



Saint Paul's @ the Farm

A United Church of Christ Community

Welcoming you on the 24th Sunday following Pentecost

10:30 a.m. November 12, 2023

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

Introit

"God is Here" / F. P. Green

*"God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts."*

Welcome and News from the Pews
Time of Centering

Timothy Hogan-Palazzo and Kelly Kazibwe
"Come, Holy Traveler" / P. L. Harris
Sharon Styer
Charley Jo Kister
Kelly Kazibwe

Sharing of the Light

*Call to Worship (adapted, re: Worship):

Leader: If the human body is to live, it needs salt.
People: **If the body of Christ, body of peace and justice, is to live, it needs us.**
Leader: If the earthly creation, bustling and blooming, is to flourish, it needs the sun's light.
People: **If the new creation we are in Christ is to flourish, it needs the Spirit's light!**
Leader: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.
People: **Our faith, our love, our hope — essential as salt and light.**
Leader: Briny and bright, we are God's faithful people.
People: **We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ: a welcoming oasis, a compassionate community, a justice-making people, giving all glory to God!**
All: **Amen!**

*Hymn of Praise, no. 51

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Proclaiming the Word

God Moments and Concerns of the Family

Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Preparing our Hearts for Prayer

"Cares Chorus" / K. Willard

*"I cast all my cares upon You. I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet.
And any time that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon You."*

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

"Fly Away Home" / arr. M. McDonald

Time with Our Children

Colleen Franciscus

Dedication of Kyra Grace Richard

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Litany of Dedication (Matthew 5:14-16):

Pastor: And Jesus continued: "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.
People: **No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.**
Pastor: In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Questions to the Parents

Questions to the Children & Congregation

Mark of Dedication

*In this community we mark the child with a sign of the cross
as a way to signify this child is forever covered in God's love and grace.*

Prayer of Dedication

Presentation of Kyra Grace to the Family

"Bourning Cry"
Kelly Kazibwe, soloist

Lectionary

Elias Franciscus

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 12:1-2 (*page 920 in your pew Bible*)

*Gospel Lesson: John 12:44-50 (*page 821 in your pew Bible*)

*Leader: 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."*

Sermon

"Show Out!"
Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Responding to the Word

Reflecting on the Message

"Holy Ground" / G. Davis

*"We are standing on holy ground, and I know there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in His presence on holy ground."*

Offering

Offertory

"Near to the Heart" / J. M. Smith
Sharon Styer

Presentation of Our Gifts

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*Offertory Response

"Doxology" / T. Ken

*"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

*Closing Hymn, no. 395

"Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord"

*Benediction

*Benedictory Response

"This Little Light of Mine" / H. Loes

*"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

"Joy in the Morning" / T. Birchwood
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 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
Children & Youth Leader	Colleen Franciscus
Child Care Attendant	Cory Mahon
Sexton	Steve Brown
Tech Team	Chip Palazzo, Elias Franciscus, Derek Longan, Heath Hansum
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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
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Kathy Rowe ('25) – Deacon	Dane Santos ('25) - Deacon

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