

Saint Paul's United Church of Christ

Welcomes you on Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 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 day. 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."

*Peace,
Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo*

Gathering of the Community

Gathering Music

Sharon Styer

Choral Introit

"Oh Worship the King" / R. Grant

*"O Worship the King, all glorious above, and gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise."*

Welcome and News from Home

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo and Lisa Bernard

Greeting from Penn Central Conference UCC

Reverend Nora Foust

Time of Centering

"Who Is On the Lord's Side" / C. Reichardt

Sharon Styer

*Invitation to All

Lisa Bernard

Leader: We look to our brother, Christ Jesus,

Family: Friend of the poor, the meek, and the merciful.

Leader: We acknowledge Christ's authority and power in this world and the world to come.

Family: We make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, we seek to serve the Lord with gladness and come into his presence with singing.

Leader: God, the Great Creator, placed everything under Christ's rule as supreme head of the church.

Family: Let us come together as the Christ's church, a place for all.

All: Let us come before the Lord with our praise and thanksgiving!

*Hymn of Praise, no. 562

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

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 what to do, I will cast all my cares upon You."*

Silent Reflection

Prayers of the People

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.**

**Please use name and words most familiar and comfortable to you.

Children's Choir

"Love, Love, Love" / J. Helgen J. May

Time with Our Children

Colleen Franciscus



Anthem

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" / J. Rutter

Lectionary

Amy Armstrong

New Testament Lesson: Revelation 1:4b-8

*Gospel Lesson: John 18:33-37

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

All: Thanks be to God.

*Response

"Gloria Patri"

*"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

"Who's in Charge Here?"
Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Responding to the Word

Time of Reflection

"Give Thanks" / D. Moen

*"Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks, to the Holy One, give thanks, because God's given,
Jesus Christ, God's Son. And now, let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich,
because of what the Lord has done for us, give thanks. "*

Presentation of Our Gifts

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

"I Give All To You" / L. Harris, T. Doran

Sharon Styer

*Offertory Response

"Doxology"

*"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, no. 556

"Now Thank We All Our God"

*Benediction

*Benedictory Response

"God Be With You" / J. Rankin

*"God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again."*

*Postlude

"Triptych: II Meditation" / J. Barr

Russ Wynn, Jr.

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

Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God by the Arnold Family

"Giving Thanks for All God's Blessings"

In Our Daily Prayers

Myrtle Archer and Family
Linda Beaver
Peggy & Dennis Birdsall
Casey Cassels
Gail Earnest
Gladys Fawcett
Greyson Greenawalt
Steve Harding
Mya, Ruth, and Al Henry

Myrtle Hogan
Makaila Huff
Isabel Hummell
Kiana Kautz
Mary Rose Knelly
Bob Koch
Katy Mahon
Cindy Mohr
Mya

Raquel Prager
Jane Scurfield
Jon Skarie
Alecia Snyder
The Vincent Family
Michael Haven & Russ Wynn, Jr.
Donna & Russ Wynn, Sr.
Unspoken Requests

*Updates to the prayer list are made weekly from phone calls and Prayers and Love.
Names without updates are removed monthly.*

News from Home



Poinsettias - Order poinsettias to be placed in the Sanctuary this year in memory, honor, or celebration of a life of a loved one or friend. The choices are red or white, the cost is \$10 per plant, and the poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary from December 19 through December 24. You may order online via our web site [www.spuccwm.org](https://forms.gle/qLecd9pVDiTMd7Zw8), or link here: <https://forms.gle/qLecd9pVDiTMd7Zw8>. You may also contact Donna in the church office (570) 568-1433. Poinsettia orders due by December 12, 2021. Make checks payable to SPUC or pay online using our secure Engage online giving option using the “flowers” giving fund.

Altar Flowers for 2022 – You can begin now to reserve a Sunday in 2022 to provide altar flowers in memory, honor, or celebration of a loved one. The cost is \$50, and you can schedule dates by calling the church office at 570-568-1433 or by using the online form on the homepage of the church website. Make checks payable to SPUC or pay online using our secure Engage online giving option using the “flowers” giving fund.



Children’s Choir - Children’s choir rehearses each Sunday from 10 to 10:15 a.m. in the music room. All children in kindergarten through middle school are welcome! If your child cannot read yet, we request that an adult attend with them. The children will sing in worship November 21, December 21, and Christmas Eve 4 p.m. service. If you have any questions, please see Russ Wynn or Sharon Styer.

Flu Shots Still Available - If you have not had a flu shot and would like to get yours, please reach out to Brad Gill of Lewisburg Pharmacy and schedule yours either here at the church on Sunday mornings or at this pharmacy. The flu shot is offered at no cost to you. If you have an insurance card, please bring it with you. Over three dozen shots and counting!

Church Directory – Saint Paul’s offers a secure online directory. If you do not have the capability to access an online directory or need assistance in setting yours up, please contact Donna in the church office.

Christmas Wreaths – We are accepting orders for Christmas Wreaths through November 28. See the display in the outside entryway and the bow choices in the Narthex under the “announcements” TV. Order forms are on the podium as you enter the Narthex. Cost is \$18 and includes the bow of your choice. The proceeds from the wreaths support our local missions.



COVID-19 Protocol

We continue to suggest the following COVID 19 Pandemic precautions.

1. Please do not attend worship or any church events if you are feeling ill.
2. Advise Pastor Tim or contact the church office should you need anything.
3. While 90% or more of our adults in the congregation are vaccinated, we would ask that if you are not vaccinated, that you please mask. If you are vaccinated and would be more comfortable wearing a mask, you are encouraged to as well.
4. Sanitize often and please be respectful of one another's personal space.

Thank you for your continued cooperation as we strive to balance the normality of church-based events and keeping everyone safe. Be good, be kind, and as always let's be the church.

Mission and Outreach News

Pack the Pantry - We have seen an increase in need with the number of families we are serving. Going into winter, let's pack the pantry for emergency needs in the upcoming days, weeks, and months. As supplemental help begins to wane, supplies seem to go down, and costs for groceries and household items increase, your help is needed more than ever. Our need currently is for canned vegetables, breakfast cereal, frozen proteins, boxed meal helper, or if you are able or inclined, gift cards to Giant, Weis, and Walmart. For a full list of needs, check out the holder by the red wagon, stop by the pantry, check in with Diane Bettleyon or Dane Santos, or call the church office. Together we are community, neighbor helping neighbor.

Gifts for Local Children this Holiday Season - The Donald Heiter Center in Lewisburg organizes gifts for local children for the Holiday season. We would appreciate your support for the children this holiday season. There is a tree in the narthex with gift tags, one for each kid. You can always team up with another family to support one child. Below is information about how to help with this project:

- Gifts should be delivered no later than 12/6/21, to the DHCC (100 North 5th St Lewisburg PA 17837). They can be delivered Mon-Fri 6am-5:30pm. If you want to bring them to the church, please bring the gifts no later than November 28.
- Make sure you include the code number on your donation. The gifts should be left unwrapped.
- The goal is to buy everything on the list. If you can't get something on the list, please let Jen know asap.
- If you have any questions, please email Jen Arnold at family1arnold@gmail.com or call/text Jen at 570-713-5995.

Worship & Faith Engagement News

"Sunday Morning Head Start" meets Sunday morning at 9:15 in the parlor. Get a head start on exploring the day's scripture reading with facilitator Dane Santos. All are welcome. No experience necessary.

"Monday Morning Reflections" meets Monday mornings at 10:30 in the parlor. Meet with Pastor Tim and dig even deeper into the week's scripture.

"Wednesday Evening Exploration" meets in the parlor at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Join us for the new Advent Series, *"All the Good,"* beginning today. *All are invited:* Come, let's journey together as we dig into *"All the Good."*

"Children's Church" for ages 3 to second grade is available. The children engage in sharing a lesson complimentary to the one being shared in worship today. Children's Church begins immediately following the anthem and the children return for the closing hymn. The group is led by Colleen Franciscus and other volunteers.

"Nursery" - Saint Paul's nursery for children ages infant to two years is open.



To provide a loving and caring space for families at Saint Paul's UCC, an easy way to "sign up" to volunteer in this ministry is available in the link below. Nursery needs one adult and one helper each Sunday. Nursery volunteers must be in the nursery by 10:15. The service can be heard and seen while in the nursery. Children's church needs one helper each Sunday. Helper will exit sanctuary with Colleen and children after children's message/choir singing.

Anyone over the age of 18 must have clearances on file with the church to work with children. If you need your clearances, please contact the church office. The helper for nursery or children's church can be an adult or a teen (example, husband and wife or mother and son can sign up as volunteers in the nursery).

Click the link to review the available slots below and sign up. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0944a8a62ca5fd0-nurserychildrens>

"3rd Sunday Fun!" - Families and youth of all ages gather third Sundays of the month at 5:30 p.m. The evening includes dinner, fellowship, and age-appropriate lessons and crafts. Our next gathering is Sunday, November 21! #seeuhere

Stewardship News

Giving of Time, Talents and Offerings: To all who offer their time, talents and gifts to create this community, our special thanks! It is good always and everywhere to give thanks to God.

Gifts & Offerings, Sunday, November 14, 2021:

Attendance In Person: 68 (3 Visitors)	Plate Giving	\$ 6,374.00
Attendance on LIVE: 306	Loose Plate	\$ 13.00
Virtual Reach: 1,229	Online Giving	\$ <u>2,579.72</u>
Christian Exploration: 32	Operational Total	\$ 8,966.72
	Restricted Giving	\$ <u>290.00</u>
	Total Giving	\$ 9,256.72

This Week at Saint Paul's

Our church office is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday

- Mon., Nov. 22** ARC of the Susquehanna Valley (in the Youth Room)
- Tues., Nov. 23** Fresh Express Food Distribution 3 to 5 p.m.
- Wed., Nov. 24** Happy Anniversary Steve and Robin Brown
Happy Birthday Karl Sampsell
Church closed for floor cleaning
- Thurs., Nov. 25** Happy Birthday Maggie Barratt and Donna Spear
Church closed for Thanksgiving
- Fri., Nov. 26** Happy Birthday Polly Barrall
- Sat., Nov. 27** Happy Birthday Pat Bender
- Sun., Nov. 28** Happy Birthday Molly Faust
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8:50 a.m.
Sunday Morning Head Start 9:15 a.m.
Children's Choir Rehearsal 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Milton Area Community Choir Rehearsal 2:30 p.m.

*Visit the Saint Paul's website calendar
for all church events:
<https://www.spuccwm.org/>*





Upcoming Birthdays:

Nov. 29 – Steve Rowe

Dec. 1 – Jo Beatty

Dec. 5 – Riley Lynch and Nancy Sampsell

Upcoming Worship:

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

“Characters of Christmas: Zechariah”

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 1:5:25

Worship Leader: Polly Barrall

Lector: Sue Overdorf

Flower Sponsor: Available

Offering Counter: R. Newton; D. Spear

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

“Characters of Christmas: Mary”

Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:57-80

Worship Leader: Polly Barrall

Lector: Lisa Bernard

Flower Sponsor: Amy and Kay

Offering Counter: A. Henry; D. Spear

November Usher Team: Earl Fisher, Terri Fisher, Amy Mahon, Sue Mahon, DeAnn Hansum, Jen Arnold

December Usher Team: Bill and Lisa Bernard, Rhonda Newton, Dave and Barb Wagner, Sue Mahon

Special Events

*Sunday
Advent
Concert Series*

November 28, 7pm
Re-Creation
Rockin' Little Christmas

December 5, 7pm
Sounds of the Season
An Evening with Local Artists

December 12, 3pm & 7pm
Milton Community Choir
Love was Born a King

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**SAINT
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an interactive

*Christmas
Story*

December 19
a story told following the 5pm meal

One of the amazing things about the Christmas story is that God does not act alone. For the story to be told, there need to be willing people in the story. Christmas reminds us that any and all of us can choose to live God's way and be a part of the story. Come experience a small portion of the Christmas story and give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus.

December 19 ~ 5 p.m.



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 Accompanist	Michael Haven
Nursery Attendant/Children's Church	Open / 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	Amy Snider

Consistory

Sharon Klose ('21) – President/Deacon	Brad Gill ('22) – Vice President/Trustee
Jen Arnold ('23) – Deacon	Lisa Bernard ('23) – Trustee
Merle Kay Englehart ('21)- Deacon	Drew Faust ('22) – Trustee
Earl Fisher ('21) – Deacon	Colleen Franciscus ('22) –Secretary/Deacon
Rhonda Newton ('23) – Deacon	Amy Rearick ('22) – Deacon
Brent Sample ('21) - Trustee	

Contact and Connect

Church Address: 1125 Mahoning Street, Milton, PA 17847
 Church Mailing Address: PO Box 85, West Milton, PA 17886
 Church Office Contact: 570-568-1433 / admin@spuccwm.org
 Pastoral Emergencies: 570-975-9536 (Pastor Tim's cell)
 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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