells / Choir
Thurs, Jan 9 3pm Gov French
 4pm Masterworks
 6pm Boards
Sat, Jan 11 Ctr Prayer

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

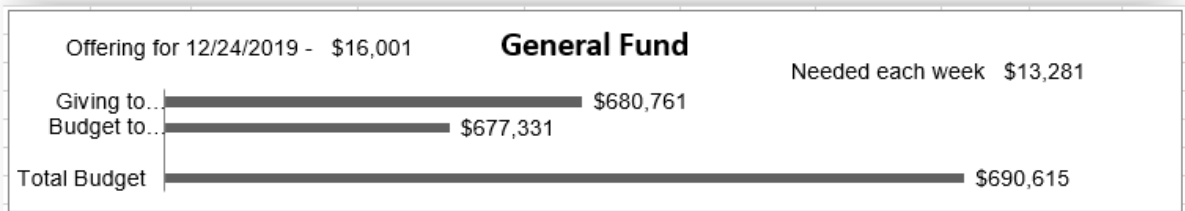
Please call Tina at 233-3303
for any scheduling questions. Thank you!

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 24, 2019	Nov 24, 2018
4:30	132 /7pm 168	4:30 140/7pm 187





**Wise Men Worship Jesus
Matthew 2**

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