



Saint Paul's @ the Farm

A United Church of Christ Community

Welcoming you on Epiphany Sunday ~ Communion Service

10:30 a.m. ~ January 4, 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

Carolyn Patton

Chiming of the Hour

Introit

"I Wonder as I Wander"

***"When Mary birthed Jesus, t'was in a cow's stall, with wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all,
but high in God's heaven a star's light did fall, and the promise of ages, it then did recall."***

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo and Lisa Bernard

Lighting the Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

Rhett Sample

Candle Lighting Choral Response

"Christ, Be Our Light"

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

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

Centering Music ~ Bell Choir

"Starry Night" / arr. B. Austin

*Call to Worship

Lisa Bernard

Leader: The wise men came from the East, following a star, carrying gifts for a newborn king.

Family: They brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh—treasures fit for royalty.

Leader: But what do we bring? We don't have gold or precious spices.

Family: We wonder if what we have to offer is enough.

Leader: Jesus said, "Whatever you do for the least of these—the hungry, the cold, the homeless, the stranger—you do for me."

Family: When we feed the hungry, we're bringing gifts to Jesus. When we clothe the cold, we're bringing gifts to Jesus. When we welcome the stranger, we're bringing gifts to Jesus.

Leader: Paul wrote about churches who gave generously even though they were poor. They gave not from their abundance, but from their love.

Family: They gave what they had, and it was enough.

Leader: So come—bring your time, your compassion, your service, your resources, your love.

Family: We may not have gold, but we have hands that can serve.

Leader: We may not have frankincense, but we have hearts that can love.

Family: We may not have myrrh, but we have lives that can be poured out for others.

All: Come, let us worship the King by giving what we have—ourselves, our service, our love—to a world in need!

*Hymn of Praise, 166

"We Three Kings"

Proclaiming the Word

God Moments & Concerns of the Family

Pastor 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."***

Silent Reflection and Pastoral Prayer

Chancel Choir Anthem

"Sing We Now of Christmas" / arr. K. Pederson

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel here. Hearts in expectation, Noel drawing near. Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel. In stillness lays the world in silent reverie, longing for the birth of love and mercy. Yearning for hope, good news to fill our souls; turning to the manger that grounds all mystery. Angels bending low, shepherds bend their knee, wisemen from the east, all have come the child to see. All of creation where love has come to swell; sing we now of Christmas, the good news that we tell. Sing Noel.

Time with Our Children

Colleen Franciscus

Lectionary

Kate Schaeffer

Epistle Lesson: II Corinthians 8:1-11 *(page 884 in your pew Bible)*

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11 *(page 733 in your pew Bible)*

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

All: Thanks be to God.

*Lectionary Response

"Angels We Have Heard on High" / Trad.

"Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!"

Sermon

"The Little Drummer Boy Syndrome"

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Responding to the Word

*Sermon Response

"Emmanuel" / B. McGee

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

Communion

Communion Music

"In the Bleak Midwinter" / W.C. Dix

Amy Armstong, soloist

Sharing our Gifts, returning a portion of what God has gifted us, will take place during communion.

You may place your offering in the plates when you come up to receive the elements.

*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.*

New Member Celebration

Children & Youth: I am the church, your growing, curious community. Will you walk with me, learn with me, and help me discover the wonder of faith together? Will you be my friend and fellow explorer on this journey? (I will)

Adults & Seniors: I am the church, your loving and supportive faith family of Saint Paul's @ The Farm. Will you stand beside me, share in our mission of grace, and help spread God's love to everyone we meet - in our community and beyond? Will you be part of our shared story? (I will)

Church: With God's grace as our strength, will you commit to walking in Jesus' footsteps with our community? Will you stand against injustice, love without reservation, and share Christ's transformative message of hope and redemption through your words and actions? (I will)

*Sending Hymn, no. 136 (stanzas 1-5)

"The First Noel"

*Benediction

*Benedictory Response

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" / Trad.

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

*Postlude

Chorale Prelude on "Cranham" / G. Holst / Patricia Wagner

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

Flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of the life of Dick Bettleyon.

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

Consistory

Brad Gill – President/Trustee	Lisa Bernard ('27) – Vice President/Lead Deacon
Amy Armstrong ('26) – Secretary/Deacon	Holly Barbella ('28) – Deacon
Jeanie Counsil ('28) – Deacon	Ethan Cree ('28) – Trustee
Don Emory ('26) – Deacon	Drew Faust ('27) – Deacon
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Amy Rearick ('26) – Deacon	Kathy Showers ('28) – Deacon

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Online Events Calendar:	https://www.spuccfarm.org/calendar

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