Saint Paul's @ the Farm

A United Church of Christ Community

Welcoming you on the First Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. ~ November 29, 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 Instagram 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 and Chiming of the Hour — Sharon Styer

Choral Introit ~ *choirs (verse) and congregation (refrain)* — *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* / Latin Hymn

"Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!"

Welcome and Announcements — Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo and Jen Arnold

Centering Music — Sharon Styer

*Advent Candle Lighting ~ Hope — The Faust Family

Autumn: The world can feel dark, uncertain, even. But we gather here, and we light a candle. We remember: God hasn't forgotten us. People have always waited for a light. They've always longed for God to come close.

Family: We're waiting, too. We're watching.

Autumn: And here's what we hold onto: a thrill of hope. Not because everything's suddenly fixed. But because God incarnate came and we know today, God is here.

Family: Come, Lord Jesus. Kindle in us a thrill of hope.

*Hymn of Praise, no. 123 — *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

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.*

Chancel Choir Anthem — *"A Great Light!"* / L. Larson

The people walking in darkness shall see a great light! The people living in darkness on them a light will shine! And the glory of God shall be shown, the will of God made known. The people walking in darkness shall see a great light! For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be on his shoulders, and the government shall be on his shoulders. He shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace. Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear Desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart. The people walking in darkness shall see a great light!

Time with Our Children — Colleen Franciscus

Lectionary — Autumn Faust

Hebrew Text: Isaiah 9:2 (*page 530 in your pew Bible*)
*Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:24-37 (*page 775 in your pew Bible*)
Chris: This is the word of God for all God's Children.
All: Thanks be to God.

*Lectionary Response — "*Adoration*" / Trad.

"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim; With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness, kneel and adore Him: The Lord is His Name!"

Sermon — "It Gets Dark Out Here"
Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Responding to the Word

*Sermon Response ~ *soloist (verse) and congregation (refrain)* — "*Star Child*" / S. Murray

"This year, this year, let the day arrive when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!"

Offering
Offertory — Sharon Styer
Presentation of Our Gifts — *To give electronically, you may scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin*
*Offertory Response — "*What Can I Give Him?*" / C. Alexander

"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. 124 — "*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*"

*Benediction

*Benedictory Response — *"Emmanuel"* / B. McGee

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

*Postlude — 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 Zella Daughtery
by Pastor Tim, Chip, and Miss Myrtle.

Saint Paul's Leadership Team

Pastor	Timothy Hogan-Palazzo
Church Chaplain	Kate Schaeffer
Church Administrative Assistant	Donna Spear
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