

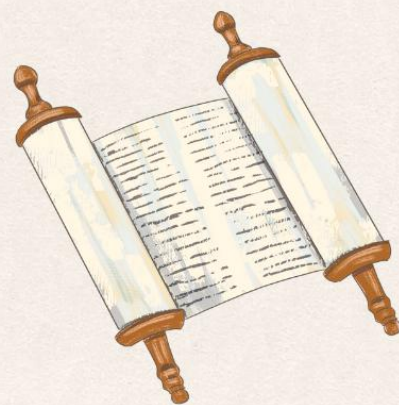
**Welcome to**  
**St. Paul's United Church of Christ**

*An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

January 26, 2025

**T**ODAY THIS  
SCRIPTURE  
HAS BEEN FULFILLED  
IN YOUR  
HEARING.

LUKE 4:21



**GOD IS STILL SPEAKING**



*NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, OR WHERE YOU ARE ON  
LIFE'S JOURNEY YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

## **Worship Leadership**

Preacher: The Rev. John J. Ward-Diorio  
The Rev. Allyssa A. Boyer  
Lector: Jane Leister

## **Ministry of Music**

Minister of Music: Eric R. Dundore  
Assistant Music Director: Mark A. Dundore  
Organist: Sarah A. Myers  
Assistant Organist: Patrice G. Miller

## **Ministry of Audio and Video**

Jeffrey A. Dundore

## **Ministry of Service**

Lead Greeter: Sherry Spencer  
Greeters: Joan Moyer, Jeff Leister  
Acolyte: Elsa Riesmeyer  
Kids' Place:  
Flower Preparation: Susan Gabriel  
Flower Delivery: Jonneke Dundore  
Counting Team: Joan Moyer, Melissa Cawley

## **Pastor Emeritus**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Herrold

## **Ministers**

The Entire Congregation

*Visit the church website, under the 'Sign Up' menu heading,  
to help as a Sunday volunteer or Worship Participant.  
We're grateful for your generosity.*

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 26, 2025

*The livestream starts with the Announcements. If you'd prefer not to be on camera, kindly choose a seat in the back three pews of the Sanctuary. Leave prayer requests in the bowl in the Common area or give them to the Lead Greeter.*

*\*Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand.*

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ORGAN PRELUDE "Abiding Love"

Donald Callendar

CHORAL INTROIT

\*THE HYMN No. 28 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

**Calling God, You have blessed us each with particular talents and abilities. Continue to guide us in working together to be Your Body at work in this time and place. Help us to fulfill Your Dreams for all of humanity and creation. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

We can minimize our abilities and use that as an excuse for not responding to God's Calls. We can think too much of ourselves, believing our work and understandings should always take precedence over the rest of the Body of Christ's contributions at work here. Both what we individually leave undone or arrogantly push, can cause the delay of the fulfillment of God's Hopes. Let us join the time of Silent Prayers of Confession.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive):

One: God forgives us and calls on us to examine ourselves, as to what we are saying and doing and what we are not, and how that measures up to God's Calls for us.

**ALL: Let us find our place in this Body, and work together pursuing God's justice, hope and love. Amen.**

*If you are able, please rise and greet one another with signs of Peace.*

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*THE GLORIA PATRI (#759 is the tune, but not all the same words)

**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.**

*Children are invited to the front at this time.  
Everyone who comes forward will be on camera.*

SING THE CHILDREN TO THE FRONT

Jesus Loves the Little Children

**Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world**

**Shy and Joyful, Bold and Bright**

**They are precious in his sight**

**Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

THE WORD FOR THE YOUNG

SING THE CHILDREN TO THEIR SEATS

Jesus Loves Me

**Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so**

**Little ones to him belong. They are weak but He is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me**

**Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so**

THE EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

THE PSALM READING

Psalms 19:7-14

\*THE HYMN No. 393 "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"

THE RESPONSE:

One: God is Still Speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING & MESSAGE:

Luke 4:14-21

"Fulfilling our Particular Calls"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE CHORAL RESPONSE (unison)



Thru Christ our ear-nest prayers are said with words we scarce can frame; Our  
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work of Christ-mas now be-gun, We serve now in Christ's name.

*Please place your pew pad sheets in the Offering Plate.*

THE OFFERTORY “The Lord Has Spoken Peace”

Nygaard

Chancel Choir

*This piece was written to honor Dr. Thomas E. Herrold on the occasion of his retirement in 2005.*

\*DOXOLOGY

***From all who dwell beneath the skies,  
Let the Creator’s praise arise!  
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung.  
Through every land, by every tongue! Amen.***

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**In the spirit of Christ, we give our best for the world. Your rule among us, O God, is more to be desired than riches. Therefore, we share what You have allowed us to use, giving thanks for the joy of helping others and entering into partnership with them. This is only the beginning of our offering, for we dedicate here our varied gifts as apostles, prophets, teachers, healers, helpers, administrators, speakers, workers. In all we do, we will seek to serve You by sharing your love. Amen.**

\*THE HYMN “There Are Many Ways of Sharing” (to the tune of no. 332, “As We Gather At Your Table”)

***There are many ways of sharing, But God's Spirit gives each one.  
There are different ways of caring; It's one Lord whose work is done.  
God, whose gifts are overflowing, May we hear you when you call;  
Keep us serving, keep us growing For the common good of all.***

***We've been baptized in the waters! We've been given work to do.  
When you call your sons and daughters, You give gifts for serving you.  
God, we join in celebration Of the talents you impart.  
Bless each baptized one's vocation; Give each one a servant's heart.***

**All are blest by gifts you give us; Some are set apart to lead.  
Give us Jesus' love within us As we care for those in need.  
Give us faith to make decisions; Give us joy to share your Word.  
Give us unity and vision As we serve your church and world.**

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\*THE BIDDING TO MISSION

\*THE WORLD PEACE PRAYER

One: Lead us, O God.

**All: Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.  
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.  
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.  
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen.**

\*THE BENEDICTION

\* THE THREE-FOLD AMEN

*The livestream ends after the Postlude. You're welcome to converse in the Narthex after the Three-fold Amen.  
However, if you choose to stay for the Postlude, please remain silent until the conclusion.*

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE "The Regal Trumpet"

David Paxton

References:

The Prayer of Dedication is from "Gathered by Love" by Lavon Bayler, 1997, United Church Press.

The World Peace Prayer is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism, also prayed daily by Roman Catholic Benedictine nuns.

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### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
Sherry Spencer, "In memory of my mother Shirley, and my sister Wendy."