

Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

January 9, 2011

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 8:15 Mary Runkle

10:30 Craig Martek

Ministry of Music

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Usher: Bruce Perry

Greeters: 8:15 Mary Louise Miller & Joanne Miller

10:30 Pam & Allan MacKinnon

Acolyte: 8:15 Ally Moyer

10:30 Amy MacKinnon

Children's Sermon: Allyssa Boyer

Nursery: Murphy Family

Flower Delivery: Sue Stada

Fellowship Time: Keith & Knox Families

“St. Paul's UCC aims to be a fully accessible congregation. Folks having an issue related to accessibility in the church building or a church program should contact the church office or contact a head usher on Sunday mornings.”

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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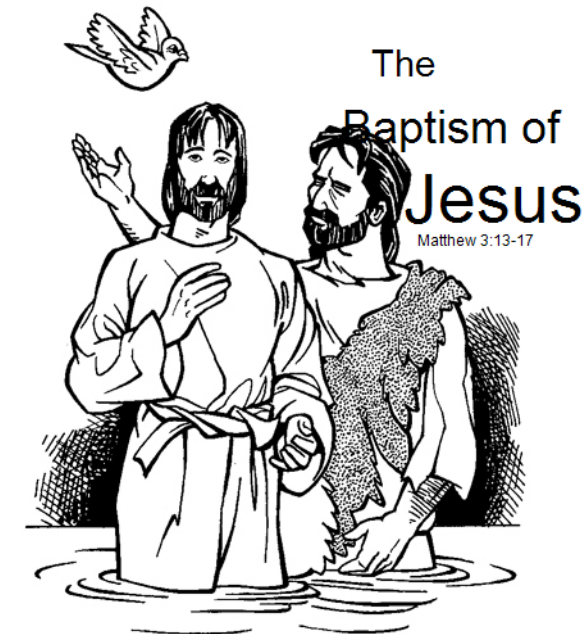
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GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

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

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 9, 2011

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "We Three Kings" Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response): From Psalm 29

*THE HYMN NO. 115(vs. 1,3,4 & 6) "The Baptist Shouts on Jordan's Shore"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Gracious God, Mother and Father of us all, we are grateful You choose to love us as deeply as the most loving parent. In all our imagination, we cannot envision a stronger bond. Thank You. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

God's Spirit is within us. God is well pleased with us, yet we continue to believe we might lose our connection to God because of something we have done. We continue to think that God loves us like some other human beings love us: with conditions. Let us join in the unison Prayer of Confession.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to You. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION



Bob & Bill

Bill and Alice Crouse

Julie DeLuca

Jackie Diorio

Pat Eakin

Stacey Fisher

Heather Geraghty

Dave & Jane Hall

Bob Heisler

Phyllis Hershey

Homeless Family

Mary Hunter

Betty Hyde

Megan Kern

Bud Miller

Jean Myers

Family of Larry Pike

Ursula R. Pike

Jack Rhoads

John Scott

Peg and Don Seiler

Clyde Strock

Leah van Olden

Sue Worley, Jean and Willard Jones and Family

All the People affected by the Earthquakes; All the People and the Environment affected by the oil spill in the Gulf Coast, 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 and All who lost loved ones this past year.

Celebrations

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for St. Paul's Annual Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner **next Sunday, January 16, 2011**. There will be one worship service on this day at 10:30, followed by the annual meeting and then a delicious pork and sauerkraut dinner in FH. **Please sign-up on the sheet** on the bulletin board in the common area so we have an idea on the # to plan for.

2011 Child Sponsorships and Altar Flowers sign-up sheets are on the bulletin boards in the commons.

The **2011 Offering Envelopes** are on the table in the commons. If you have not picked up yours yet, please do so today. Please also pick up any you can deliver.

Pictorial Directory - We have some extra copies of the Pictorial Directory available for sale at a price of \$10.00 each. If you are interested, please see Terry in the Church Office.



The Bible Study Group meets in the Parlor from 7 to 8:30, the 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month. Starting on Monday January 10th, we will be discussing the book "Moments That Take Your Breath Away" by James Moore. We'd love to have you join us! Please feel free to contact Anna (766-5626) with any questions.



Christmas Eve Survey – In your January Epistle, there was a follow-up survey regarding the time change of 7:30 to 4 PM this year. You may drop off your completed survey either in the offering plate or in the envelope on the counter beside the mailboxes in the Church Office. Blank copies of the survey can be found on the table in the commons. We are asking that you turn your survey in by January 30th. Thanks.

NoteCards are still available for Purchase. Payment for note cards picked up on Sunday can be made either by check (payable to St. Paul's UCC) or cash and can be put in the offering plate or dropped off in the secretary mailbox in the church office (please make sure you put note cards on it).

Words of Assurance (Responsive):

Minister: God receives our apologies and repentance, and has assured us that our sins are forgiven.

All: **Let us receive and pursue the new lives, which Jesus showed were possible for all of us. Amen.**

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*THE GLORIA PATRI

Children's Message (10:30 Service)

SING THE CHILDREN TO THE FRONT Jesus Loves the Little Children

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

Red and yellow, black and white

They are precious in his sight

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

Acts 10:34-43

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

"Children of God"

Matthew 3:13-17

*THE HYMN NO. 168 "O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)
(Debts and Debtors)

THE CHORAL RESPONSE (unison)

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us
grace.**

THE OFFERTORY

8:15 Organ "Christmas Lullaby" Sarah Douglas
10:30 Chancel Choir "Hymn of Promise" Sleeth

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**We pray, O God, that our offerings delight You. We bring them to
encourage all who work for justice and peace on our behalf, that they may
not grow faint or be crushed by opposition. May the oppressed find healing,
the discouraged receive hope, and those who are bound discover freedom,
through and beyond our efforts. Amen.**

*THE HYMN NO. 306 "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

*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

Organ "How Great Our Joy" James Mansfield

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 so that others may greet you in the name of the Living Christ. The person at the end of the pew should place the finished sheet in the offering plate.

References:

The Prayer of Confession is from A New Zealand Prayer Book, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, 1997, HarperSan Francisco.

The Prayer of Dedication is from Taught By Love, by Lavon Bayler, 1998, United Church Press.

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 9 – 16th, 2011

**TODAY 8:15&10:30 am Worship Services
9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)
9:15 am Sunday School
Burning of the Greens after 10:30 Service (Parking Lot)**

**MON 6:00 pm MASH Color Guard (FH)
7:00 pm Bear Den (Rm 13)
7:00 pm Bible Study Group (Parlor)**

**TUES 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13)
6:30 pm Yoga Class (FH)**

**WED 6:00 pm Hand Chimes (Rm 5)
6:30 pm Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
7:15 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Webelos 1 (FH)**

THUR 6:00 pm MASH Sewing (FH)

SAT Youth Event at Hershey Bears Game

**SUN 9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service/Blessing of Prayer Shawls
Noon Annual Meeting & Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner**