



# Saint Paul's United Church of Christ

Welcomes you on Christmas Day  
10:30 a.m. January 1, 2023

## Welcoming Saints and Sinners since 1900

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Welcome to Saint Paul's! Here we believe this is God's house, and you are welcome. This is 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 gather, fellowship, and worship as one big family. In this place, we do Sunday mornings in some pretty 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 the modern world we live in. I hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this day—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 the pastor, and if you would, fill out a welcome card. Check out our Facebook page or website to learn more about us, and 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 pews, there's not much interesting about the backs of heads and for our littlest ones, they like to see too. Should you choose, we have a nursery open, and children's church available for all ages through Grade 2, following our "time with the children" portion of the service. We find children to be truly the teachers and leaders of our faith community and welcome them all with open arms.

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

*Peace, Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo*

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## Gathering of the Community

Gathering Music

Shelley Peterson

Choral Introit

*"The Advent of Our God" / C. Coffin*

*"The Advent of our God with eager hearts we greet;  
We must praise Him in this hour with hymns and anthems sweet."*

Welcome and News from the Pews

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo & Lisa Bernard

Time of Centering

*"The Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth"* / L. Grossman and I. Fraser  
Sharon Styer, Organ; Shelley Peterson, Piano; Elias Franciscus, Drums

\*Call to Worship

Lisa Bernard

Leader: Family, it is time to celebrate new beginnings.

**Family: We step into the new year with faith!**

Leader: People of faith, it is time to look ahead in hope.

**Family: We step into the unknown with hope!**

Leader: People of hope, it is time to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

**Family: We step forward together as one family, God's children, Christ's brothers and sisters!**

Leader: Let us come bearing our gifts and celebrating God's presence with us, Emmanuel!

\*Hymn of Celebration, no. 152

*"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"*

## Proclaiming the Word

God Moments

Concerns of the Family

A Time of Reflection

*"Away in a Manger"* / J. T. McFarland

*"Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay close by me forever, and love me I pray.*

*Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there."*

Silent Reflection

Pastoral 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*

Special Music

*"There's a New Kid in Town"* / arr. J. Tincher  
Sharon Styer, Soloist; Shelley Peterson, Piano

Time with Our Children

Colleen Franciscus

Lectionary

Shelly Sholley

Hebrew Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

\*Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-14

Leader: This is the word of God for all God's People.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\*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."*

Sermon

*"Celebrate!"*  
Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

# Responding to the Word

A Time of Reflection

*"Emmanuel"* / B. McGee

*"Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel."*

Offering

Offertory Music

*"To Follow the Star"* / F. Ritter

Sharon Styer

Presentation of Our Gifts

An additional option is text **GIFT** & Amount to **570.355.5355**

\*Offertory Response

*"What Can I Give Him?"* / C. Rossetti

*"What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wiseman, I would do my part; Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart."*

\*Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

A Service of Holy Communion for New Years

*(adapted from C. Kenlin, pub. UCC Local Church Justice Ministries 2019)*

Leader: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.*

All: *Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

Leader: *Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.*

All: *Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

Leader: *Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.*

All: *Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

Leader: *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

All: *Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

Communion

Communion Music

*"How Beautiful"* / arr. L. Larson

Sharon Styer, Soloist; Shelley Peterson, Piano

Post Communion Prayer

\*Closing Hymn, no. 138

*"Go Tell It on the Mountain"*

\*Benediction

\*Benedictory Response

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"* / Traditional

*"Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo."*

\*Postlude

*"Postlude in D Minor"* / L. Smith

Sharon Styer

\*Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

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*Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God  
in celebration of Sharon and Kevin Styer's 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary*

## Saint Paul's Leadership Team

Pastor	Timothy Hogan-Palazzo
Church Administrative Assistant	Donna Spear
Minister of Music / Organist	Russell Wynn, Jr.
Assistant Minister of Music / Asst. Organist	Sharon Styer
Assistant Accompanists	Michael Haven / Shelley Peterson
Child Care Attendant / Children's Church	Adriana Richard / Colleen Franciscus
Children & Youth Leader	Colleen Franciscus
Sexton	Steve Brown
Groundskeepers	Robert Greenly / Ethan Hamilton
Tech Team	Chip Palazzo, Keegan Gill, Heath Hansum
Financial Secretary	Dianne Covert
Treasurer	Doug Hagerman

## Consistory

Brad Gill –President/Trustee	Jen Arnold ('24) – Deacon
Lisa Bernard ('24) – Vice President/Trustee	Drew Faust ('23) – Trustee
Colleen Franciscus ('23) – Secretary/Deacon	Amy Mahon ('25) – Deacon
Dave Muffley ('25) – Trustee	Rhonda Newton ('24) – Deacon
Sue Overdorf ('23) – Deacon	Amy Rearick ('24) – Deacon
Kathy Rowe ('25) – Deacon	Dane Santos ('25) - Deacon

## Contact and Connect

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Church Online Directory:	<a href="https://engage.suran.com/spuccwm">https://engage.suran.com/spuccwm</a>
Church Online Events Calendar:	<a href="https://www.spuccwm.org/calendar">https://www.spuccwm.org/calendar</a>

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