

KINDERCOTTAGE

MISSION TEAM IS COLLECTING ITEMS:
Toddler sized gloves, hats, socks & undies
for ages 1-5 years old!

Please bring your donations to the church
off or drop them off on Sundays in the x-
mas wrapped boxes located in the
Welcome Center.
from October 18 - November 16th

 **St. Paul UCC**
115 West B. Street, Belleville IL 62220
618-233-3303
www.stpaulucc.org

OCTOBER

Worship Leaders

October 4 - Rev. Joan H. Mier

October 11 - Rev. Joan H. Mier

October 18 - Craig Bielke

October 25 - Rev. Jeremy Lopez

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For Your Prayers

Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz
The Ritter family, Tim, Sandy & Tim Jr.
Lou Ann Niemann
Al Stahl
Laura Sadler
Alec Zaber
Jane Bonaldi
Paul Sutherland
Our Pastor Search Committee
Cathy Blaies and family (Mike's sister)
Sylvia, sister of Luci Bradley
Rich Wilburn and his family,
son-in-law of Stephenie Bauza
Stephen Agnew, son of
Carolyn Hazelip
Gay Eckert
Larry Walton
Jane Peters, sister of Jerry Pierce
Bette Ettling
The Gentry family
Wes Krummrich
Daniel Holtzclaw, friend of the Birkners
Gerry Hough
Stephen Schmidt

**Please call the office for prayer
requests. 618-233-3303**

Weekly Offerings		10/10/2026
Operating	\$	8,910.00
Building Fund	\$	40.00
	\$	8,950.00
Giving YTD	\$	294,038.64
Weekly Budget	\$	6,974.00
Budget to Date	\$	278,960.00
Total Budget	\$	362,648.00

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service		
October 4, 2026	72	+ Online Participants
October 5, 2025	92	+ Online Participants

St. Paul UCC



**"No matter who you are,
No matter where you
are on life's journey,
You are welcome here."**

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Welcome

Sunday, October 18, 2026 ~ 9am
21st Sunday after Pentecost



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Lay Leader Craig Bielke
Director of Music Dr. Tristan Frampton
Organist/Pianist Cynthia Johnson
Liturgist Karen Keuss

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Dawn Reverie
by David Paxton

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.
We belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.
The Spirit inspires us to receive God's Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.
We belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.
Come, let us worship in the assurance of God's love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.
We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving God, be among us now. Show us your ways. Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving. Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are your. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in service and love. Holy One among us, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

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BE WITH YOU



Community Event! Electronics Recycling Day! St. Paul UCC - Belleville November 14 - 9am-12pm



- MICROWAVES, WASHERS, DRYERS, HUMIDIFIERS, FRIDGES, FREEZERS, TOASTERS, COFFEE MACHINES, POTS AND PANS, SILVERWARE, LAWN MOWERS, PUSH MOWERS, AC UNITS, LEAF BLOWERS, WEED EATERS,
- COMPUTERS, PRINTERS, SHREDDERS, SPEAKER SYSTEMS, STEREOs, CELL PHONES, HOUSE PHONES, OFFICE PHONES, CARD READERS, DOCKING STATIONS, PROJECTORS, BATTERY BACKUPS,
- WIRES, XMAS WIRE, CAR BATTERIES, HOUSEHOLD ITEM BATTERIES
- TV RECYCLING, FLAT LED TVS ARE NO CHARGE, TUBE TVS, PLASMAS, PROJECTOR DLP TVS ARE CHARGE ITEMS .45 CENTS PER POUND IN THE SHOP .50 CENTS PER POUND PICKED UP.
- COMPUTER RECYCLING WE DO PROVIDE HARD DRIVE DESTRUCTION CERTIFICATES WHEN ASKED ABOUT
- ALL HARD DRIVES ARE DESTROYED AS UNLOADED AT THE SHOP SO YOUR DATA IS DESTROYED AND CANNOT BE USED IN ANYWAY.

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PROST! POLKAS, PRETZELS & PFEFFERNUSSE

Join us for a St. Paul Fine Arts Fundraiser
Sunday, November 15 @ 3 p.m. in Heritage Hall for an
afternoon of German dancing, singing and music!



**Your \$30 reservation includes:
appetizers, beer, wine, soft drinks and a concert.
Scan the QR code to purchase tickets.**

SIGN-UP IN THE WELCOME CENTER
ON SUNDAY MORNINGS OR THROUGH THE
CHURCH OFFICE.

Payment is appreciated with your
reservation.

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"A Chorus of Generosity"

Beginning next week, we will be asking you to complete a paper ballot with your favorite hymn or spiritual song and drop it in the Music Survey ballot box.

Sometimes it's hard to pick just one, so you may enter more than one favorite, however just one per ballot.



How does music make you feel?

Describe it in five words or less...



Big Papa G's Music Trivia @ St. Paul UCC

FRIDAY, OCT. 23RD @ 6 PM



TICKETS: \$25.00 IN ADVANCE (\$30 AT THE DOOR)

TABLE OF 8 - \$200 IN ADVANCE

[HTTPS://WWW.PAYPAL.COM/NCP/PAYMENT/W6G4LZDDSH4U](https://www.paypal.com/NCP/PAYMENT/W6G4LZDDSH4U)

➔ **ROUND SPONSORS NEEDED - \$100!**

➔ **AUCTION BASKET RAFFLE VOLUNTEERS & BASKETS NEEDED!**



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OPENING HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 461

1 Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, breath of God, so that your will is mine,
 4 Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what-e'er you love, and do what you would do.
 un - til with you I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with your fire di - vine.
 but live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt.
MUSIC: Robert Jackson (1842-1914)

TRENTHAM
S.M.

CALL TO AND UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace, we know that you have chosen us, but we often forget that you have chosen others. You call us to be imitators of Christ, yet many times we are imitators of the world. You challenge us to turn from our idols, but we are tempted to turn back to them again and again. Rescue us, Lord, from ourselves. Show us your way. Guide our every action, that we may live as you call us to live. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Beloved children of God, receive the good news:

God loves us, chooses us, forgives us, and renews us to live in love and service of God and neighbor.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Glory to God! Amen.

ANTHEM

Holy, Holy, Holy, We Worship You
by Benjamin Harlan
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURES

Exodus 33:12-23,
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 and Matthew 22:15-22

Karen Keuss

SERMON

Craig Bielke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

Sarabande
from Partita 1 in B flat, BWV 825
by J.S. Bach

*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

DEDICATION PRAYER (UNISON)

Gracious God, you choose ordinary people and weave them into a community that shines
with your love. We thank you for the gift of belonging and for the call to live our faith in ways
that ripple outward into the lives of others. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and
our willingness to be witnesses to your grace. Use what we offer to encourage the weary,
welcome the searching, and strengthen your Church as a living example of hope. May our
shared life together always point to Christ, whose love calls and sends us. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

(see page 5)

COMMISSIONING + CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Noontide
by Walker Baylor

Come, Thou Almighty King

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The musical score for 'Come, Thou Almighty King' is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or F minor), and the time signature is 3/4. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system includes a four-part setting of the first verse. The second system includes a four-part setting of the second verse. The third system includes a four-part setting of the third verse. The fourth system includes a four-part setting of the fourth verse. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support for the vocal lines.

1 Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy
2 Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy
3 Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing, help us to praise: Fa - ther, all
might - y sword, our prayer at - tend: come, and thy
wit - ness bear in this glad hour: thou who al -
prais - es be hence, ev - er - more! Thy sov - ereign

glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
peo - ple bless, and thy word suc - cess:
might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore!