



Saint Paul's @ the Farm

A United Church of Christ Community

Welcoming you on Epiphany Sunday

10:30 a.m. January 7, 2024

Welcoming Saints and Sinners since 1900

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 2nd 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

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" / J. Wade

*"O, Come, Let Us Adore Him, O Come, Let Us Adore Him,
O Come, Let Us Adore Him, Christ, the Lord."*

Welcome and News from the Pews

Timothy Hogan-Palazzo and Drew Faust

Time of Centering ~ Bell Choir

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" / M. Prins

*Call to Worship and Sharing the Light

Drew Faust and Lillie Franciscus

Leader: Today we welcome the magi into our Christmas story.

Family: A story of wonder and light, of angels, shepherds, and the birth of our Savior.

Leader: In the midst of darkness, they chose to follow the light.

Family: Their story gives us hope that God still sends light for us to follow.

Leader: We come today knowing we too are on a journey.

Family: A journey of hope and love lead by the Light.

All: May we be faithful followers of the light of God so that we too can be bearers of hope and justice for all we meet.

*Hymn of Praise, no. 166

"We Three Kings"

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

Chancel Choir

"Star of the East (Brightest and Best)" / A. Bullard

Time with Our Children

Colleen Franciscus

Lectionary

Shelly Sholley

Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6 (*page 570 in your pew Bible*)

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12 (*page 733 in your pew Bible*)

*Lector: 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!"

Message

"Star Child"
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

"Bread of the World" / L. Leatherman
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

Holy Communion

Pastor: May God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift your hearts.

Family: We lift them up to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the God we love.

Family: We freely give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing...

...We glorify you, joining this unending song:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of life and light. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna
in the highest.**

Communion Prayer

Blessing & Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Pastor: Life's greatest feast before us, we excitedly proclaim:

All: Christ was born. Christ lived. Christ will come again.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer (unison):

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. 138

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

*Benediction

*Benedictory Response

"Go Tell It on the Mountain" / J. Work II

*"Go Tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born."*

*Postlude

"When the Morning Stars Sang Together" / R. A. Williamson
Sharon Styer

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

Saint Paul's Leadership Team

Pastor	Timothy Hogan-Palazzo
Church Administrative Assistant	Donna Spear
Minister of Music / Chancel & Bell Choirs	Patricia Wagner
Assistant Minister of Music / Children's Choir	Sharon Styer
Director of Faith Formation / Children's Church	Colleen Franciscus
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