

Worship Leadership
The Rev. John Ward-Diorio
Lector: Jeff Dundore

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

Ministry of Service
Head Usher: Kathy Williams
Ushers: Our Young People
Greeters: Our Young People
Acolyte: Our Young People
Children's Message: Cassidy Westbrook
Nursery: The Grice Family
Flower Delivery: Patty & Dave Scott
Fellowship Time: Karen & Kevin Allison

“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 29, 2012



“Love
the LORD
your God
with all your
heart...soul
...mind and...
strength.”

Mark 12:30



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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 29, 2012

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lector

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Children of the Heavenly Father" Robert J. Hughes

Call To Worship (Responsive)

Leaders: Kevin MacKinnon, Ben Eichman, Amy MacKinnon

Leader 1: Which commandment is greatest of all? Jesus answered,

ALL: LISTEN O ISRAEL: THE LORD IS OUR GOD, THE LORD ALONE;

Leader 2: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

Leader 3: And with all your soul,

Leader 1: And with all your mind,

Leader 2: And with all your strength.

Leader 3: The second is this,

ALL: YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.

Leaders: There is no other commandment greater than these.

*THE HYMN NO. 257 "Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!"

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Nick Nase

Loving God, You love all of us unconditionally. Help us to love all people the same way You love us, the same way we love ourselves. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

Christian Nase

We often forget the greatest commandment, or we just think it is too hard to follow. Let us join in the unison Prayer of Confession.



Karen & John B.

Jim Beistline

Jim Bowers

Paula Boyer

Ed Charles

Maxine Chapman

Pat Cleland

Bill and Alice Crouse

Anne Davidson

Dan Fitzgerald

Richard Gray

Dave Hall

Betty Hyde

Dot Kinzer

Jerry McCartney

Pat, Greg & Ryan Miller

Amy Mitchell

Jean Mogel

Shelby, Tammy Mullin & Family

Herb Myers & the entire Family & Friends of Jean Myers

Jackie Palmer & Family

Rhoads Family

Eli Schultz

Joyce Sealover

Peg Seiler & Family

Pete & Linda Shea

Bud & Donna Sponsler

Phoenix, Shannon & Eric Trout and the Miller Family

John Van Hall

Leah van Olden

Judy Ward

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

TUES 5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13)
6:00 pm MASH Sewing (Commons)

WED **6:00 pm Hand Chimes (Rm 5)**
6:30 pm Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
7:15 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm Preschool Room in Use
7:00 pm Webelos 2 (FH)

THUR 6:00 pm MASH Sewing (Commons)
6:30 pm Sunday School Teacher Mtg (Parlor)
7:00 pm Pack Committee Meeting (Rm 7/8)
7:30 pm C.E. Meeting (Parlor)

FRI **Church Office Closed**
5:45 pm Pinewood Derby Setup (FH)

SAT 9:00 am Pinewood Derby (FH)

SUN **8:15/10:30 am Worship Services/Pew Communion/**
Scout Sunday/Souper Bowl Sunday
9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)
9:15 am Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Healing Service, Sunday February 12th at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary. In this brief Service, which lasts about 15 minutes, we will offer prayers out loud, in silence, hear Scripture and if we wish, be anointed with oil and have hands laid on us. All are invited.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER - Come join your St. Paul's sisters and brothers for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner in preparation for our Lenten Disciplines. On February 21, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM we will serve pancakes, breakfast meat(s), juice, coffee and/or tea. Our Choir Members have volunteered to cook. They would appreciate any help that could be offered for serving, and/or cleaning up. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Common Area.** Please let us know if you will be coming so we make sure we have enough food. The suggested donations are \$5.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children 5 to 12, and free for children 4 and under.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Ashley Bergstresser
We do not love our neighbors as ourselves, not even close quite often. Sometimes the problem is we do not love ourselves very much. Sometimes the problem is we use all of our time, energy and resources loving ourselves. Most often we do not love God with our whole being. Forgive us God for failing to follow these, the greatest commandments. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Words of Assurance (Responsive): Kevin MacKinnon
Leader: God forgives us. That is what someone does when they love you so deeply.

ALL: Let us seek to love God with everything we are and our neighbors as ourselves. Let us not minimize the greatest commandments. 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

Shy and Joyful, Bold and Bright

They are precious in his sight

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

CHILDRENS 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 HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 25:1-9

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 91:1-6, 11-16

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

Mark 12:28-34

Liz Royer, Audrey Runkle, Erin Moyer

THE HYMN NO. 128 “In The Bleak Midwinter”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

(Debts and Debtors)

Slater Ward-Diorio

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 Call For Offering

Christian Nase

THE OFFERTORY

8:15 & 10:30 Youth Choir “Lord Most High”

Harris/Sadler

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Amy Mackinnon

**By giving away some of the wealth we cherish so much, we keep ourselves
focused on who you are, gracious God, and on what You expect of us. As
the body of Christ, we seek to be a healing force in our world. May the
offerings we present be used in ways that encourage healthful behaviors
among us in the church, within our community, and as far as our influence
can reach. Receive us and our gifts, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

*THE HYMN NO. 593 “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

*THE BIDDING TO MISSION

*The World Peace Prayer:

Ben Eichman

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

Kevin MacKinnon

Acoustic Guitar

“Is There Anyone Out There”

Pink Floyd

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

The white rosebud on the altar is placed there in loving memory of Jean Myers who died Tuesday morning, January 24th. Please keep Herb and Jean’s entire family and friends in your prayers.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Jan 29 – Feb. 5th, 2012

TODAY 8:15/10:30 am Worship/Youth Sunday

9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)

9:15 am Sunday School

MON 6:00 pm MASH Color Guard (FH)

6:30 pm Chair Yoga (Commons)



SO SIMPLE.

SO GOOD.

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Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world - as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. Every dollar donated goes to:

Central Pennsylvania Food Bank
Our 2012 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

Helpers Needed to prepare Communion – Next Saturday February 4th starting at 10 AM, we will hold a training session for anyone interested. Please let Terry Shaner or Donna Sterner know if you are interested in attending this training.

Check out the signup sheets on the bulletin boards in the commons: CHILD SPONSORSHIPS - cost per month to sponsor a child in 2012 is \$30.00 ; ALTAR FLOWERS - cost per Sunday for altar flowers is \$32.00; FELLOWSHIP TIME ; UCC Homes AUCTION- Looking for donations for the Auction, Daffodil and Soup Orders, Shove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and to sign up to help in the NURSERY.

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. Signup sheets are available 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. **Members of St. Paul's on a Mission will be selling "Cards of Hope"**. Purchasing these cards in honor or memory of someone will make a "Wall of Hope" on the wall outside the sanitary, similar to our pink ribbon wall in October. The cards cost \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.



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