



# Saint Paul's @ the Farm

*A United Church of Christ Community*

Welcoming you on Christ the King Sunday

10:30 a.m. November 19, 2023

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## 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 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 our "time with the children" for children ages 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*

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# Gathering of the Community

Gathering Music

Introit

*"God is Here" / F. P. Green*

*"God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts."*

Welcome and News from the Pews

Timothy Hogan-Palazzo and Kelly Kazibwe

Time of Centering

Sharing of the Light

Emerson Council

**Call to worship** (adapted Isaiah 45:18):

Kelly Kazibwe

Leader: Isaiah proclaimed:

**People: This is God!**

Leader: The one who created the heavens and formed the earth;

**People: The one who established it all;**

Leader: God did not create it as chaos;

**People: God formed it for all of us!**

Leader: Then God proclaimed,

**People: I am the Lord, and there is no other.**

**All: We come to lift our voices in love to the Lord.**

\*Hymn of Praise, no. 3

*"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

## Proclaiming the Word

God Moments and Concerns of the Family

Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Preparing our Hearts for Prayer

*"Cares Chorus" / K. Willard*

*"I cast all my cares upon You. I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet.  
And any time that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon You."*

Pastoral Prayer / The 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

*"How Can I Keep from Singing?" / arr. L. Larson*

Time with Our Children

Colleen Franciscus

Lectionary

Barb Wagner

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 1:15-20 (page 899 in your pew Bible)

\*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:22-33 (page 746 in your pew Bible)

\*Leader: This is the word of God for all God's Children.

**\*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

*"Jesus in Our Blind Spot"*  
Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

## Responding to the Word

Reflecting on the Message

*"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."*

Offering

Offertory

Presentation of Our Gifts

*To give electronically, you may scan the QR code on the back of your bulletin*

\*Offertory Response

*"Doxology" / T. Ken*

*"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."*

\*Offertory Prayer

Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

New Member Celebration

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

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

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? (I will)**

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? (I will)**

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? (I will)**

\*Closing Hymn, no. 4

*"How Great Thou Art"*

\*Benediction

\*Benedictory Response

*"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" / arr. E. Thomas*

*"He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands."*

\*Postlude

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

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*Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God  
by Sharon Foust and Shelly Sholley who are thankful and grateful  
for this, their Saint Paul's family.*

## Saint Paul's Leadership Team

Pastor	Timothy Hogan-Palazzo
Church Administrative Assistant	Donna Spear
Minister of Music / Chancel Choir	Russell Wynn, Jr.
Assistant Minister of Music / Children's Choir	Sharon Styer
Assistant Minister of Music / Bell Choir	Patty Wagner
Children's Church	Colleen Franciscus
Children & Youth Leader	Colleen Franciscus
Child Care Attendant	Cory Mahon
Sexton	Steve Brown
Tech Team	Chip Palazzo, Elias Franciscus, Derek Longan, Heath Hansum
Financial Secretary	Dianne Covert
Treasurer	Doug Hagerman

## Consistory

Brad Gill –President/Trustee	Jen Arnold ('24) – Deacon
Lisa Bernard ('24) – Vice President/Trustee	Drew Faust ('23) – Trustee
Colleen Franciscus ('23) – Secretary/Deacon	Amy Mahon ('25) – Deacon
Dave Muffley ('25) – Trustee	Rhonda Newton ('24) – Deacon
Sue Overdorf ('23) – Deacon	Amy Rearick ('24) – Deacon
Kathy Rowe ('25) – Deacon	Dane Santos ('25) - Deacon

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