



**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

“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

January 28, 2024 9:00 am

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Senior Pastor</i> .....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Music Director</i> .....	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i> .....	Kevin Chunko
<i>Liturgist</i> .....	Stephenie Bauza

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Passepied*  
G.F. Handel

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is awe-inspiring, more wondrous than the depths of space,

**Many: God is the Creator of the Universe, beyond our understanding.**

One: God is Almighty, powerful and amazing,

**Many: And God is also in the stillness, the Spirit moving in the breeze.**

One: God is far beyond our comprehension,

**Many: Yet God knows each of us, and God is made known to us.**

One: We worship God, though we do not fully understand now,

**Many: We know that God is still being revealed to us, through us, and in us.**

One: God is here, among us now, wherever we are gathered.

**Many: Listen to the movement of the Spirit as we follow Jesus the Christ.**

## INVOCATION (UNISON)

**Almighty and Amazing God, we come before you in awe and wonder that you have made another day. You have made the heavens and the earth and the vast universe that surrounds us, and you made each of us in your image. We can't begin to imagine everything that you have done for us and all that you do in the universe. Nonetheless, we set aside this time and space to give you praise, to bring our prayers before you, and to share together in thanksgiving and love in this time of worship. Guide our hearts and minds to follow you in all your ways. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN



# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 71

F Dm  $\frac{C}{E}$  F C Dm Am B $\flat$  F B $\flat$   $\frac{C7}{G}$  Dm B $\flat$ 6 C7

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-  
 2 Praise to the Lord, a-bove all things so won-drous-ly reign -  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore

F Dm  $\frac{C}{E}$  F C Dm Am B $\flat$  F B $\flat$   $\frac{C7}{G}$  Dm

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal-  
 ing; shel-tering you un-der his wings, and so gent-ly sus-  
 you: sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall dai-ly at-be-  
 him! All that has life and breath, come now with prais-es be-

B $\flat$ 6 C7 F  $\frac{C}{E}$  F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$   $\frac{C}{E}$

va-tion! Come, all who hear; now to his  
 tain-ing! Have you not seen all that is  
 tend-you. Pon-der a-new what the Al-  
 fore him. Let the A-men sound from his

F  $\frac{C7}{G}$   $\frac{F}{A}$  C Am B $\flat$   $\frac{C7}{G}$  Dm  $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$  A  $\frac{Gm7}{B\flat}$  C7 F

tem-ple draw near, join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!  
 need-ful has been sent by his gra-cious or-dain-ing?  
 might-y can do, if with his love he be-friends you.  
 peo-ple a-gain; glad-ly for-ev-er a-dore him.

WORDS: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.  
 MUSIC: Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

LOBE DEN HERREN  
 14.14.4.7.8.



### **\*PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION (UNISON)**

**God of Mercy and Love, we come before you confessing that we have failed to show mercy, failed to extend kindness and compassion, and have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves. We have been afraid of losing our own precious time and resources and have passed by those who call out to us for help. Forgive us for our failures. Remind us of how you have shown us love and mercy in every moment of our lives and call us back into your ways. Challenge us to do the right thing, even when it's hard. Remind us that every failure is an opportunity to do better next time. Guide us so that we might live better into your ways of doing justice, practicing loving-kindness, and walking humbly with you. Amen.**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

God does not condemn you. God wants you to find redemption and reconciliation, and to help save others from the harm of injustice, the harm of ignorance, the harm of hate. God needs you. So know this: you are forgiven. You are loved. Learn and do better. Now go, play, help, repair, and heal the world. Amen.

### **ANTHEM**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

by Douglas Wagner

Sanctuary Choir

### **SCRIPTURE**

Mark 1:21-28

### **SERMON**

Influencer Jesus

Pastor Michelle

### **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**

When we give of ourselves to meet the needs of others, we are co-creators in the health of God's creation. As we have been given much, let us give in return. Today and everyday, our offering of gifts will be received with gratitude.

## COLLECTION OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Snowflake*, by Tom Birkner

Osceola Mueller, soloist

Sanctuary Choir

*Written for Osceola Mueller who, at all times, sets the best example for her family and our community. She is a dedicated musician, teacher, and friend and continues to make a difference for all of us.*

### \*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)

**Transforming God, we dedicate our gifts for the health of your creation. May those who receive these gifts be blessed by your love and inspired to give to others so that your creation will continue to be transformed by your love. Amen .**

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

(See next page)

### \*COMMISSIONING

And now in the wholeness and goodness of God, go forth. Go and laugh with your friends, reconcile with those who have hurt you, be kind to strangers, and feel the Divine smile upon us. Now and forevermore. 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. Amen!

### POSTLUDE

*Carillon*

Franklin Ashdown



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# 113 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart, re - joice, give thanks and sing;  
 2 Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong souls and spir - its meek,  
 3 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as you go,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
 raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song. God's won - drous prais - es speak.  
 send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of an - cient days.  
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.

*Refrain*

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.  
 Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice,

WORDS: Edward H. Plumptre (1821-1891), alt.  
 MUSIC: Arthur H. Messiter (1834-1916)

MARION  
 S.M. Ref.



St. Paul UCC

"Hygge Hour" Series presents

"Wintering" Discussion  
 at  
 LongStory Coffee



January 31, 2024

LongStory Coffee  
 732 S Illinois St., Belleville  
 4-6pm

Greenleaf

Friday, February 9th 7:30 pm

St. Paul UCC Sanctuary

Part of the St. Paul Fine Arts

Concert Series

A free will offering is appreciated.

Doors open at 7:00pm





## Souper-Bowl of Caring

Bring in your non-perishable food items on January 28th & February 4th & 11th for the Community Interfaith Food Pantry.

### CANNED ITEMS NEEDED (preferably pull tops):

Tuna, chicken, ravioli, SpaghettiO's,  
chili with beans, Chunky soups!

Use your canned items to vote for your favorite football team in the big game as part of the fun. There will be three choices. NFC, AFC and Don't Care until the final teams are determined.

Separate boxes will be available in the Welcome Center to place your bet with your food. Feel free to grab one of the bags in the basket in the Welcome Center to help remember to purchase your items as well as carry them. There should be a list of items in these bags too. Thank you for participating in this fun activity to collect food for our neighbors. Remember no matter what team wins, the Food Pantry is the real winner.

**St Paul Shufflers and Gamers**  
**2nd Tuesday of the month @**  
**12 Noon - Light lunch!**

It's time to eat and have some fun. Bring your favorite game or join in with others. It can be a card game or board game. Or you can just be a kibbitzer and become a part of the party.

**Who:** Members and friends are welcome to break bread and have fun and conversation.

**Where:** Heritage Hall

**When:** 12:00 noon

**What:** A light lunch of soup or salad will be provided.

Bring whatever you like with your soup or salad; i.e. crackers, bread, butter. Bring your own beverage. Coffee can be provided.



## Hoyleton Honors Night

If you are interested in attending the **Hoyleton Honors Night Dinner on February 23** and would like to sit with other St Paul members, please send your check made out to Hoyleton Youth and Family Services to the church by February 5th. The memo line should specify Hoyleton Honors Night. The cost is \$100.00 per person. The night begins with registration and a cocktail reception at 6 pm and the dinner/program begins at 7 pm. The church will submit your check and RSVP to Hoyleton.

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

On June 4, 2000, the first project of newly-formed Health Ministry was completed. What was it?

### Upcoming Events

**Church Council meeting**-3rd Thursday @ 6pm  
**Community Dinner**-every Tuesday @ 5pm  
**Culinaires Breakfast**-every 3rd Sunday  
**Mats for Community**-3rd Tuesday @ 1pm  
**Mission Meeting**-2nd Sunday after service  
**Personnel Meeting**-2nd Thursday @ 7pm  
**Quilters**-every Tuesday @ 9am  
**Seekers Adult Bible Study** –Tuesdays @ 10am  
**Shufflers**-2nd Tuesday of the month @ 12pm  
**Wednesdays**-Bells (6pm) & Choir (7:15pm)  
**With You group**-1st Wednesday @ 1pm  
**Women's Guild**-3rd Wednesday @ 1pm

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### For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman	Scott Martin, son of
Carol Hotz	Shirley Martin
Marilyn Dinkelmann	Wayne Caughman
Debbie McIntyre, daughter of Arline Worms	Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter
Tim Ritter	Jerry Hough
Laura Howie, daughter of Elgee Phillips	Peggy Mejas, friend of Mimi Llamas
Alec Zaber	Lou Ann Niemann
Hector Rivera	The family Bernice Sperino, mother of Pam Elser
Dawson Anderson	The family of Barbara Schuchman
Betty Rieso	
Linda Minton	

Please call the church for prayer requests:  
618-233-3303 [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)

**Flowers, Music and Bulletin sponsorships are available! Cost is \$35.00.**  
**Contact the church office for more info!**

ANSWER: A blood pressure screening provided by nurses, who were congregation members, conducted in the friendship lounge.

### Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

January 7, 2024	87	+ Online Participants
January 8, 2023	95	+ Online Participants

Offering 1/13/2024 \$ 5,819

### General Fund

Needed each week \$7,638

Giving to... \$7,610

Budget to... \$15,277

Total... \$397,200