

Welcome to

ST. PAUL UCC

November 9, 2025

All are welcome here!





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Sunday, November 9, 2025 ~ 9:00 am
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Visiting Clergy	Rev. Joan Mier
Director of Music	Dr. Tristan Frampton
Organist	Cynthia Johnson
Liturgist	Beverly Brightwell

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Bagatelle
by Ludwig van Beethoven

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us gather, in this time of worship, to extol the Lord our God, to lift our hearts in praise of the one who seeks to have divine communication with us

People: We open our hearts, our minds, our souls to feel the touch of the Holy Spirit among us, guiding us in prayer and meditation upon the holy word of God.

Leader: God wants us to reach out from the depth of our spirits, searching for sacred truths that will place our lives upon the right pathway.

People: We want to walk on the pathway set before us by the beloved Son of God, Jesus, our precious Savior.

ALL: Let us journey then together, in mind, body, and spirit, always guided by the wondrous words and works of our God. Amen

*INVOCATION (Unison)

We praise you, O' Lord our God, giving thanks for your holy presence among us. Let your Spirit enter deep into our hearts and souls, transforming us, renewing us, and helping us to be in a closer union with you. Help us to be truly connected to the very heart of Jesus, in this time of worship. We pray this in his most sacred name. Amen

PASSING THE PEACE



*OPENING HYMN

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God Is Truly with Us

Matt. 1:23; 2 Cor. 9:8; Rev. 4:8-11

Gerhard Tersteegen, 1729

Transl. Frederick W. Foster and others; alt.



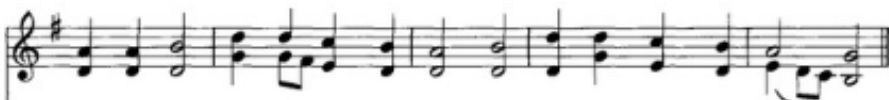
1 God is tru-ly with us; sing we and a - dore now: praise the One we
2 God is tru-ly with us; loud our praise re - sound - ing! Ech - oes of the
3 Source of ev-ery bless - ing, bless the ones who name you, let our words and



come be - fore now. Here with-in this tem - ple, here in sound and
saints sur-round - ing! "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," hear the hymn as -
deeds pro-claim you. Like the saints and an - gels prais-ing you in



si - lence, wor-ship God in deep-est rev - erence. You a - lone,
cend - ing, an - gels, saints, their voic - es blend - ing! Bow your ear
glo - ry, may your ser - vants sing your sto - ry. And in all,



God, we own, you, our God and Sav - ior; praise to you for - ev - er.
to us here; hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your Church now rais - es.
great and small, may we do most near - ly what you love most dear - ly.

Gerhard Tersteegen, an important German hymnwriter of the Reformed Church, began preaching at prayer meetings and gained a considerable following. He devoted his life to praying, preaching, visiting the poor, and writing and translating devotional material.

Tune: WUNDERBARER KÖNIG 6.6.8.6.6.8.3.3.6.6.
Joachim Neander, in A und Ω,
Glaubund Liebesübung, Bremen, 1680

INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBER

Congregational response: We, the members of St. Paul United Church of Christ, receive you into our fellowship with great joy. God grant you may find here a fellowship of love and service in which we all may work together as followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. We look forward to our walk together in Christ.

PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION

One: Take a moment to meditate on sacred words that God offers to you—such words as grace, peace, love, hope, and truth. Take a word with you into this time of divine communication with your God. Present it and pray for God's Holy Spirit to reconcile you with God so that you may receive what you need now and for all of your days. I cannot pick a word for you, only you can do this in regard to what you need to say to God in this time of silent confession and reconciliation. Let us be in this moment of silence and then the Assurance of Grace will be offered.

Silent Confession and Reconciliation

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

For those who meditate on the word of God and seek God's presence in their lives, God listens to their prayers and seeks holy union with them. God offers amazing grace at the time that we truthfully speak from our hearts. God listens to the prayers of an earnest soul and forgives. Amen

ANTHEM

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

arr. Paul Manz

Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 145:1-5,17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Beverly Brightwell
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Rev. Joan Mier

SERMON

I Will Meditate

Rev. Joan Mier



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

MISSION MOMENT

The Way of the Innkeeper

Peggy Burke

REFLECTION ON GIVING

As we offer our gifts to the Lord, remember that the Lord is always walking by our sides, continuing to guide us onto the pathway of truth and grace. Let our gifts show our great thankfulness to the Lord for journeying so close to us. Let it be so. Amen.

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC

Peace Piece
by Bill Evans

***DOXOLOGY (Tune: Old Hundreth)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ in whom God's grace we know
Praise Spirit, with us evermore
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen

***BLESSING OF THE GIFTS (Unison)**

We love you Lord and lift our voices, our hands, and our gifts in praise of you forever and ever. Through these gifts, guide our steps in the ministry that we are called to do in the holy name of Jesus. Let our community and the world see the sacredness of the works we do in blessing others in Jesus' name. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

I Come to the Garden Alone

(See page 7)

***COMMISSIONING**

The Lord wants to journey with you in His sacred garden. He wants you to see the beauty and the blessings of life now and what shall be for you in the hereafter. You are precious to the Lord for you are made in the image of God. Meditate on your sacred journey, meditate on the divine love of God, and let it transform how you live now and prepare for future days. Amen

***BENEDICTION**

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face to shine upon you and give you peace. May it be so. Amen

POSTLUDE

Praise God in His Sanctuary
by Lani Smith



**This Sunday's altar
flowers and music
are in honor of
Tristan Frampton's
birthday!**

by St. Paul Chancel Choir & Bell Ringers

Happy Birthday



Flowers, Music and Bulletin sponsorships are a lovely way to honor the memory, birthday or achievement of your loved one. To sign up, you can call the church office. Cost is \$35.00.

I Come to the Garden Alone

(In the Garden)

John 20:14-18

C. Austin Miles, 1912

1 I come to the gar-den a-lone, while the dew is still on the
 2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their
 3 I'd stay in the gar-den with him, though the night a-round me be

ros-es; And the voice I hear, fall-ing on my ear, the
 sing-ing; And the mel-o-dy that he gave to me with-
 fall-ing; But he bids me go; through the voice of woe his

Refrain
 Son of God dis-clos-es.
 in my heart is ring-ing, And he walks with me, and he
 voice to me is call-ing.

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, And the

joy we share as we tar-ry there, none oth-er has ev-er known.

C. Austin Miles wrote this hymn and its music to tell the story of Mary Magdalene's encounter with Jesus at the tomb, when she recognizes him and calls him "Rabboni" ("Teacher").

Tune: GARDEN 8.9.5.7. with refrain
 C. Austin Miles, 1912

For Your Prayers

Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz Tim Ritter Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter Lou Ann Niemann Gene Buxton	Ralph Eckart, brother in-law of Marlene Mueller Mike Llamas, brother in law of Mimi Llamas Jennifer Wick, daughter of Stephenie Bauza	Al Stahl Audrey Krummrich Luci Bradley Rosie Keller John Mier Laura Sadler
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Please call the church for prayer requests: 618-233-3303 stpaulucc.org

Weekly Offerings		11/1/2025	
Operating	\$	3,864.00	
Building Fund	\$	10.00	
	\$	3,874.00	
Giving YTD	\$	293,216.09	
Weekly Budget	\$	6,942.65	
Budget to Date	\$	298,534.02	
Total Budget	\$	361,017.89	

SUNDAY WORSHIP LEADERS!

November 16 – Rev. Joan Mier
 November 23 – Rev. Joan Mier
 November 30 – Rev. Carole Barner
 December 7 – Rev. Dr. Chance Deeler
 December 14 – Rev. Joan Mier

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

October 26, 2025 78 + Online Participants
 October 27, 2024 100 + Online Participants

Hanging of the Greens!

Sunday, Nov. 30 after worship service.
 Jobs for all ages . . . we will decorate
 the Sanctuary & Heritage Hall!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

DECEMBER 7TH

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SUNDAY SERVICE.

AGENDA:

- ELECTION OF 2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ISC DELEGATES
- REVIEW OF 2026 BUDGET

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