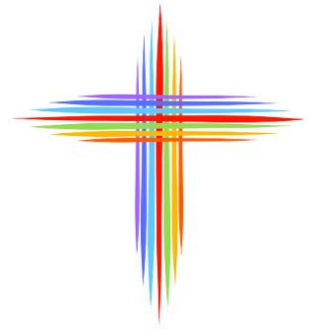


Saint Paul's @ the Farm

A United Church of Christ Community

Welcoming you on the First Sunday of Christmas

10:30 a.m. ~ December 28, 2025



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. 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 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 the "time with our 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

Chiming of the Hour

Introit

"I Wonder as I Wander" / J. Niles

***"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 Niki Weber

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

Bo Gill

Leader: On this first Sunday of Christmas, let us continue to proclaim the light has come.
The waiting is over. The Light of the World has come! Jesus is born in Bethlehem!
Christmas is here! And so, we ask once more:

**All: "Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ be our
light! Shine in your church gathered today."**

Centering Music

"Magic in December" / T. Barabus / Carolyn Patton

*Call to Worship

Niki Weber

Leader: Merry Christmas! Yes, still—we're only three days in!

Family: Merry Christmas!

Leader: The Christmas story continues. Baby Jesus has left the manger and arrived at the temple in Jerusalem.

Family: Mary and Joseph are bringing Him to be dedicated to God!

Leader: But something amazing is about to happen. Two people have been waiting at the temple—one for his whole life, one for most of hers. They don't know this is the day. But they've been watching. Hoping. Praying.

Family: And when Jesus shows up, everything changes!

Leader: This morning, we'll hear from the animals who were at the manger that night. And we'll hear what happened when an old man named Simeon and a prophet named Anna encountered baby Jesus at the temple.

Family: Everyone who meets Jesus has a story to tell!

Leader: What happens when you've been waiting your whole life and suddenly—there He is?

Family: We're about to find out!

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who shows up—in the manger, in the temple, and in us too, in the most unexpected ways!

All: We come to hear the stories! We come to celebrate! Christmas continues!

*Hymn of Praise, 151

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"

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 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.*

Children's Christmas Pageant

"Manger Tales"

Larry Prince – Drew Faust; Doug – Rhett Sample; Clara – Kadence Gill;

Sammy – Sadie Faust; Flock – children of Saint Paul's; Cody – Finn Rosboschil

Part 1: Larry Prince Live & Doug the Donkey; Reading; Congregation *What Child Is This V1*

Part 2: Larry Prince Live & Clara the Cow; Reading; Congregation *Silent Night V1*

Part 3: Larry Prince Live & Sammy the Sheep and her Flock; Reading; Congregation *Go Tell It on the Mountain V1*

Part 4: Larry Prince Live & Cody the Camel; Reading; Congregation *Joy to the World V1*

Closing: Children perform *Away in a Manger*

Lectionary

Barb Wagner

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:21-38 (*page 781 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

"What's Your Story?"

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."***

Offering

Offertory

"Winter Storm" / arr. A. Dow / Finn Rosboschil

Presentation of Our Gifts

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*Offertory Response

"What Can I Give Him" / C. Rossetti

***"What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a
wiseman, I would do my part; Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart."***

*Offertory Prayer

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

*Sending Hymn, no. 138

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

*Benediction

*Benedictory Response

"Go Tell It on the Mountain" / P. Brooks

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

*Postlude

Patricia Wagner

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

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	Jen Arnold ('25) – Deacon
Don Emory ('26) – Deacon	Drew Faust ('27) – Deacon
Joanna Johnson ('27) – Trustee	Amy Mahon ('25) – Deacon
Christine Parker ('27) – Deacon	Amy Rearick ('26) – Deacon
Kathy Rowe ('25) – Deacon	Jennifer Van Horn ('26) – Trustee

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