



Saint Paul's @ the Farm

A United Church of Christ Community
Welcoming you on Ash Wednesday
7:00 p.m. February 18, 2026

Welcoming Saints and Sinners since 1900

Welcome to Saint Paul's @ The Farm! Here we believe this is God's house, a safe sacred space, and you are welcome. We hope this can be home to all who enter.

We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as we understand God's kingdom, welcoming saints and sinners alike since 1900. We don't all look or act alike, dress alike, and God knows we don't all think alike. We don't all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. Yet, every time we gather, we fellowship and worship as one big family who love one another.



In this place, we do Sunday mornings in some fairly traditional ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang and some that may be more modern as well. In our liturgy, our prayers, and our preaching, we wrestle with the challenges of understanding what scripture means to us this day. I hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant—a word of comfort, a spur to action, and a call to a deeper relationship with God.

If you are new here, before you leave today, please introduce yourself to Pastor Tim, and if you would, fill out a welcome card, found in the welcome envelope you received upon your arrival. Find us on Facebook and check out our website at spuccfarm.org to learn more. Get involved in whatever way you choose. Jump right in. You may never know; you may have just found your church home. As we like to say to everyone who comes through the door, "Welcome Home."

A special note to parents: Come, sit in the front few rows—there's not much interesting about the backs of heads, and our littlest ones like to see too. We offer several options to help your family worship comfortably:

- ~ Staffed Nursery for newborns to three years of age, if you choose.
- ~ Children's Church immediately following "Time with Our Children" for ages 3 through 2nd grade.
- ~ Sensory Room for families with children who may need a quieter more flexible space during worship with professionally trained staff to assist in your childcare.

Here at The Farm, we believe all means all. Children of every ability and need are not just welcome—they are essential to who we are as a faith community. We find children to be truly the teachers and leaders among us, and we welcome them all with open arms. And we say to parents, please don't fret or worry, your child is just fine here.

Finally, if you are visiting and need anything at all, please don't hesitate to ask a neighbor, an usher, or the pastor. We are all so glad you are here!

Peace, Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Gathering of the Community

Gathering Music

Shelley Peterson

Choral Introit

"Tell Me the Story of Jesus" / Crosby

***"Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word;
Tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard."***

Welcome

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Time of Centering

"Forty Days and Forty Nights" / M. Herbst / Shelley Peterson

Sharing of the Light

Cora Kazibwe

*Call to Worship

Drew Faust

Leader: Tonight, we begin a journey of recalculation—a season to pause, to turn, and to ask:
"Where may we have lost our way?"

Family: **Psalm 51 reminds us: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."**

Leader: Jesus teaches us that our practices—our prayers, our fasting, our giving—aren't meant for show. They're meant to draw us closer to God, to realign our lives with God's vision.

Family: **So tonight, we don't come with guilt. We come with honesty.**

Leader: We come ready to recalculate. To let go of what no longer serves us. To seek God's way, not our own.

All: **Be thou our vision, O Lord of our hearts. Guide us home.**

*Hymn of Praise, no. 382

"Be Thou My Vision"

Proclaiming the Word

God Moments and Concerns of the Family

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Preparing our Hearts for Prayer

"Unity" / arr. D. Cason

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for kindred to dwell together in unity.

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for kindred to dwell together in unity."

Silent Reflection and Family at Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison):

****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 **sins as we forgive those who have **sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

***May use name/words most familiar to your understanding of God*

Chancel Choir Anthem

"What Wondrous Love Is This" / arr. L. E. Oldham

Time with Our Children

Pastor Tim

Lectionary

Donna Spear

Hebrew Lesson: Psalm 51

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:1-6 (page 737 in your pew Bible)

*Lector: This is the word of God for all God's Children.

*All: **Thanks be to God.**

*Lectionary Response

"Gloria Patri" / trad.

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen."

Message

"Recalculating: When Love Takes an Unexpected Turn"

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Responding to the Word

Reflecting on the Message

“Just as I Am” / C. Elliott

***“Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me,
and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!”***

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Creator God, you made us to be neighbors, members of one family, blessed with the gift of diversity in community. You called us to follow Jesus—to love radically, to see the dignity in every face, to live justice and joy with our sisters and brothers. And you promised to be with us every step.

Family: **Yet we confess: we carry biases we inherited. We follow habits that divide rather than unite. We've looked away from suffering. We've judged too quickly, listened too slowly, and loved too carefully. We've broken each other's hearts—and sometimes our own. We've failed to follow Jesus into the hard, beautiful work of justice and beloved community.**

Pastor: But you do not reject us. Tonight, we come asking for your forgiveness. We ask to be transformed, to recalculate our lives around Christ's way. Open our eyes to see as Jesus sees. Change our hearts. Help us follow.

All: **Create in us clean hearts, O God. Renew a right spirit within us.**

Hymn of Assurance, no. 202 (Stanza 4)

“Amazing Grace”

Imposition of Ashes – Marked for the Journey

Please come forward as the usher directs. You may receive ashes marked as a cross on your forehead or hand—whichever feels most comfortable to you. This ancient mark is a sign of your willingness to recalculate, to turn toward God's way, and to be transformed. After receiving ashes, please return to your seat for a time of quiet reflection and prayer.

Offering (tonight's offering is dedicated to Missions and Outreach)

Offertory

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” / trad. spiritual / Shelley Peterson

Presentation of Our Gifts

To give electronically, you may scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin

*Offertory Response

“Doxology” / T. Kern

***“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”***

*Offertory Prayer

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

*Sending Hymn, no. 366

“I Surrender All”

*Benediction

*Benedictory Response

“He's Got the Whole World in His Hands” / arr. E. Thomas

***“He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.”***

*Postlude

“What Wondrous Love is This” / W. Walker / Shelley Peterson

Saint Paul's Leadership Team

Pastor	Timothy Hogan-Palazzo
Church Chaplain	Kate Schaeffer
Church Administrative Assistant	Donna Spear
Director of Chancel and Bell Choirs, Pianist	Patricia Wagner
Organist, Accompanist, and Director of Children's Choir	Sharon Styer
Director of Faith Connections & Children's Church Explorers Teacher	Colleen Franciscus
Nicole Cuer	Ministry Support Coordinator
Faith Connections Music & Movement Facilitator	Ashley Rosboschil
Child Care Attendant / Pathfinders Teacher	Krysta Moyer
Child Care Attendant	Katy Mahon
Sensory Classroom Coordinator	Logan Wenrick
Sexton	Steve Brown
Tech Team	Chip Palazzo, Ryan Arnold, Drew Faust, Derek Longan, Heath Hansum
Financial Secretary	Dianne Covert
Treasurer	Doug Hagerman

Consistory

Brad Gill – President/Trustee	Lisa Bernard ('27) – Vice President/Lead Deacon
Amy Armstrong ('26) – Secretary/Deacon	Holly Barbella ('28) – Deacon
Jeanie Counsil ('28) – Deacon	Ethan Cree ('28) – Trustee
Don Emory ('26) – Deacon	Drew Faust ('27) – Deacon
Joanna Johnson ('27) – Trustee	Christine Parker ('27) – Deacon
Amy Rearick ('26) – Deacon	Kathy Showers ('28) – Deacon
Jennifer Van Horn ('26) – Trustee	

Church Contact and Connections

Church Address:	50 Brookpark Circle, Lewisburg, PA 17837
Office Contact:	570-568-1433 / admin@spuccfarm.org
Pastoral Emergencies:	570-975-9536 (Pastor Tim's cell)
Pastor's Email:	PastorTim@spuccfarm.org
Online Directory:	https://engage.suran.com/spuccfarm
Online Events Calendar:	https://www.spuccfarm.org/calendar

Not able to be here in person on Sunday morning? Join us LIVE on Facebook and YouTube.
Connect with us online at: <http://www.spuccfarm.org> and follow us on Facebook. CCLI 11376236 / CSPL126882



Saint Paul's uses secure online giving through "Engage." If you wish to make an electronic contribution to Saint Paul's @ The Farm, United Church of Christ, point your phone or device camera to the QR Code. Or, visit our church website and click the Give button. <https://www.spuccfarm.org/>