

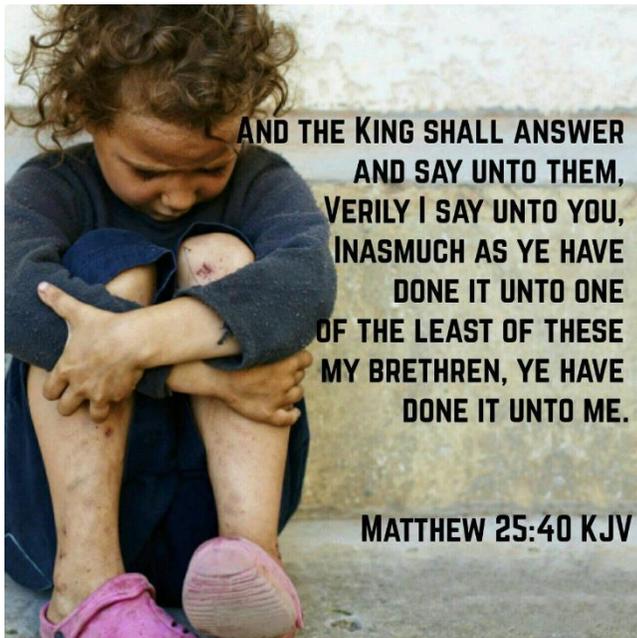
# Saint Paul's United Church of Christ

Welcomes you on this Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 a.m. September 25, 2022 ~ New Member Sunday

## Welcoming Saints and Sinners since 1900

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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 pews, 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 nursery open, and children's church available for all ages through Grade 2, following our "time with the children" portion of the service. 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*

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## Gathering of the Community

Gathering Music

Choral Introit

*"Holy Ground" / G. Davis*

*"We are standing on holy ground, and I know there are angels all around.  
Let us praise Jesus now, we are standing in His presence on holy ground."*

Welcome and News from the Pews

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo & Lisa Bernard

Time of Centering

*"Oh Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"* / arr. Smith and Hustad  
Sharon Styer and Shelley Peterson

Sharing the Light

Lillie Franciscus

\*Call to Worship (adapted T. Shuman):

Leader: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

**Family: Where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.**

Leader: We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

**Family: Where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**

Leader: We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:

**Family: Where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's comfort and peace,**

**All: Together we come.**

\*Hymn of Praise, no. 267

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

## Proclaiming the Word

God Moments

Concerns of the Family

A Time of Reflection

*"Cares Chorus"* / K. Willard

*"I cast all my cares upon You. I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet.*

*And any time I don't know just what to do, I will cast all my cares upon You."*

Silent Reflection

Prayers of the People

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

*"I Will Sing of Your Love, Love, Love"* / arr. J. Nault

Time with Our Children

Colleen Franciscus

Lectionary

Floyd Merritt

Hebrew Lesson: Romans 15:1-7

\*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:34-40

Leader: This is the word of God for all God's People.

**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."*

Sermon

*"Life's Amenities"*  
Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

# Responding to the Word

A Time of Reflection

*"Lead Me, Guide Me"* / D. Akers

*"Lead me, guide me along the way; For if You lead me, I cannot stray;  
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me."*

Offering

Offertory Music

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"* / arr. Smith and Hustad

Sharon Styer and Shelley Peterson

Presentation of Our Gifts

An additional option is text **GIFT** & Amount to **570.355.5355**

\*Offertory Response

*"Doxology"* / D. Cason

*"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen."*

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Closing Hymn

*"Help Us Accept Each Other"*

*1 Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe  
We are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.*

*3 Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
in living situations to do the truth in love;  
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.*

*2 Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.*

*4 Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance, for justice, and for bread,  
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;  
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!*

New Member Celebration

**Children:** I am the church; will you nurture me and help me grow?

**Youth:** I am the church; will you continue to grow and explore alongside me?

**Adults:** I am the church; will you work and walk alongside me, supporting this faith family known as Saint Paul's in all we do in all the ways we can?

**Seniors:** I am the church; will you join me in sharing the grace and love of God with all we meet, with the broader community?

**Church:** Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple alongside of us all, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to love one another, work for justice, and witness to the work and word, love and grace of Jesus Christ alongside us, as best you are able?

\*Benediction

\*Benedictory Response

*"Sanctuary"* / Thompson and Scruggs

*"Lord, prepare me to be a Sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for you."*

\*Postlude

*"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"* / arr. Sprunger

Sharon Styer

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

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*Flowers today are given to the Glory of God in Celebration of Donna and Jimmy's 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.*

## Saint Paul's Leadership Team

Pastor	Timothy Hogan-Palazzo
Church Administrative Assistant	Donna Spear
Minister of Music / Organist	Russell Wynn, Jr.
Assistant Minister of Music / Asst. Organist	Sharon Styer
Assistant Accompanists	Michael Haven / Shelley Peterson
Child Care Attendant / Children's Church	Adriana Richard / Colleen Franciscus
Children & Youth Leader	Colleen Franciscus
Sexton	Steve Brown
Groundskeepers	Robert Greenly / Ethan Hamilton
Tech Team	Chip Palazzo, Keegan Gill, Heath Hansum
Financial Secretary	Dianne Covert
Treasurer	Doug Hagerman

## Consistory

Brad Gill ('22) – President/Trustee	Jen Arnold ('23) – Deacon
Lisa Bernard ('23) – Vice President/Trustee	Drew Faust ('22) – Trustee
Colleen Franciscus ('22) – Secretary/Deacon	Amy Mahon ('24) – Deacon
Dave Muffley ('24) – Trustee	Rhonda Newton ('23) – Deacon
Sue Overdorf ('22) – Deacon	Amy Rearick ('22) – Deacon
Kathy Rowe ('24) – Deacon	Dane Santos ('24) - Deacon

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