

Saint Paul's @ the Farm

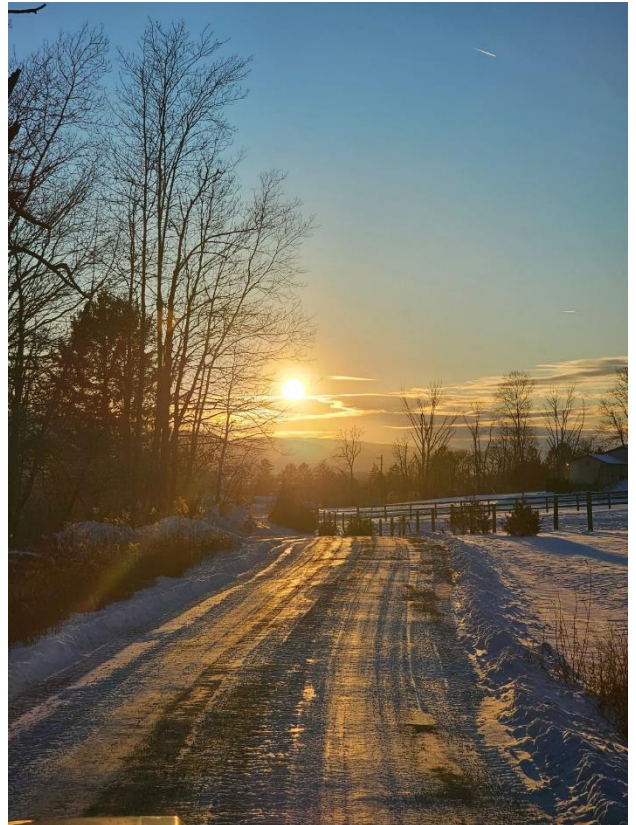
A United Church of Christ Community

Welcoming you on the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 a.m. January 28, 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

"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."*

Welcome

Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

News from the Pews

Drew Faust

Time of Centering

"Meditation on 'Power in the Blood'" / M. L. Williams
Sharon Styer

Sharing the Light

Ben Barbella

*Call to Worship

Drew Faust

Leader: We gather as God's beloved children –

Family: **We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be together.**

Leader: However glad we are, however out of sorts we are –

Family: **We are in awe of how Jesus calls each of us into community.**

Leader: To create and be a place where all are welcome –

Family: **Let us gather together.**

All: **Let us worship God with grateful hearts.**

*Hymn of Praise, no. 1

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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

"Light of the World" / K. Marrolli

Children's Choir

"Shout to the Lord" / D. Zscheck

Time with Our Children

Colleen Franciscus

Lectionary

Rhonda Newton

Hebrew Lesson: Psalm 111 (*page 473 in your pew Bible*)
*Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:21-28 (*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

"Shock & Awe?"
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

"Wonderful Words" / L. Smith
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

*Closing Hymn, no. 43

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*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

"Praise to the Lord, The Almighty" / arr. T. Kirkland
Sharon Styer

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

*Altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God
in memory of son, Seth Motter, by Staci Wagner*

Saint Paul's Leadership Team

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| Pastor | Timothy Hogan-Palazzo |
| 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 Formation & Children's Church | 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

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| Brad Gill –President/Trustee | Amy Armstrong ('26) – Secretary/Deacon |
| Jen Arnold ('24) – Deacon | Lisa Bernard ('24) – Vice President/Trustee |
| Don Emory ('26) – Deacon | Amy Mahon ('25) – Deacon |
| Dave Muffley ('25) – Trustee | Rhonda Newton ('24) – Deacon |
| Amy Rearick ('24) – Deacon | Kathy Rowe ('25) – Deacon |
| Dane Santos ('25) – Deacon | Jennifer Van Horn ('26) - Trustee |

Church Contact and Connections

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| Online Directory: | https://engage.suran.com/spuccwm |
| Online Events Calendar: | https://www.spuccwm.org/calendar |

Not able to be here in person on Sunday morning? Join us LIVE on Facebook and YouTube.

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