



Saint Paul's @ the Farm

A United Church of Christ Community

Welcoming you on the Third Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 a.m. January 21, 2024

Welcoming Saints and Sinners since 1900



*Top left picture: Dr. Ruth Woods (striped sweater);
all others members of BMUMC Mission Team.*

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

"Tell Me the Story of Jesus" / F. Crosby

*"Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word;
Tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.
Tell how the angels in chorus sang as they welcomed His birth,
'Glory to God in the highest! Peace and good tidings to earth.'
Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word;
Tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard."*

Welcome and News from the Pews

Timothy Hogan-Palazzo and Drew Faust

Time of Centering ~ Bell Choir

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" / S. Eithun

*Call to Worship and Sharing the Light

Drew Faust and Kadence Gill

Leader: It is a good day to be here.

Family: It is a good day to tell stories.

Leader: It is a good day to give thanks.

Family: It is a good day to be in community.

Leader: We are welcomed, just as we are in this community.

Family: We are loved, just as we are as well.

Leader: For God's radical love gives us all purpose.

All: In gratitude, for grace, and welcome, and love, let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise, no. 292

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Proclaiming the Word

God Moments and Concerns of the Family

Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Preparing our Hearts for Prayer

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" / A. Reed

*"Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace."*

Pastoral Prayer / The 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

"God is Our Refuge" / A. Pote

Time with Our Children

Colleen Franciscus

Lectionary

Doug Richard

Hebrew Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (*page 705 in your pew Bible*)

*Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:14-20 (*page 762 in your pew Bible*)

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

*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."*

Message

"Take Off the Gloves!"
Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Responding to the Word

Reflecting on the Message

"Here I am, Lord" / D. Schutte

*"Here I am, Lord, is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me, I will hold Your people in my heart."*

Offering

Offertory

"Be Thou My Vision" / L. Larson / Sharon Styer

Presentation of Our Gifts

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*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

Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

New Member Celebration

Children: **I am the church; will you nurture me and help me grow? (I will)**

Youth: **I am the church; will you continue to grow and explore alongside me? (I will)**

Adults: **I am the church; will you work and walk alongside me, supporting this faith
family known as Saint Paul's in all we do in all the ways we can? (I will)**

Seniors: **I am the church; will you join me in sharing the grace and love of God with all we
meet, with the broader community? (I will)**

Church: **Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple alongside of us all, to
follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to love one another,
work for justice, and witness to the work and Word, love and grace of Jesus Christ
alongside us, as best you are able? (I will)**

*Closing Hymn, no. 369

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*Benediction

*Benedictory Response

"Day by Day" / S. Schwartz

*"Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray:
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, follow Thee more nearly, day by day."*

*Postlude

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" / J.G. Barr / Sharon Styer

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

*Altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God
by Rev. Ed and Eileen Prowant
in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary.*

Saint Paul's Leadership Team

Pastor	Timothy Hogan-Palazzo
Church Administrative Assistant	Donna Spear
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Consistory

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