

Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

October 30, 2022



ALL
SAINTS'
DAY

GOD IS STILL SPEAKING



*NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S
JOURNEY YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John J. Ward-Diorio

Pastor Allyssa A. Boyer

Lector: Becky Thompson

Ministry of Music

Minister of Music: Eric R. Dundore

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Assistant Music Director: Mark A. Dundore

Organist: Sarah A. Myers

Assistant Organist: Patrice G. Miller

Instrumental Combo

Kevin Neidig, mandolin

Caitlin Lynch, violin

Rod Goelz, bass

Gordon Kaslusky, soloist

Ministry of Audio and Video

Jeffrey A. Dundore

Ministry of Service

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Worship Welcome Team: Kim Pirtle, Joan Moyer, Steven Roush

Nursery: Susan Ward-Diorio

Flower Delivery: Becky Thompson

Pastor Emeritus

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Herrold

Ministers

The Entire Congregation

Please visit the church website at <https://saintpaulsucc-mech.org/> to sign up for Acolyte, Welcome Team, Lector, Volunteer in the Nursery, Deliver the Altar Flowers, and/or Sponsor the Altar Flowers. You will find the individual signup sheets under the "Sign Up" menu heading. Thank you.



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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
SERVICE OF WORSHIP

TWENTYFIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST;
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

October 30, 2022

*Please note: the livestream broadcast begins with the Announcements.
If you do not wish to appear in the livestream,
it is best to sit in one of the back three pews of the Sanctuary.
Please write up any Prayer Requests ahead of time,
leave them in the Red Bowl or give them to the Welcome Team Leader.
They will bring them forward.*

****Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand.***

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ORGAN PRELUDE "Think On Me"

Roger C. Wilson

CHORAL INTROIT

*THE HYMN No. 299 "For All the Saints"

ALL SAINTS' DAY CANDLE LIGHTING

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Responsive)**

One: We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah to Paul and Priscilla:

All: Ancestors of our faith, we remember you.

One: We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

All: Teachers of our faith, we remember you.

One: We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts, and uncles; those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

All: Family of our faith, we remember you.

One: We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, parents, and friends whose lives ended too soon:

All: Those we hold close in our heart, we remember you.

One: We gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the lives of those who have died from St. Paul's community throughout the years and in particular, those who have died in the past year. We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve.

(As each name is spoken, a candle will be lit. Family members of the deceased may take their loved one's candle home with them after the Service or during the following week.)

We remember members of St. Paul's throughout our history together, and we remember John White, Shirley Knisley, Lee Jackson, and Donna Chronister, and all our loved ones who have passed into new life, but whose names and memories we have not forgotten.

Let us pray:

One: We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life.

We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ. We know that in our grief and celebration, O God, You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone.

All: Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and our daily lives, and you will not be forgotten. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We often refuse to talk about death, because we are afraid it, and because we fear it causes pain for those whose loved ones have died, especially recently. Yet by this refusal, we avoid sharing the memories we carry of loved ones, risk not offering the comfort others need, and remain stuck in fear of our own deaths. Let us join in a time of Silent Prayers of Confession.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive):

One: God forgives us and reminds us Jesus' death and resurrection demonstrated eternal life awaits us all.

All: Let us believe this to be true for our loved ones, for all people, and for ourselves. Let our living reflect our understanding about dying. Amen.

*Please note: we will not be shaking hands or hugging.
If you are able, please rise and greet one another with other signs of Peace.*

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*THE GLORIA PATRI (#759 is the tune, but not all the same words)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Children are invited to the front at this time.
Remember, everyone who comes forward will be on camera.*

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.

THE WORD FOR THE YOUNG

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

Ephesians 1:15-19

THE PSALM READING

Psalm 149

*THE HYMN “In the Sweet By and By”

In the Sweet By and By

Sanford F. Bennett

Joseph P. Webster

There's a land that is fair - er than day, And by faith we can see it a -
We shall sing on that beau - ti - ful shore, The me - lo - di - ous songs of the
To our boun - ti - ful Fa - ther a - bove, We will of - fer our tri - bute of

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far; For the Fa - ther waits o - ver the way To pre - pare us a dwell ing place
blessed; And our spir - its shall sor - row no more, Not a sigh for the bless - ing of
praise For the glo - ri - ous gift of His love And the bless - ings that hal - low our

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there. rest. days. In the sweet by and by, We shall
In the sweet by and by,

12
meet on that beau - ti - ful shore; In the sweet by and
by and by; In the sweet

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by, We shall meet on that beau - ti - ful shore.
by and by,

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THE RESPONSE:

One: God is Still Speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL READING & MESSAGE:

Luke 6:20-31

“The Blessings of the Saints”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE CHORAL RESPONSE



O Christ, by whom we come to God, the Life, the Truth, the Way, The



path of prayer you too have trod: Christ teach us how to pray.

Please note: you can leave your offerings in the plate in the Narthex on your way in or on your way out after Service. You may also place your pew pad sheets in that Offering Plate. Thank you.

THE ANTHEM “I’ll Be on My Way”

Kirchner

Chancel Choir, soloist, and instrumental combo

*When I am gone, don’t you cry for me, don’t you pity my sorry soul.
What pain there might have been will now be past and my spirit will be whole.*

Refrain:

*I’ll be on my way, I’ll be on my way. I’ll have left my feet of clay upon the ground,
I will be glory bound, I’ll be on my way.*

(Repeat both parts above)

*When I am gone, please forgive the wrongs that I might have done to you;
There'll be no room for regrets up there, high above, way beyond the blue.*

Refrain:

*I'll be on my way, I'll be on my way. I'll have laid my frown and all my burdens down,
I'll be puttin' on my crown, I'll be on my way.*

*When I am gone, don't you look for me in the places I have been;
I'll be alive, but somewhere else, I'll be on my way again.*

Refrain:

*I'll be on my way, I'll be on my way. I will lift my wings and soar into the air,
There'll be glory everywhere, I'll be on my way.*

*I'll be on my way, I'll be on my way. I'll have laid my frown and all my burdens down,
I'll be puttin' on my crown, I'll be on my way.*

I'll have left my feet of clay upon the ground, I will be glory bound, I'll be on my way!

***DOXOLOGY**

*From all who dwell beneath the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung.
Through every land, by every tongue!*

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

Through what we give, bless those who are poor. Grant to the fearful, courage; to the oppressed, deliverance; to the confused, new clarity and direction. May the programs and outreach supported by these gifts make You known in ways that are uplifting and transforming. Amen.

***THE HYMN "O When the Saints Go Marching In"**

Traditional Spiritual

*O when the saints go marching in, O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.*

*O when the sun refused to shine, O when the sun refused to shine,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the sun refused to shine.*

*O when they come on Judgement Day, O when they come on Judgement Day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when they come on Judgement Day.*

*O when they gather round the throne, O when they gather round the throne,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when they gather round the throne.*

*O when they crown him Lord of all, O when they crown him Lord of all,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when they crown him Lord of all.*

*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 THREE-FOLD AMEN

Please note: the livestream continues until the end of the Postlude.

Please know you are free to leave following the Three-fold Amen and exit to the Narthex to speak with one another. You may be visible and audible on the livestream as you exit early. If you choose to remain, please stay seated and listen quietly to the Postlude.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE “Psalm XX” Homage to Benedetto Marcello Gordon Young

References:

The Prayer of Dedication is from “Refreshing Rains of the Living Word” by Lavon Bayler, 1988, United Church Press.

The World Peace Prayer is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism, also prayed daily by Roman Catholic Benedictine nuns.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by

Evelyn Warfield, “In memory of my parents.”

Betsy and George Bingaman, “In honor of our 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 21st.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW HOPE THANKSGIVING BASKETS

New Hope Ministries is seeking donations of traditional Thanksgiving meal items to fill baskets that will be distributed to needy families in our area. Suggested items include stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, vegetables, fruit, yams, pie ingredients, etc. Donated items should be placed in the box in the hallway by Fellowship Hall no later than Sunday November 6th. Donated turkeys and other perishable items may be taken directly to New Hope at 5228 East Trindle Road,

Mechanicsburg. Any questions please contact Karen or Kevin Allison.

STEWARDSHIP

Please take a moment to pick up your stewardship materials in the common. If we have your email on file with the church office, you should have received a digital packet this week. Please pick up your hard copy giving statement and pledge card. If we do not have your email on file with the office, a full hardcopy packet is available in

the common. Thank you for your consideration.

STEWARDSHIP AUCTION BEGINS THIS THURSDAY

You will receive an email on Thursday to let you know when the auction is open! Bidding will be online. Feel free to call the church office if you are unable to bid online. There are wonderful baskets to bid on which will be displayed Sunday, November 6th, and the auction closes November 10th. Thank you for your generosity.

TRUNK OR TREAT TONIGHT!

Join us this evening in the parking lot for Trunk or Treat, 5-5:45PM. Spread the word and bring a friend.

TRANS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday, November 6th, we will name and lament the trans and nonbinary people in our country who have been murdered this past year, and we will recommit to raising our voices for justice, equality, and freedom for trans and nonbinary people. Please join us.

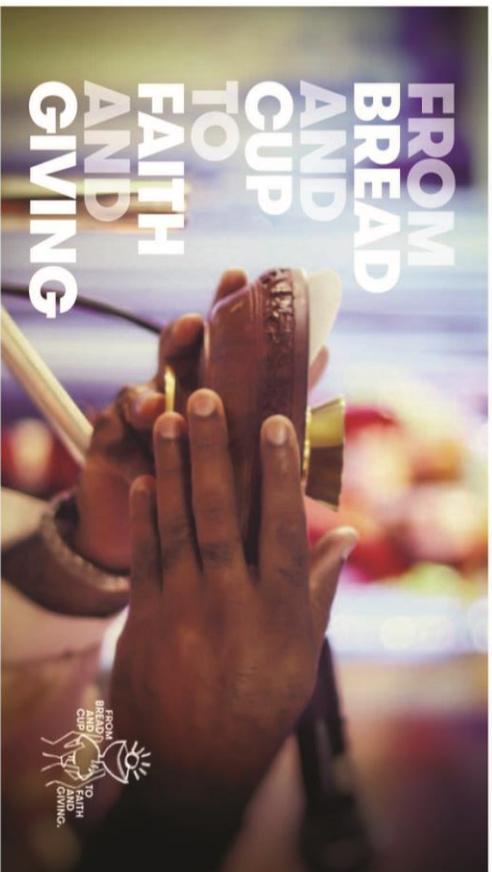
FREEDOM EXPRESS BUS TOUR

Join us in rallying for the restoration of faith in democracy! A diverse group of interfaith clergy from around Pennsylvania are on a bus tour, the "Freedom Express," to inspire people of all faiths to defend democracy, denounce White Christian Nationalism, and get out the vote. The bus departed from Independence Hall in Philadelphia in October. It is traveling to Scranton, Allentown, Pittsburgh, Gettysburg, York, Reading, and Lancaster. The final stop will be in Harrisburg on November 4th, at the corner of 3rd and State Streets. People of faith in Central Pennsylvania are all invited to a rally there at 10 AM. The Clergy that have been on the bus will share remarks, as

well as some local Clergy. We will be witnessing that the words and ways of Jesus are not promoting nationalist or authoritarian views or actions. Following the rally, we will hold an interfaith worship service at a nearby church. Participants will also have the opportunity to have lunch together. If you are planning to attend, please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the commons (this helps us to make plans for lunch) (you do not need to put your cell phone number down). The Freedom Express is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, POWER Interfaith, and Thriving Together: Congregations for Racial Justice. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. John.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSGIVING

Church World Services (CWS) is sponsoring a fundraiser on Saturday, November 26th, 2022. Families from Guatemala, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Congo, and Syria will be sharing their culinary delights in a to-go box of food. The cost is \$20.00 per box. Please email or call Don Dupes to place your order by Sunday, November 6th. 717.497.3999 or wieknot2@verizon.net Boxes can be picked up at St. Paul's before or after church services on Sunday, November 27th or delivered to your home later that day. Payment is due when you receive your boxes. Checks can be made payable to Don Dupes. All proceeds go to CWS sponsored families.



Adobo Chicken

Matthew 26: 26-29

Rev. LaMarco Cable
Co-Executive Global Ministries, President, Division of Overseas Ministries
Disciples of Christ

Included in one of the days of the Global Ministries Virtual Pilgrimage to the Philippines was an opportunity to enjoy a meal of adobo chicken for dinner. Chicken adobo is a traditional Filipino stew-like entrée consisting of chicken, soy sauce, and vinegar with an array of seasonings. Partners in the Philippines invited the primarily North American pilgrimage participants to enter their culture by sharing a meal. They shared traditional recipes for the meal, recommended modifications to accommodate dietary restrictions, and led a cooking demonstration to deepen engagement during the global pandemic impacting every corner of the world. As the meal was being enjoyed in front of cameras, stories were exchanged, food was appreciated, and memories were made. It was sacred. God was present. Host and guest were transformed and knitted into a scared tapestry though many miles apart.

The sharing of adobo chicken calls to mind the night that Jesus gathered with his friends, community, and some strangers to share the traditional Passover meal. While he had shared the meal many times during his lifetime, Jesus invited those who gathered to create new memories as they ate and drank. On World Communion Sunday, we recall that Jesus "while they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is

my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Matthew's gospel does not share details about the conversations that led up to Jesus' invitation to eat, drink, and remember. Still, those who accept his invitation to enjoy the bread and cup are transformed and become part of every community around the world who eat and drink in remembrance of Jesus.

Jesus gave. We receive. And we share.

At the end of the adobo chicken meal, some commented that they looked forward to sharing an in-person meal in the unknown future. In the same way, Jesus says to us and all who gather to remember him that he "will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in the realm of God." We look forward to that day.

CONSIDER YOUR PLEDGE AS A PERCENT OF YOUR MONTHLY INCOME.

Annual Income	Monthly Income	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
20,000	1,667	33	50	67	83	167
25,000	2,083	42	63	83	104	208
30,000	2,500	50	75	100	125	250
35,000	2,917	58	88	117	146	292
40,000	3,333	67	100	133	167	333
45,000	3,750	75	113	150	188	375
50,000	4,167	83	125	167	208	417
60,000	5,000	100	150	200	250	500
75,000	6,250	125	188	250	313	625
100,000	8,333	167	250	333	417	833
125,000	10,417	208	313	417	521	1,042
150,000	12,500	250	375	500	625	1,250
200,000	16,667	333	500	667	833	1,667

On average, Americans give 2% of their income to charity. Giving even 1% more of annual income to charity would be transformative for our congregation and other organizations doing good in our community.

