

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. Anna L. Thompson
Lector: 8:15 Rhonda Jacobsen
10:30 Patty Scott

Ministry of Music

Organist: Sarah Myers
Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Ushers: Shirley Keith Knox
Ushers: 8:15 Consistory
10:30 Consistory
Greeters: 8:15 Connie and Herb Sutton
10:30 Sue and Ron Gabriel
Acolytes: 8:15
10:30 Kevin MacKinnon
Children's Sermon: Amy Paulus
Nursery:
Flower Delivery: Patty and Dave Scott

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Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

January 03, 2010

I AM LIGHT,
JOY, LIFE,
LOVE,
PEACE,
HERE!

GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

No Matter Who You Are, or Where You Are on Life's Journey You are Welcome Here!

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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 03, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ

“The Star in the East”

Higgins

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: In many ways the Holy One has spoken of old,

People: but now God has been made known in Christ.

Leader: the image of the invisible God,

People: the firstborn of all creation.

All: Let us sing a new song to the God who loves us

and who receives us as children and heirs with Christ.

*THE HYMN NO. # 126 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

O God, You have come to us as a small child, but you have brought us the greatest of all gifts, the gift of eternal love. Caress us with your tiny hands, embrace us with your tiny arms, and pierce our hearts with your soft sweet cries. In our worship, may we feel your presence and draw closer to you, incarnate God. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION (Responsive)

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

All: God of all mercy, we confess before you and each other that we have been unfaithful to you. We lack love for our neighbors, we waste opportunities to do good, and we look the other way when you cry out to us in the suffering of our brothers and sisters in need. We are sincerely sorry for our sins, both those we commit deliberately and those that we allow to overtake us. We ask your forgiveness and pray for strength that we may follow in your way and love all your people with that perfect love that casts out all fear; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

January 03, 2010



Tim Davinroy

Shannon Collins

Tyler Derr

Jackie Diorio

Jacque and Grace Drager

Pat Eakin

Scott Eichman

Paul Heaney, Sr.

Les Gerber and Elaine McCracken

Clyde and Treva Miller

Dayne and Sue Miller

Steve Mitchell

Ally, Erin, Joan and Ernie Moyer

Dave Scott

Peg and Don Seiler

Clyde Strock

Susan and Natalie

Dave Thomas

Ruth Wrightstone

All the people in the Middle East struggling for peace

All the people in the military and their families

All the people who have lost jobs and their families

Celebrations

Thanks to Anna and everyone else who helped with the service today in Rev. John's absence.

To the Congregation of St. Paul's – "Kind deeds are like little prayers": Thank you so very much for the beautiful altar flowers, our prayer shawls, the prayers and the wonderful carolers who visited the night Ally came home from Hershey Med. We know we have a long road ahead of us, but it's a comfort to know our St. Paul's Family will be there with us. Also, a huge Thanks to Linda Alburger who made the violet ribbons for all to wear in support in Ally. Thank you so much, Ally, Erin, Joan and Ernie Moyer.

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Accept these offerings now placed on your altar, O God, the giver of every good and perfect gift. Grant that they may be symbols of our love and of ourselves now offered more fully to you. Use these gifts and us, we pray, to the end that your realm may come and your will be done on earth, even as it is done in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*THE COMMUNION HYMN NO.164 “Arise, Your Light Has Come”

THE INVITATION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

One: God Be With You.

Many: **And Also With You.**

One: Lift Up Your Hearts.

Many: **We Lift Them Up To God.**

One: Let Us Give Thanks To God.

Many: **It Is Good To Give God Thanks And Praise.**

(The Communion Prayer continues)

Minister: ...With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name:

All: Holy, holy holy God of love and majesty,

The whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

(Debts and Debtors)

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(We will share in the Sacrament in our pews this Sunday. Please hold the elements until all have been served and we will eat and then drink together. There will be bread and gluten-free wafers on each plate and wine and white grape juice in each cup holder. All are welcome to participate. Thank you.)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ’s gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

*THE HYMN NO. 159 “As With Gladness Those of Old”

*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 POSTLUDE “Procession of the Magi”

Blake

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

We welcome warmly all who are visiting with us. Please register your attendance on the Friendship Form that is located in the red pad on the aisle side of the pew so that others may greet you in the name of the Living Christ. Remember to place a check mark under the communion heading if you partake of communion. The person at the end of the pew should place the finished sheet in the offering plate.

References:

The Prayers of Confession, Dedication, Thanksgiving and Communion Liturgy are from the UCC Book of Worship.

The Prayer of Invocation is a paraphrase of a prayer by Bernard of Clairvaux.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF January 03 – January 10, 2010

TODAY 8:15/10:30 am Worship Services/Pew Communion

No Sunday School

MON 6:00 pm MASH Color Guard (FH)

TUES Noon **Ecumenical Food Pantry**

5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13)

6:30 pm MASH Sewing (FH)

7:00 pm Bear Den (Rm 11)