



Sunday, January 26, 2025

“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 26, 2025 9:00 am

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i>	Cynthia Johnson
<i>Liturgist</i>	Stephenie Bauza

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Antiphonal Fanfare

by John F. Wilson

Glory Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 36)

One: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Many: For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!

One: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep.

Many: For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!

One: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Many: For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!

INVOCATION (Unison)

Magnificent God, we come to draw near to you. Your presence among us sustains and challenges us. In you, we find strength and surprises. May the songs we sing, the prayers we pray, the word proclaimed, and the lives touched honor your name. We give you glory and honor. We welcome you and pray that your spirit shapes us with fresh wind, power, and compassion. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

544 The Church's One Foundation

D G D D A G F# G6 D A A7 D

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
 4 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

A7 D F# F#7 Gdim7 G F#m G A C# D E7 A

she is his new cre - a - tion, by wa - ter and the word:
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more,
 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won:

A D A7 D G D Bm Bm F# Bm B D# Em

from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

A D G D Gmaj9 Em G Em7 Asus A7 D

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

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

Gracious God, we live in the tension between expectation and reality. Sometimes, we navigate that tension with hope and clarity. At other times, we fester in doubt, disappointment, and uncertainty. Help us to release our need to control and enable us to embrace the possibilities. May our trust in your goodness and the power you have poured into us embolden our faith. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Beloved, know that God's grace meets us at our point of need with encouragement. Circumstances change, and that's the nature of God's creative work. Receive the gift of new life with the unexpected experiences it brings. God is with you and equips you for the journey.

ANTHEM

The Heavens Are Telling, from The Creation

by Franz Josef Haydn

Sanctuary Choir

Teresa Schmidt, Bill Guthrie, and Steve Schmidt, soloists

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12 & John 2:1-11

SERMON

Gifts and Shadows-Sides

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

Whatever gifts we bring may be transformed like water to the best wine. Trust God with what we have to offer. Our trust can sow miracles, reveal Jesus in the world, and magnify joy in our communities. Give with peace that the kingdom overflows with abundance and with hope that our collective efforts make the world new.



COLLECTION OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC

Soliloquy, by Michael Helman
Glory Ringers

*DOXOLOGY (Tune: *Old Hundredth*)

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)

Holy One, may our gifts declare your glory and benefit the common good. Receive them with our gratitude for your generosity and the opportunity to participate in your kin-dom on earth. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

We Give Thee But Thine Own

(See page 6)

*COMMISSIONING

May you be filled by the presence of God

May you draw from the wells of justice, peace, and righteousness

May you taste the fruit of the Spirit

As you make the way of Jesus your path in the world

And you make the name of God known in word and deed.

Go, in peace and power to love and serve God and neighbor.

*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

Stand Up and Bless the Lord
by Robert Graham



**Today's altar flowers
are in loving memory of
Rev. Jerry Bennett
by his wife Bette**



688 We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be:
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 To com - fort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,
4 The cap - tive to re - lieve, to God the lost to bring,
5 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to tend the lone and fa - ther - less is an - gels' work be - low.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains five lines of lyrics, and the second system contains five lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style.

WORDS: William W. How (1823-1897)
MUSIC: Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850

SCHUMANN
S.M.

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are a lovely way to honor the memory,
birthday or achievement of your loved one.
To sign up, you can call the church office.
Cost is \$35.00.

The image is a decorative graphic with a light yellow background. It features several illustrations: a monarch butterfly in the top left, a brown leafy branch in the bottom left, and several stylized flowers in shades of brown and orange on the right side. The text is written in a brown, serif font.

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SOUPER-BOWL OF CARING

Bring in your non-perishable food items on Sunday's in February!
February 2, 9, 16 & 23
for the Community Interfaith Food Pantry.

CANNED ITEMS NEEDED (preferably pull tops):
Tuna, chicken, ravioli, SpaghettiO's,
chili with beans, Chunky soups!

Boxes are marked in the Welcome Center to cheer on your favorite team with your donations.
Thank you for participating!

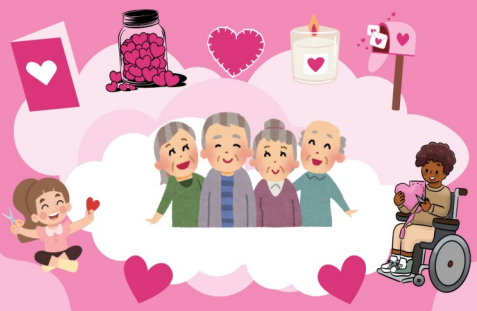


St. Paul With You group and Christian Education craft day on

Feb 2, 2pm-4pm.

Come join us and help us to make a craft for others to celebrate Valentines Day with love.

This is a free intergenerational event.

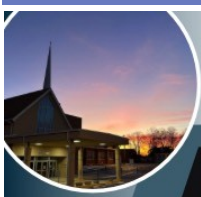


St. Paul Friends Meeting

Please join us on
TODAY - Sunday - January 26th
after service in the large meeting room
across from the office!



Please contact the office to update your phone number, address, or email for the next Guide Book. Thank you!



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 Tim Ritter
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THE WOMEN'S GUILD IS
 COLLECTING PAPER
 GROCERY BAGS FOR NEXT
 YEAR'S RUMMAGE SALES.
 PLEASE PLACE THEM ON
 THE SHELF IN THE
 HALLWAY BY
 HERITAGE HALL

January 5, 2025 NO SERVICE DUE TO SNOW

Weekly Offerings	1/11/2025
Operating	\$ 2,915.00
Building Fund	\$ 5.00
	\$ 2,920.00
Giving YTD	\$2,987.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,942.65
Budget to Date	\$ 6,942.65
Total Budget	\$ 361,017.89

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service	
January 12, 2025	80 + Online Participants
January 14, 2025	87 + Online Participants

Weekly Offerings	1/17/2025
Operating	\$ 12,333.00
Building Fund	\$ 282.00
	\$ 12,615.00
Giving YTD	\$15,535.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,942.65
Budget to Date	\$ 13,885.30
Total Budget	\$ 361,017.89