



# Saint Paul's @ the Farm

*A United Church of Christ Community*

Welcoming you on the Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. December 3, 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 rows, 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 staffed nursery open for newborns to three years of age. Additionally, we offer Children's Church immediately following our "time with the children" for children ages 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. 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*

# Gathering of the Community

Gathering Music

Sharon Styer

Choral Introit – Chancel Choir

*“Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow”* / trad. spiritual

Welcome

Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

News from the Pews

Niki Weber

Time of Centering ~ Bell Choir

*“Impressions on an Advent Carol”* / S. Ullom-Bern

**\*Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle:**

Niki Weber and the Sample Family

Leader: We gather this day, the second Sunday of Advent, a journey meant to give us time and space to prepare anew our hearts, calling out, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, all the world, come.

**People: We come with open hearts, seeking the transforming experience of encountering the Christ Child.**

Leader: Then let us pause and prepare our hearts in exploration of a love offered a bit more broadly, as the candles of hope and love are lit this day.

Pastor: *“Street Child, beat child, no place left to go, hurt child, used child, no one wants to know,”*

**People: *“This year, this year, let the day arrive when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive.”***

\*Hymn of Praise, no. 123

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

## Proclaiming the Word

God Moments and Concerns of the Family

Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Preparing our Hearts for Prayer

*“A Nativity Prayer”* / P. Brooks

***O Holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born in us today.”***

Pastoral Prayer / The Family at Prayer

Chancel Choir

*“Unto Us”* / arr. M. Hamby

Time with Our Children

Colleen Franciscus

Lectionary

Richard Armstrong

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3:1-14 (*page 900 in your pew Bible*)

Epistle Lesson: Romans 15:7-13 (*page 868 in your pew Bible*)

\*Gospel Lesson: Mark 2:15-17 (*page 762 in your pew Bible*)

\*Leader: This is the word of God for all God’s Children.

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

\*Response

*"Angels We Have Heard on High [refrain]" / trad.*

*"Gloria, In Excelsis Deo, Gloria, In Excelsis Deo!"*

Sermon

*"Far and Wide"*  
Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

## Responding to the Word

Reflecting on the Message

*"Emmanuel" / B. McGee*

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

Offering  
Offertory

*"Still, Still, Still" / J. Mansfield*  
Sharon Styer

Presentation of Our Gifts

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\*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

Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Advent Communion (adapted UCC Advent Worship)

Santus / arr. M. Miller

Communion 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*

\*Closing Hymn, no. 119

*"O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful"*

\*Benediction

\*Benedictory Response

*"Star Child" / S. Murray*

*"This year, this year, let the day arrive when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive."*

\*Postlude

*"A Joyous Song of Praise" / D. Lasky*  
Sharon Styer

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

*Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God  
in memory of Zella Daughtery by Pastor Tim and Chip.*

You are invited to "Almost There" a Christmas Cantata today at 3 p.m. in our Sanctuary.  
We welcome the Community Choir under the direction of Russ Wynn, Jr. assisted by Naomi Reed.  
A dessert reception follows in fellowship hall.

## Saint Paul's Leadership Team

Pastor	Timothy Hogan-Palazzo
Church Administrative Assistant	Donna Spear
Minister of Music / Chancel Choir	Russell Wynn, Jr.
Assistant Minister of Music / Children's Choir	Sharon Styer
Assistant Minister of Music / Bell Choir	Patty Wagner
Children's Church	Colleen Franciscus
Director of Faith Formation	Colleen Franciscus
Child Care Attendant	Cory Mahon
Sexton	Steve Brown
Tech Team	Chip Palazzo, Elias Franciscus, Derek Longan, 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

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Online Events Calendar:	<a href="https://www.spuccwm.org/calendar">https://www.spuccwm.org/calendar</a>

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