

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

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

January 16, 2011

## **Worship Leadership**

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: Becky Drazba

## **Ministry of Music**

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

## **Ministry of Service**

Head Usher: Bruce Perry

Greeters: Missy & Scott Gates

Acolyte: Jeff Dundore

Children's Message: Choristers

Nursery:

Flower Delivery: Belva & Leo Garman

*“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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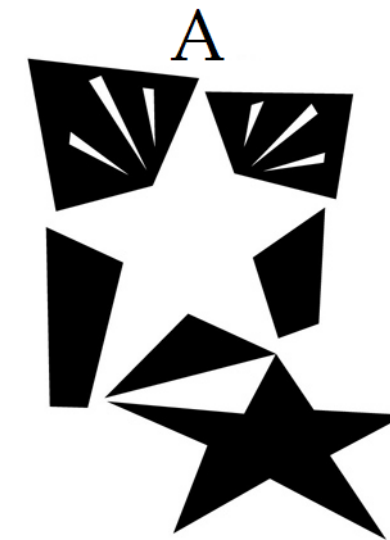
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**LIGHT**  
to the  
**NATIONS**

**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 EPIPHANY

JANUARY 16, 2011

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Andante Tranquillo" (from Sonata #3 for Organ) Felix Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response): From Psalm 40

\*THE HYMN NO. 573 "Lead On Eternal Sovereign"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Gracious God, You are a light to us; You are always with us, nearer even than our next breath; You wrap Your loving arms around us and offer us peace and hope. We offer our thanks to You by offering ourselves to others in the same way, all done in Your Holy Name. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We can be tempted to limit our care, compassion and love to those who are closest to us, to those who think and act like us, and to those who we think might offer something of benefit to us someday. God reminds us that God loves all people and we are supposed to as well. 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

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Bill & Bob

Bill and Alice Crouse

Julie DeLuca

Jackie Diorio

Pat Eakin

Stacey Fisher

Heather Geraghty

Dave & Jane Hall

Bob Heisler

Phyllis Hershey

Homeless Family

Family of Ethel Holtzapple

Mary Hunter

Betty Hyde

Megan Kern

Bud Miller

Jean Myers

Ursula R. Pike

Jack Rhoads

Rick and Family

John Scott

Peg and Don Seiler

Clyde Strock

Eric and Shannon Trout & Family of Tino Lopez

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, All who lost loved ones and all who were affected by the shootings in Arizona.

**Celebrations**

9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)

9:15 am Sunday School

Noon CE/Youth Search Committee Mtg (Parlor)

Noon OWL Parent Orientation (Rm 7/8)

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade YF Laser Tag and Return to Church for Dinner

MON

EPISTLE DEADLINE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE ANNUAL MEETING** will be held in the sanctuary immediately following the Service today. Following this meeting we will have our **Annual Congregational Dinner** in Fellowship Hall. In addition to enjoying pork, sauerkraut and all the trimmings, the following members of St. Paul's will be honored. Each of these persons has been a member for at least 50 years!

<u>Member</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>
Grace Cocklin	March 24, 1929
Phyllis K. Hershey	September 24, 1950
Albert Huebner	November 11, 1956
Betty J. Hyde	November 16, 1951
John Knisely	February 10, 1957
Shirley Knisely	February 10, 1957
Raymond Krouch	April 24, 1955
Mary Louise Miller	March 25, 1945
Ned M. Rupp	April 3, 1955
Carolyn S. Rutherford	October 30, 1955
Donald Seiler	November 06, 1960
Margaret Seiler	November 06, 1960
Linda J Shea	March 22, 1959
Rena B. Smith	March 29, 1931

**ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION ANNUAL WINTER SOUP SALE!** All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer! Turkey Corn Soup and Gluten free Turkey Corn Soup may be ordered on the signup sheet in the Common. \$6.00 per quart. Soup will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 20th after services. Lots of help needed to make the the soup, please sign up to help on Friday, February 18th starting at 4:00pm. Thank you for your continued support for this very important mission!!

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

**Prayer of Blessing (Unison):**

**May God's grace be upon these shawls...warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing. May these mantles be safe havens... sacred places of security and well-being...sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the ones who receive these shawls be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. Blessed Be!**

Children's Message

SING THE CHORISTERS 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.**

CHORISTERS "Children of the Lord" Sleeth

SING THE CHORISTERS 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 GOSPEL READING John 1:29-42

THE READING OF THE PSALM Psalm 40:1-11

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING AND MESSAGE

“A Light To The Nations”

Isaiah 49:1-7

\*THE HYMN NO. 495 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

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

10:30 HandChimes

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Runyan

\*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**God of the saints in every age and time, we are grateful for the privilege of  
being numbered among them as we invest our gifts from You. Because of  
Your generosity, we have not lacked for anything we really need. Grant  
now that our words and deeds may follow our offering into loving service in  
Your realm. Amen.**

\*THE HYMN NO. 329 “Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts”

\*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

“Sing to the Lord a New and Glorious Song”

Lani Smith

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 Prayer of Blessing is by Janet Bristow, 2008, [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com).

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 16 – 23rd, 2011**

**TODAY 10:30 am Worship Service/Blessing of the Prayer Shawls**

**9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)**

**9:15 am Sunday School**

**Noon Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)/Dinner (FH)**

MON

6:00 pm MASH Color Guard (FH)

6:00 pm Wolf Den (Rm 7/8)

**Church Office Closed (Martin Luther King Holiday)**

TUES

5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13)

**6:30 pm Yoga Class (FH)**

6:30 pm MASH Sewing (Commons)

**7:00 pm Consistory (Rm 7/8)**

7:00 pm MLC Board Meeting (Rm 13)

WED

**6:00 pm Hand Chimes (Rm 5)**

**6:30 pm Youth Choir (Sanctuary)**

**7:15 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)**

THUR

6:00 pm MASH Sewing (FH)

FRI

7:00 pm Pack Meeting (FH)

**SUN 8:15/10:30 am Worship/Affirmation Min. CTC/Consistory @2<sup>nd</sup> Serv**