

Worship Leadership
Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio
Lector: 8:15 Becky Thompson
10:30 Bill Cashman

Ministry of Music
Organist: Sarah Myers
Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service
Head Usher: Kathy Williams
Ushers: 8:15 Glenn & Esther Kline
10:30 Jonathan Nase & Christal Pike-Nase
Ron & Susan Gabriel
Greeter: 8:15 Cindy & Dick Bensel
10:30 Karen & Kevin Allison
Acolyte: 8:15
10:30 Lily Ward-Diorio
Children's Sermon: Choristers
Nursery:
Flower Delivery: Ron & Susan Gabriel

Pastor Emeritus
The Rev. Dr. Thomas Herrold

Ministers
The Entire Congregation

“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.”

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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 22, 2012



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 22, 2012

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lector

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Teach Me Thy Paths"

James Southbridge

* Call To Worship (Responsive):

Minister: God says: "Come Follow Me."

ALL: "NO THANK YOU GOD, WE DO NOT HAVE THE SKILLS."

Minister: God says: "Come Follow Me."

ALL: "NO THANK YOU GOD, WE DO NOT HAVE THE TIME."

Minister: God says: "Come Follow Me."

ALL: "NO THANK YOU GOD, WE JUST DO NOT WANT TO."

Minister: God says: "Remember Jonah, Come Follow Me."

ALL: "THANK YOU GOD, SPEAK FOR YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING." Amen.

*THE HYMN NO. 436 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

Calling God, we still find it hard to believe that You call us, even us to do Your work. Help us realize You know our skills and talents, and have need for them all. Give us the courage to follow Your words and way. Amen.

Call to Confession:

We would much rather let someone else be God's mouthpiece, be God's eyes, ears, hands and feet. Let us join in the unison Prayer of Confession.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess we have one hundred and one good excuses why we cannot do Your work, serve as Your prophets, or follow You as closely as You desire. We fail to see and/or believe that we each have a crucial part to play in Your plan for the world. Please forgive our stubbornness, our fear and our refusals. Amen.



Jim Bowers
Paula Boyer
Ed Charles
Maxine Chapman
Pat Cleland
Bill and Alice Crouse
Anne Davidson
Richard Gray
Jane & Dave Hall
Joe Heaney
Bob Henry
Betty Hyde
Joanne Ingerson
Jerry McCartney
Jack Mellinger
Pat, Greg & Ryan Miller
Jean Mogel
Shelby, Tammy Mullin & Family
Jean Myers
Rhoads Family
Joyce Sealover
Peg Seiler & Family
Pete & Linda Shea
Gracie Simpson
Bud & Donna Sponsler
Phoenix, Shannon & Eric Trout and the Miller Family
John Van Hall
Leah van Olden
John White
Sue Worley, Jean and Willard Jones and Family

All affected by the weather, All those in the Middle East struggling for peace; All in military and their families; All who have lost loved ones and All affected by lost jobs & the economy.

Celebrations

SUN 8:15/10:30 am Worship
9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)
9:15 am Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention all parents or grandparents of youth (grades 6th through 12th): St. Paul's is hosting a Youth Fellowship Information Meeting today January 22nd at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Youth Room (room 7). Whether your child is new to Youth Fellowship or if they've been involved for years, all parents are welcome. We'll discuss the purpose of Youth Fellowship and the role it plays as a part of youths' growing concepts of faith, church, and community. The meeting will also detail some of the events and missions that the Youth Group is active in, as well as the opportunity to ask questions regarding Youth Fellowship and to talk with other parents of St. Paul's youth. Following the meeting supper will be provided (for both parents and for youth, who will practice for Youth Sunday that same evening). If you have any questions, please contact Allyssa Boyer at allyssaboyer@verizon.net.

YOUTH SUNDAY is next Sunday, January 29, 2012. All youth who would like to participate should plan on attending the **Youth Sunday Practice on January 22nd from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Sanctuary**. Following the practice supper will be provided. If you have any questions or cannot make the practice but would still like to participate in Youth Sunday, please contact Rev. John or Allyssa Boyer.

Helpers Needed to prepare Communion – What does this entail? We like to pair two people up for each communion. Communion preparer's provide the bread while the wine, juice and gluten free crackers are provided. **On Saturday February 4th starting at 10 AM, we will hold a training session for anyone interested.** Please let Terry Shaner know @ 766-7931, 697-8329 or stpaulstaff@verizon.net if you are interested in helping and if you can attend this training. If this time is not good for you, let us know and we will arrange a time to show you what's involved. We hope to get enough helpers so each person only prepares communion once or twice a year.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Words of Assurance (Responsive):

Minister: God forgives our refusals and continues to call us, again, and again and again.

All: Let us drop our nets, drop our hesitation and drop our fear. Let us seek to do our parts, do our work, fulfill our purpose, and in so doing help God fulfill God's dream. Amen.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*THE GLORIA PATRI

10:30 SERVICE

SING THE CHORISTERS 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.

CHORISTERS "JESUS IS"

Cornell

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

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 3:1-10

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalms 62:5-12

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

“Called As We Are”

Mark 1:14-20

*THE HYMN NO. 173 “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

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	“Jesus Calls Us”	Lani Smith
10:30 Chancel	“Lord Most High”	Harris/Sadler

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God of steadfast love, we pray that You will love the world through the moneys we dedicate today. We pray that Your work of transformation will be carried forward by our gifts. As a church, we seek to follow where Jesus leads. As individuals, we heed the call to discipleship. Bless our efforts to fish for people-for their sakes, not our own. Amen.

*THE HYMN NO. 172 “Jesus Calls Us, o’er the Tumult”

*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 “Heeding the Call” William Barnett

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 Led By Love, by Lavon Bayler, 1996, 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 22nd-29th, 2012

TODAY	8:15&10:30 am Worship Services Affirmation of Ministries @ 10:30 Service 9:00 am Choristers 9:15 am Sunday School Noon CTC Meeting (Rm 11/12) 6:00 pm Youth Sunday Practice (Sanctuary with Rev. John) 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Parent Info Meeting (Rm 7/8) 6:00 pm Kitchen Reserved for YF supper preparation
MON	6:00 pm MASH Guard (FH) 6:30 pm Chair Yoga (Commons) 7:00 pm Bible Study (Parlor)
TUES	5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13) 6:00 pm MASH Sewing (Commons) 6:30 pm Yoga (FH)
WED	6:00 pm Handchimes (Rm 5) 6:30 pm Youth Choir (Sanctuary) 7:15 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
THUR	6:00 pm MASH Sewing (Commons) 6:30 pm Daisy Troop (FH)

Were you married in St. Paul's? Baptized? Confirmed? Would you be willing to share your photographs with us? **St. Paul's 150th Anniversary Committee is putting together a program to celebrate our sesquicentennial and we'd love to use your photographs as part of our commemoration.** Wedding photos, pictures of church picnics, Sunday School programs, pot pie dinners, the possibilities are as countless as the memories we've shared. Please label your photos and drop them off in the church office care of the 150th Anniversary Committee. Your photographs will be handled with the utmost care, scanned or photocopied, and returned shortly afterwards. If you have any questions please contact Dennis Plymette.

ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION ANNUAL WINTER SOUP SALE! This is St. Paul's on a Mission's first fund raiser for the 2012 season. All proceeds go the American Cancer Society, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer! Turkey Corn Soup, regular and gluten free, may be ordered on the signup sheet in the Common. \$7.00 per quart. Soup will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 19th after both services in Fellowship Hall. 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 17th starting at 4:00pm. Thank you for your continued support for this very important mission!!

CHASE AWAY THE WINTER BLUES WITH SUNNY, YELLOW DAFFODILS! You can give hope to people facing cancer and save lives by supporting the American Cancer Society Daffodil Days program. St. Paul's will be taking orders for daffodils thru February 19th. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the commons, along with the order sheet. I would like as many members as possible to take outside orders. Put a signup sheet at the office and ask neighbors and friends for orders. See Brenda Kern for additional order forms. All orders are due Sunday, February 19th. Delivery will be Sunday, March 25th. Outside orders may be picked up at the church Thursday, March 22nd between 4-6 pm. Payment is due at time of delivery. The dollars we raise through the Daffodil Days program do make a difference.

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wall outside the sanitary, similar to our pink ribbon wall in October. The cards cost \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

Your support allows the American Cancer Society to save lives and create a world with more birthdays by helping people stay well and get well, by finding cures and by fighting back against cancer.

St. Paul's Yoga Club: Snow Cancellation Policy

Evening yoga classes will be cancelled if Mechanicsburg Schools have cancelled operations for the day. In the event that schools have not been cancelled, but accumulating afternoon snow looks like it may cause travel problems later that evening, students will be contacted by e-mail, phone, and Facebook post. If ever in doubt, call Becky Thompson @ 761-3127.

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