



Saint Paul's @ the Farm

A United Church of Christ Community

Welcoming you on The Baptism of our Lord Sunday

10:30 a.m. ~ January 11, 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

Sharon Styer

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit (congregation please join in singing the refrain)

“Christ Be Our Light” / B. Farrell

“Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.”

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo and Lisa Bernard

Centering Music

“To Follow the Star” / F. Ritter / Sharon Styer

Bringing the Light

Rhett Sample

*Call to Worship

Lisa Bernard

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters!

Family: The God of glory speaks!

Leader: At the Jordan River, Jesus was baptized. The heavens opened, and God said:

Family: "This is my beloved Son!"

Leader: We are baptized into those same waters. God claims us as beloved children too.

Family: We are loved. We are called. We belong to God.

Leader: And just as Jesus rose from the water and began His ministry of love and justice, so are we called.

Family: Called to live as Jesus lived—loving God, loving neighbor, serving the world around us.

Leader: Come, let us worship and remember: we are baptized and beloved!

All: We are baptized! We are beloved! We are sent!

*Hymn of Praise, 88

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Proclaiming the Word

God Moments & Concerns of the Family

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Preparing Our Hearts for Prayer

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” / K. Medema

**“Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.”**

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

“Wade in the Water” / arr. D. Davison

Wade, wade, wade. Wade in the water children, wade in the water children, wade in the water. God's a gonna trouble the water. River Jordan is chilly and cold. Chills the body but not the soul. God's gonna trouble the water. If you get there before I do, tell all my friends I'm comin', too! God's a gonna trouble the water. The devil is a liar and a cheater, too. You better watch out, 'cause he's comin' for you! God's a gonna trouble the water. Well if I could I surely would, stand on the ground where Moses stood. Wade in the water children, wade in the water children, wade in the water children. Wade.

Time with Our Children

Colleen Franciscus

Lectio

Mark Nielsen

Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9 (page 554 in your pew Bible)

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:13-27 (page 734 in your pew Bible)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*Lectio

"Emmanuel" / B. McGee

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

Sermon

"Making Waves"

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Responding to the Word

*Sermon Response

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" / K. Thomerson

"I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus."

Offering

Offertory

Presentation of Our Gifts

"See Amid the Winter's Snow" / A. Giamani / Sharon Styer

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

*Offertory Response

"Now Thank We All Our God" / M. Rinkart

**"Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done,
in who His world rejoices; Who, from our mother's arms, hath blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today."**

*Offertory Prayer

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Remembering our Baptism

*Affirmation of Faith (United Church of Canada): **We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Sending Hymn

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

1- Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow. Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago. Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them, send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

2- We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed. Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread. God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

3- O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined all your ways! To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise! We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born. By your grace our lives we offer. Re-create us; God, transform!

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"This Little Light of Mine" / Afro-American spiritual

"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine."

*Postlude

"A Joyous Song of Praise" / D. Laske / Sharon Styer

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

Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Bryon & Gloria Patterson in celebration of their 20th anniversary.

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
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

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Brad Gill – President/Trustee	Lisa Bernard ('27) – Vice President/Lead Deacon
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Online Events Calendar:	https://www.spuccfarm.org/calendar

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