

Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

January 23, 2011

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 8:15 Tom Stone
10:30 Patty Scott

Ministry of Music

Organist: Sarah Myers
Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Usher: Bruce Perry
Greeters: 8:15 Cheryl & Ken Malick
10:30 Sandy & Skip Kline
Acolyte: 10:30 Mike Brown
Children's Sermon: Deb Cashman
Nursery: Linda Alburger
Flower Delivery: Terry & Gene Shaner
Fellowship Time: The Murphy Family

“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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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

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 23, 2011

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Jesus Calls Us"

Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response): From Psalm 27

*THE HYMN NO. 386 "The Church's One Foundation"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Creating God, You have dreamed of the world reflecting Your ideals since the beginning. In the person of Jesus, Your realm, Your kingdom drew close. Help us, as disciples, to bring Your realm further and further into being. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We often believe it is up to someone else, or up to God to change the world. We believe the things we can do are so small, so insignificant as not to matter, as not being able to make a difference. Jesus' teaching and way of life challenges those assumptions, and yet we continue to sit on the side. 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 and Alice Crouse

Julie DeLuca

Jackie Diorio

Pat Eakin

Dave & Jane Hall

Bob Heisler

Phyllis Hershey

Homeless Family

Betty Hyde

Megan Kern

Bud Miller

Jean Myers

Craig Parker

Ursula R. Pike

Jack Rhoads

Rick and Family

Glenn Schultz

John Scott

Peg and Don Seiler

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 who have lost jobs and their families, All who have lost loved ones, All affected by the Flu and all who were affected by the shootings in Arizona.

Celebrations

SUN 8:15/10:30 am Worship Services

9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)

9:15 am Sunday School

Noon CTC Meeting (I Spy Youth Classroom)

6:00 pm 7th-12th Youth Fellowship (FH & Youth Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thanks to the generosity of the members of St. Paul's we have been able to sponsor 11 children through the Global Ministries Child Sponsorship Program, a global children's ministry of the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). **THE SIGN-UP SHEET FOR THE 2011 CHILD SPONSORSHIPS** is on the bulletin board in the Common. The cost for a child in 2011 will be \$30.00 per child per month. Payment should be made no later than the month you are sponsoring the child. Please make your check out to St. Paul's UCC or place the cash in an envelope with your name and child sponsorship on it and place in offering plate or drop off in the Church office. Thank you in advance for sponsoring children who have so little.



THE SIGN-UP SHEET FOR THE 2011 ALTAR FLOWERS is on the bulletin board in the Common area. Please neatly fill in the information as you want it printed in the Worship Bulletin or call your information into the church office. The price for the altar flowers is \$32.00. Payment should be made no later than the Sunday you are sponsoring the Altar Flowers. Please make your check out to St. Paul's UCC or place the cash in an envelope with your name and altar flowers on it and place in offering plate or drop off in the Church office. Following worship these flowers are taken by volunteers to the ill, shut-in's or to other appropriate places. In this manner, the flowers continue their silent reminder of God's love. Thank you in advance for providing flowers for the Altar of St. Paul's

Check out the other signup sheets on the bulletin boards in the commons: FELLOWSHIP TIME and the signup sheet to help in the NURSERY.

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 ORDER FOR AFFIRMATION OF MINISTRY (10:30 Service see insert)

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:1-4

THE READING OF THE PSALM Psalm 27:1, 4-9

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

“What Is This Kingdom of God?”

Matthew 4:12-25

*THE HYMN NO. 492 “I Would Be True”

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 Chancel Choir "Softly and Tenderly" arr. Martin
10:30 Youth Choir "Hallowed Be Thy Name" Moore

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Let these gifts follow Christ's lead into the lives of people who live in
poverty or despair. O God, use them to heal divisions among Your children.
Show us how to be instruments of peace. Ready us to follow Jesus, to make
an offering of ourselves, not just our money. Teach us so we may teach
others. Heal us so we can become instruments of healing. To these purposes
we dedicate this offering and our lives. Amen.**

*THE HYMN NO. 493 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*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 "Hymn for Brotherhood" Robert J. Hughes

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 by
Gregory A. and Patrice G. Miller "In Honor of our Children, Devon and
Ryan and our Granddaughter Hayden"

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF January 23 – 30th, 2011

TODAY 8:15/10:30 am Worship/Affirmation Min. CTC/Consistory @10:30

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)

7th-12th Grade YF Laser Tag and Return to Church for Dinner

MON

EPISTLE DEADLINE

6:00 pm MASH Color Guard (FH)

7:00 pm Bear Den (Rm 13)

7:00 pm Bible Study Group (Parlor)

TUES

5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13)

6:30 pm Yoga Class (FH)

6:30 pm MASH Sewing (Commons)

6:30 pm Consistory (Rm 7/8)

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)

5:45 pm Daisy Troop

ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION ANNUAL WINTER SOUP SALE! This is St. Paul's on a Mission's first fund raiser for the 2011 season. All proceeds go the 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 both services. If you would like to make a monetary donation to defer the cost of the soup, please see Brenda Kern. We need lots of help to make 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!!

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SHARING ISIAIAH: Common Prophecies, Contrasting Messages. A Jewish-Christian Study-Dialogue in Four Sessions-Over the book of Isaiah. These sessions will be held on Tuesday February 8, 15, 22, and March 1 from 11:30 am to 1:30 PM at Beth El Temple, 2637 North Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17110. Cost: \$15 per session lunch included. Cost for all four is \$50 if you pre-register by February 1st. To register mail your name, contact information and check made payable to The Religion and Society Center, P.O. Box 13060, Harrisburg PA 17110. For more details check out the poster on the bulletin board in the Commons.



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Whether you are a beginner or avid cyclist, there is a route for you. Road routes from 25km (15.6 miles) to 100km (62.5 miles) will be supported with rest stops, support vehicles and communications. There will also be a 9km (5.6 mile) family ride for the young ones to participate. If you don't have a bicycle, there will also be a spin-a-thon in the Boiling Springs High School gymnasium with 25 spin bikes and motivated instructors to lead 1 hour classes. If you're more of the adventurous mountain biking crowd, there will also be a 16 mile mountain bike challenge at Michaux State Forest.

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