Saint Paul’s United Church of Christ

Welcomes you on Christmas Eve
10:15 p.m. December 24, 2021

Welcoming Saints and Sinners since 1900

Welcome to Saint Paul’s! Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you join us this evening. 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.

After the service, 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. 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.” Especially on this Holy night.

Merry Christmas,
Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Gathering of the Community

Gathering Music

“There’s a Song in the Air” / arr. T. Smith/D. Hustad
“Away In a Manger” / J.R. Murray
“O, How a Rose E’er Blooming” / trans. T. Baker; M. Praetorius

“Not That Far from Bethlehem” / J. Borders, G. Borders, L. Alexander
“Christmas Hallelujah” / C. & K. Cohen
“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing” / arr. T. Smith/D. Hustad
“Breath of Heaven” / arr. R. Emerson
“Mary, Did You Know?” / M. Lowry
“I Believe” / N. Grant
“The Mystery of Christmas” / arr. C. Fry

Shelley Peterson and Sharon Styer
Kelley Kazibwe, Autumn Faust, Carol Oberlin
Timothy Hogan-Palazzo, Sharon Styer
Richard Armstrong, Amy Armstrong
Sharon Styer
Camden Choplick
Shelley Peterson and Sharon Styer
Rachel Henry
Michael Haven
Russ Wynn, Jr.
Sharon Styer
Chancel Choir
Christmas Greeting  
Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Lighting of the Advent Candle  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Time of Centering  
“What Child is This?” / arr. Smith, Houstad  
Shelley Peterson and Sharon Styer

Sharing the Story  
Matthew 1:18-23  
Olivia Hockenbrock

Response to the Gospel  
“Away in the Manger”

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay, Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

Christmas Prayer  
Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

*Christmas Hymn, no. 141  
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Proclaiming the Word

The Story Continues  
Luke 2:1-14  
Olivia Hockenbrock

“O Holy Night” / arr. R. Mauldin

Reflection  
“Can It Be?”

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Responding to the Word

Time of Reflection  
“Emmanuel” / B. McGee

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings  
Text GIFT & Amount to 570.355.5355 or You may place an offering in one of the plates at the entrance or exit of the Sanctuary.

Offertory  
“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” / Mendlesson arr. Smith, Houstad  
Shelley Peterson & Sharon Styer

*Offertory Response  
“What Can I Give Him” / D. Cason

“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
Communion Prayer
*Sharing the Light, no. 147
  "Silent Night"
  As the light is shared, please remember to share the light by tipping the unlit candle to the lit candle.

*Proclamation of Christmas
*Hymn of Response, no. 125
  "Joy to the World!"

*Benediction
*Postlude
  "Joy to the World" / G. F. Handel
  Sharon Styer

*Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.
Saint Paul’s Leadership Team

Pastor
Church Administrative Assistant
Minister of Music/Organist
Assistant Minister of Music/Asst. Organist
Assistant Accompanists
Nursery Attendant/Children’s Church
Children & Youth Leader
Sexton
Groundskeepers
Tech Team
Financial Secretary
Treasurer

Timothy Hogan-Palazzo
Donna Spear
Russell Wynn, Jr.
Sharon Styer
Michael Haven / Shelley Peterson
Open / Colleen Franciscus
Colleen Franciscus
Steve Brown
Robert Greenly / Ethan Hamilton
Chip Palazzo, Keegan Gill, Heath Hansum
Dianne Covert
Amy Snider

Consistory

Sharon Klose (‘21) – President/Deacon
Jen Arnold (‘23) – Deacon
Merle Kay Englehart (‘21) - Deacon
Earl Fisher (‘21) – Deacon
Amy Mahon (‘24) – Deacon
Rhonda Newton (‘23) – Deacon
Amy Rearick (‘22) – Deacon
Brent Sample (‘21) – Trustee
Brad Gill (‘22) – Vice President/Trustee
Lisa Bernard (‘23) – Trustee
Drew Faust (‘22) – Trustee
Colleen Franciscus (‘22) – Secretary/Deacon
Dave Muffley (‘24) – Trustee
Sue Overdorf (‘22) – Deacon
Kathy Rowe (‘24) – Deacon
Dane Santos (‘24) - Deacon

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Pastor’s Email: PastorTim@spuccwm.org

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

Be sure to follow us on Facebook, catch our weekly services on FaceBook and YouTube and connect with online at: http://www.spuccwm.org
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In Celebration of the Season
Poinsettias placed in the Sanctuary

In Memory of Dale Bender  
Given by Pat, Stevi, and Deene

In Memory of Anthony and Margaret Bernard
In Memory of George and Ann Wright  
Given by Bill, Lisa, and Emily Bernard

In Memory of Floyd and Thelma Bird
In Memory of Harold and Gladys Rieder  
Given by Mark and Dianne Covert

In Memory of Doug Deitrick  
Given by Rox, Zac, and Callie

In Memory of Grandparents Marion and Elwood Engleman, Kathryn and Earl Keiser, and Mary and Robert Fisher and Siblings Marikaye Snyder and Rick Fisher  
Given by Terri and Earl Fisher

In Celebration of Class of 2021 Consistory, Saint Paul’s U.C.C. Faith Family, and All Volunteers

In Celebration of Russ, Sharon, Steve, and Donna
In Celebration of Myrtle Hogan
In Celebration of Rev. Kay Korpics
In Memory of Herman Hogan
In Memory of Joe and Betty Palazzo  
Given by Pastor Tim and Chip

In Honor of Joyce Kessler, Jennie Hagerman
In Memory of Donald Hagerman, Richard Kessler, Sr, Kenneth Dill  
Given by Randy Kessler and Doug Hagerman

In Memory of Charles and Jean Kister
In Memory of Cecil and John Beshore  
Given by Doug and Cyndy Kister

In Memory of Elnor Laform  
Given by Chad and Nicole Kister & Family

In Celebration of Christmas  
Given by Gloria Lehman

In Memory of George Locke  
Given by Candy Locke

In Memory of Elmer and Katherine S. Mull  
Given by George and Ericka Mull
In Celebration of the Season
Poinsettias placed in the Sanctuary

In Memory of Ronald Newton and Robert Newton
In Memory of David B. Anderson
Given by Rhonda Newton and Steve Anderson

In Memory of Peggy Reimensnyder
In Memory of John Frederick
Given by Carol Oberlin and Tom Reimensnyder

In Memory of Richard and Helen Hopple
Given by Sue Overdorf

In Memory of "Sissy" Rowe
Given by Kathy, Steven, and Jane Rowe

In Memory of Arthur W. Zeckman, Jr.
In Memory of Joseph, Katherine, and J. Thomas Derr
Given by Shelly Sholley and Sharon Foust

In Memory of Paul Styer and Daniel Breining, Jr.
In Honor of Nancy Styer and Gertrude "Cookie" Breining
Given by Kevin and Sharon Styer

In Memory of Parents Harry and Virginia Beck, Bernard and Annabelle Wagner,
and Grandson Jared Tobias Wagner
Given by Dave and Barb Wagner

In Memory of Richard A. Weaver
Given by Marie and Joan Weaver

In Honor of Sharon Styer, Shelly Peterson, Michael Haven, Saint Paul's Choirs
In Memory of Grandparents: Mimi and Pappy Hay, and Murmur and Poppop Wynn
Given by Russ Wynn, Jr.

In Honor of Dean and Nancy Haven & Russ, Sr. and Donna Wynn
Given by Russ Wynn, Jr. and Mike Haven

In Memory of George Zeyn, Sr.
In Memory of George Zeyn, Jr.
Given by Marianne and Harriet Zeyn

In Celebration of An Amazing Church Family and an Amazing Pastor