

November

Worship Leaders

Nov. 1 - Rev. Joan H. Mier

Nov. 8 - Rev. Joan H. Mier

Nov. 15 - Craig Bielke

Nov. 22 - The Rev. Jeremy Lopez

Nov. 29 - Craig Bielke

ST. PAUL FRIENDS

HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCTOBER 30 - 6:30 PM

AT THE HOME OF

ROGER AND JULIE HARRIS

2325 SLAMMER DR, BELLEVILLE

BRING AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT

PLUS YOUR OWN BEVERAGES

COSTUMES ARE OPTIONAL



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For Your Prayers

Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz
The Ritter family, Tim, Sandy & Tim Jr.
Lou Ann Niemann
Al Stahl
Laura Sadler
Alec Zaber
Jane Bonaldi
Paul Sutherland
Our Pastor Search Committee
Cathy Blaies and family (Mike's sister)
Sylvia, sister of Luci Bradley
Rich Wilburn and his family,
son-in-law of Stephenie Bauza
Stephen Agnew, son of Carolyn Hazelip
Gay Eckert
Larry Walton
Jane Peters, sister of Jerry Pierce
Bette Ettling
The Gentry family
Wes Krummrich
Daniel Holtzclaw, friend of the Birkners
Gerry Hough
Stephen Schmidt

Please call the office for prayer requests. 618-233-3303

Weekly Offerings	10/17/2026
Operating	\$ 3,570.00
Building Fund	\$ 42.00
	\$ 3,612.00
Giving YTD	\$ 297,650.64
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,974.00
Budget to Date	\$ 285,934.00
Total Budget	\$ 362,648.00

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

October 11, 2026	88	+ Online Participants
October 12, 2025	79	+ Online Participants

St. Paul UCC

"No matter who you are,
No matter where you
are on life's journey,
You are welcome here."



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Welcome

Sunday, October 25, 2026 ~ 9am
22nd Sunday after Pentecost



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Visiting Clergy **The Rev. Jeremy Lopez**
Director of Music **Dr. Tristan Frampton**
Organist **Cynthia Johnson**
Liturgist **Lou Ryseff**

WELCOME AND ANNOUCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Grand March, from Second Suite for Handbells*
 by Michael Helman
 Glory Ringers

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
 One: Love the Lord your God with all your heart.
All: We come to worship with love in our hearts.
 One: Love your neighbor as yourself.
All: We come to worship ready to love one another.
 One: Let us worship in the spirit of love.
All: We worship with hearts full of love for God and our neighbors. Amen.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**
 Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity;
 and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE



Lord, We Hear Your Word, cont.

writ - ten, known in Je - sus, ours to - day to prove a - new.
 be - dience mark our foot - steps till we make each word our own!
 lives by love in ac - tion show our world the truth of God!

WORDS: Margaret Clarkson (1915-)
 MUSIC: William P. Rowlands (1860-1937)

BLAENWERN
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This Stewardship Season you are invited to practice generosity in all kinds of ways – and not just with your bank account. Pick up your “30 Day Generosity Challenge”, it offers simple prompts to grow in gratitude, kindness and joy. Give it a try and complete a “Gift of Generosity” slip and place it in the Generosity basket next Sunday and each Sunday in November.



FREE! **MONDAY FUN-DAY!** **BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**

4th Monday of every month!

Chair Yoga 6-6:30pm ~ Yoga 6:30-7pm ~ Pickleball 6-8pm

St. Paul UCC - 115 W. B. Street, Belleville (Enter on 2nd St. at the Activity Center door! 618-233-3303)

671 Lord, We Hear Your Word

1 Lord, we hear your Word with glad - ness: you have spo - ken—
2 May we hear with un - der - stand - ing, by your Spir - it
3 You have spo - ken— yours the ful - ness, ours the wealth of

we re - joice: words of love and life and free - dom—
taught and led; may the springs of all our be - ing—
this your Word: debt - ors, then, as liv - ing let - ters

help us make their truth our choice! Now in ho - ly cel - e -
by your Liv - ing Word be fed; may our hearts ac - cept with
we must make your Gos - pel heard! By your Spir - it's power trans -

bra - tion for your Word we wor - ship you; spo - ken,
meek - ness all the grace your light makes known; may o -
form us; shed your sav - ing Light a - broad till our

388 O God in Whom All Life Begins

1 O God in whom all life be - gins, who births the seed to fruit,
2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
3 Through tears and laugh - ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray,

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM
Brom Snyder

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

Pastor: Do you desire to have your child baptized in the name of Christ and into this Christian community?
Parents: We do.

Pastor: Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. Do you promise to raise this child within the nurturing environment of the Christian community and uphold him in his new life in Christ?
Parents: With the help of God, we will.

Pastor: Parents and godparents, the Church receives this child with joy. Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?
Parents: With the help of God, we will.

Pastor: In baptism this child will begin his journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?
Parents: With the help of God, we will.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Source and fountain of life?
All: I believe in God.

Pastor: Do you believe in Christ, the Servant, embodied in Jesus of Nazareth and in the church?
All: I believe in Christ.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Spirit, the Guide and liberating wellspring of life?
All: I believe in the Spirit.

BAPTISMAL PRAYER

RECEPTION

Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ. Join with us as we give witness in the world to the good news, for we are all one in Christ Jesus. Alleluia.



ANTHEM

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
arr. Carl F. Mueller
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURES Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 and Matthew 22:34-46 Lou Ryseff

SERMON “Commanded to Love” The Rev. Jeremy Lopez

PASTORAL PRAYER 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 Delegate to IL South Conference

REFLECTION ON GIVING

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

Bellegro
by Jeffrey Honoré

***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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Unison)
God, as we offer these gifts, may they be a reflection of our love for You and our commitment to loving our neighbors as ourselves. Bless these offerings, and may they be used to spread love, compassion, and justice in our community and beyond. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *Lord, We Hear Your Word* (see pages 6 & 7)

*COMMISSIONING

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*
setting by Samuel Scheidt

