

Sunday, November 6, 2022 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

"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



November 6, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior PastorRev. Michelle T Director of MusicTristan Fra	U.
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Guest OrganistJanet S	
Liturgist	

WELCOME

Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE Blessed are the Faithful Souls, Departed Johannes Brahms

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather. **Many: May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.** One: May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew. **Many: In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered.** One: May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation. **Many: And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.**

INVOCATION (UNISON)

God of every age and time, inspire us today with memories of saints whose energy still lingers, hovering around and within as encouragement and strength. Wrap us anew with a felt sense of your persistent presence, granting a new energy to offer you everything of our hearts, minds and souls. Yes, Love of Life, root us and ground us in this. And let it be more than enough for today, as we gather in the name of Jesus. Amen. For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

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*PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION AND REFLECTION (UNISON) Loving God, Grant me grace to release everything too much or too little into your transforming fire of refinement. Sear in me the strength of your saints – generous and gentle, focused and fierce – just enough to answer your Holy hope for my re-formation. Yes, God of Love, form me anew from the inside out, centering others ahead of every selfishness that dares me to choose anything less than you. Make me ready to meet you in every ordinary saint whose path crosses mine in the gift of this day. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND HOPE

Hear the good news! Jesus tells us that the Holy One is a God of grand reversals. Through Jesus, God revealed that grace and forgiveness has already arrived. It is the Good News experienced by the saints that now we experience too! Thanks be to God!

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART Pastor Michelle

TOTENFEST SERVICE

Totenfest is a word created by the Evangelical church when it was formed in 19th century Prussia. The word refers to the liturgical remembrance of those who have died in the preceding year.

Holy God, meet us here in this place as we mourn those who have died this year-children, parents, aunts and uncles, siblings and grandparents, spouses, significant others and friends.

Names of our loved ones who have died in the past year that we have included in the insert will now be read. As the names are read, a bell will ring in memory of the one who has died.

Holy God of wind and fire: dance through this room today. Holy God of earthquakes and illness: share our tears of sadness and pain. Holy God of creation and new beginnings: show us again your vision of healing and wholeness.

For All the Saints



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ANTHEM	Joyous Light of Glory, by David von Kamper Sanctuary Choir	
SCRIPTURE	Haggai 1:15b-2:9 & Psalm 98	

SERMON

Celebrating Newness

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

REFLECTION ON GIVING

We are invited to give not only because it helps others, but because by giving we are opened up to a fullness we could not otherwise have imagined. It is God's gift to us. May the joy of the saints be our joy today as we offer our gifts to God for the good of the world.

*DOXOLOGY (Tune: Old Hundreth)

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.

***BLESSING OF THE GIFTS (UNISON)**

O Giver of Life, continue to form in us a transparent spirit that by our giving and our living others may discover you. Reshape our priorities and grant us a willing vision to see and respond to those hidden saints who reveal something of you in the least likely ways and in the most surprising places. Thank you for calling us into a life such as this and bless these gifts that they may bless others. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sentences of Invitation

Communion Prayer and Words of Remembrance

Distribution of the Elements

All are welcome at the Table of Christ! Ushers will release the pews to come forward. Gluten free communion will be in the basket on the table. If you would like white grape juice or wine please take a cup. Bread will be served in your cupped hand, then select grape juice (white juice) in outer ring, wine (red) in inner two rings. Consume the elements and place cup in tray before returning to the pew. If you need service in the pew, please raise your hand.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

We express our gratitude for this meal, Divine Host. We give thanks for the times we spent with our loved ones here at this table, and we thank you that this table is a reminder of our love for you, God. Accompany us into the world with peace in our hearts and strength in the days to come. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Rejoice in God's Saints HANOVER

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***COMMISSIONING**

Beloved of God, trust that the Holy One still forms saints. Trust that God has formed your life to be part of something larger than you could possibly imagine. Anticipate that God is already blessing you to bear good news into the world. Amen!

***BENEDICTION**

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

POSTLUDE Hark! A Voice Says, All Are Mortal and Shall Fade As Grass J.S. Bach

Rejoice in God's Saints 531





Advent Study with Pastor Michelle Tuesdays, Nov. 15, 22, 29 & Dec 6 at 6pm in Library

From the Thoughtful Christian: "Discover the meaning of the season with 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel: Reflections on Four Seasonal Hymns.' This four-session adult study pack takes a look at the meaning of four popular Advent and Christmas hymns. Featured hymns include 'Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus;' 'Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence;' 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel;' and 'In the Bleak Midwinter.'''



This worship service is live streamed and recorded.

*Notes where to stand if comfortably able.

Liturgy written by Rev. Dr. David Long-Higgins and Rev. Michelle L. Torigian. Benediction from UCC Book of Worship. Information about today's service: All St. Paul United Church of Christ services may be recorded and/or streamed. Music is used with permission through Onelicense.net License #A-715913, CCLI #1795791, St. James Press License #17755, or public domain.



QUESTIONS & RESERVATIONS: Contact St. Paul UCC at 618-233-3303 swilhelm@stpaulucc.org



Star Tree



The Star Tree will be happening again this year! We will have stars beginning the first week of Advent -Sunday, November 27th. Gifts to be returned by Dec 15th. If you are unable to come to church, you may send in a monetary donation. \$25 per child is recommended and our Elves will do the shopping.



St Paul United Church of Christ

I WOUD LIKE TO SPONSOR A ROUND OF QUESTIONS AT TRIVIA NIGHT FOR \$100!

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Hoyleton Youth & Family Services

Hoyleton Youth and Family Services is asking for your support with their Hope for the Holidays giving campaign. They have several options to make it easy for you to donate as described on their website:

https://hoyleton.org/events/ hope-for-the-holidays campaign/

MATS FOR COMMUNITY COMFORT NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 15th from 1-3pm in the craft room



THANK YOU FOR SHARING AND CARING, SANDY RITTER

Franklin Neighborhood Association

is accepting monetary donations to purchase food for Thanksgiving dinners. Please consider donating and help others have a blessed holiday.



Give through the St. Paul UCC office.



BRING IN YOUR ITEMS FOR UNDIE SUNDAYS FROM NOVEMBER 7-DECEMBER 4



Toddler size gloves, hats, scarves, socks & undies collection

for indercottage

We will be collecting Toddler size gloves, hats, scarves, socks, & undies for Kindercottage. Please bring & place in boxes at worship services or church office. Donations also welcome. Thank you!

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St. Paul United Church of Christ 115 West B Street, Belleville 618-233-3303









Senior Pickle ball

Pickle ball is a combination of table tennis, badminton and tennis This sport is played on an indoor badminton court with a racquet and whiffle ball A low impact/low risk activity:

Mondays and Wednesdays 9-11am

Fridays 9:15-11:15am

St Paul UCC-Activity Center 115 W B Street Belleville, IL 62220

For more information call St. Clair County Office on Aging 234-4410 ext. 7034





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Mondays at St Paul's UCC 10:30 am-11:30 115 W B Street Beginning October 31, 2022 Belleville, IL

Bring a mat and Water and Wear cozy cloths

Drop in fee is \$10.00 Punch cards available.

Call Mary Blaies with St Clair County Office on Aging 234-4410 ext. 7034





Archives Artifacts - St. Paul trivia from the desk of Roger Henke

The September 1981 "Our St. Paul's" had an article on the August 18, 1981 passing of this senior pastor of our church. Who was the person?

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Sundays

9am Traditional Worship
10am Coffee Hour after worship Culinaire's Breakfast 3rd Sunday of the month.

Here is how to stay in touch with St. Paul 1) Watch the services and check for event updates on FACBOOK -

Like us at St. Paul United Church of Christ Belleville, IL

2) Go to stpaulucc.org -and you will find: videos of services, sermons, archives, and much more!!

3) Listen to the radio! 690am9am Live Sundays & repeat at 9pm



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For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman Carol Hotz Shirley Martin Marilyn Dinkelmann Debbie McIntyre, daughter of Arline Worms Scott Schmidt, brother of Steve Schmidt

Brian Sample, nephew of Kathy Birkner Otto Christopher Kennedy, great nephew of Scott & Lana Gentry

Laura Howie, daughter of Jeanette & Elgee Phillips

Betty Rieso

Ethel Klasing, aunt of Jerry Pierce-Heisler

Alec Zaber

Steve Schmidt

Darwin Bretsch

Christopher Mitchell

Please send prayer requests to pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org or call 618-233-3303 Praying for your health and well being!

> AUSWER: Reverend Lorenz L. Eichenlaud

Weekly Attendance

9am October 16, 2022 105 + Online Participants October 17, 2021 77 + Online Participants

Offering for	or 10/22/2022 - \$20,337.60	General Fund		
			Needed each week	\$7,696
Giving to			\$320,235	
Budget to			\$323,232	
Total Budget				\$400,199