

October 26, 2020

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

Peace to you on this last week of October!

We thank God each day for the gift you are to St. Paul Church, the community, and the wider world. Your commitment to spreading the love of Jesus and caring for our neighbors is a blessing. Thank you!

Our four-week worship stewardship series began this past Sunday. The progression of each week is as follows:

October 25: Care for earth/each other/our possessions/our money

November 1: Tithing

November 8: Sacrificial Giving/Fasting

November 25: Christian Stewardship

We encourage you to prayerfully consider what your financial support of St. Paul Church's many missions and ministries will be for 2021. Stewardship is, first and foremost, about how each of us care for what God has given to us.





You may have noticed recently in worship we have youth signing in Sign Language the hymns. Pastor Becky welcomes anyone who would like to assist with this ministry. If you would like to join this team, please contact her.

The Blessing Pantry's hours have changed to keep us in compliance with our partnership with West Ohio Food Bank. You and our neighbors can access the Pantry Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. via the north education building doors.

The church office will be closed on Friday afternoons beginning this week. Please contact us prior to noon on Fridays.

As the numbers of those infected with Covid19 in our area continue to rise, we pray for your health and safety and that of our neighbors. Be well!

Grace and Peace,





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Birth Candle on the altar October 25th welcomed Macie James Barlage born October 20, 2020. Macie is the daughter of Jeff & Mandi Barlage and granddaughter of Cheryl & Roger Barlage.

Please keep the family of Jean Ahlers-Waterman in your prayers. Jean passed away Saturday, October 24, 2020. Private family services were held.

It is time to place your orders for the poinsettia plants that grace our sanctuary during the Christmas season. The poinsettias are 6½-inch wrapped in foil with a drip pan. We are offering the choice of Red or White and the cost per plant will be \$10.00.

The plants may be picked up **after the 11:00pm, Thursday, Christmas Eve** worship service.

(Please be sure to pick up the color you ordered so that everyone will be able to enjoy the color of the plant that each chose.)

Poinsettia color choice and quantity:

Red _____ Qty White _____ Qty

In memory of _____

A gift for _____

By _____

I wish to contribute \$_____ to the Christmas Decorating Fund.

Please place payment along with the order form in the offering plate or drop off in the church office. Checks should be payable to St. Paul UCC.

Please have poinsettia order in by December 5.

Every year at this time we also ask for and accept donations to the Christmas Decorating Fund. This money will be used toward decorations for the Church and Educational Building.

Please include payment with this order form.

Thank you for helping make our sanctuary even more beautiful as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

NOVEMBER 1, 2020
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



God's power is seen in humility.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 23:1-12	Humble yourselves
Monday	Micah 3:5-12	Wicked rulers and prophets
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Leading a life worthy of God
Wednesday	Joshua 3:7-17	Crossing over the Jordan River
Thursday	Psalms 107:1-7, 33-37	Thanksgiving for deliverance
Friday	James 3:13-18	Two kinds of wisdom
Saturday	Psalms 43	A prayer for protection
Sunday	Matthew 25:1-13	A parable of the ten bridesmaids

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Matthew 23:11-12 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, we thank you for the power and grace of humble service; help us to bear the fruit of justice and mercy through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for the gift of this food, a sign of your constant love for us through Christ our Teacher and Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the power of God's love bless you and free you to be a humble servant.



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NOVEMBER 1, 2020

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Lord, Whose Love in
Humble Service*



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What does it mean to practice what you preach?
- How have people of authority misused their power in your life or the lives of others?
- Jesus saw a world where people with religious power took advantage of their positions. How does any misuse of power in the church hurt the witness of the church in the world?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 23:1-12.

A famous proverb by the historian Lord Acton states, "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Jesus made similar points when he accused scribes and Pharisees of not living up to the standards they set for others. Micah 3:5-12 accused Israel's false prophets of being self-serving, prophesying to others whatever benefited themselves. One of the challenges of the church today is coming to terms with the corruptibility of television evangelists, pastors and priests who abuse children, and the church leaders who protect them. There continues to be evidence today of religious leaders who don't practice what they preach. Jesus rejects the prestige of religious titles that put some above others like scribe, Pharisee, rabbi, teacher, or instructor. The true power of the kingdom is to serve others in love, not to flaunt one's power and authority over others. Christians are on the same level, not one above another. They are able to bless and serve others in a way that reflects the power of love, grace, and service. As Jesus said, "The greatest among you will be your servant" (v. 11). How do Jesus' teachings free you to speak and serve equally with all other disciples of Christ?

Pray: **Almighty God, you alone rule over your church with absolute grace and truth. Help us to humbly receive your power of love and serve others through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Think about what Jesus said to the crowds and disciples when he said that "the greatest among you will be your servant." Do you know someone who humbly serves others, never asking to be applauded? Call or send a thank you note to that person letting them know you appreciate their humble service.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus teaches us to be humble and not be a show off. Write acts of service on sticky notes and post on a wall. Take one down each day; think about or discuss whether you have ever done the act, then pray: **Dear God, help me to live humbly in your eyes and serve others in love. Amen.**



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Welcome to St. Paul UCC today, we are glad you are here!!

Welcome, one and all, to this time of worship. We are blessed, whether online or in person, to have you with us today.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Church-Covid-19 is a respiratory illness. Good hygiene helps prevent the spread not only of coronavirus but also of colds and flu! **Stay home if you are sick.** Sneeze/cough into the crook of your elbow or a tissue, not your hand. **Wash immediately or use hand sanitizer after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.** On July 23 Governor DeWine mandated mask wearing in public, including houses of worship. Masks are essential to help keep those around us safe. Thank You for cooperating.

IN PERSON WORSHIP NOTES:

Masks, Bulletins and Offering Plates are available on tables.

Please fill out worship cards located in the pews and place in offering plate as you exit. It is very important these cards are filled out by everyone who is here in case we need to contact you. Thank you!!!!

Listening devices are available in the Narthex/front entrance, for those who need them. Please return your device to an Usher following worship. Thank you!

Children's Packets containing children's bulletins and other activities are available on the tables. Please take the whole packet home with you. Thank you!

Thank you Kelli and Mari Muether for serving in the Nursery Sunday! The Nursery is located on the east end of the south hallway in the educational building.

Restrooms are located in the Narthex/front entrance of the church and in the south hallway of the educational building.

WIFI Connection-connect via “St Paul – Guest”
Password: Godlovesyou

The * indicates all who are able may stand

November 1, 2020
Communion Sunday
Stewardship: Tithing

Worship Leaders

Ministers
Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Pastor Dee Schroer
Cheyenne Olt
Richard Hudson

The Congregation
Senior Pastor
Associate Pastor
Accompanist/Vocalist
Organist

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES: As we light the altar and Christ candles, you are invited to light a candle or candles at home in preparation for worship.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Our November mission once again is Christmas gifts for the children of Washington UCC and surrounding families in Cincinnati. Our donations will be going towards their program called “Gifts to the Manger” in which parents come to the church to pick out clothes and toys so they can give

their children gifts at Christmas. This program will provide gifts to approximately 350 children of the neighborhoods surrounding Washington UCC.

There is a Christmas tree in the Narthex of the sanctuary with ornaments. Each ornament will have gift ideas for a specific age of boy or girl. We ask that you shop for that child and **bring your gifts back to church unwrapped and place them under the tree by Sunday, November 29th**. No violent toys or games, please. We are also accepting monetary donations as well which will also go to the "Gifts to the Manger" event. Last year we gave over \$1,000 along with all the gifts to the children. The gifts and money will then be delivered to Washington UCC for their scheduled "Gifts to the Manger" event to be held on December 13th. Thank you for your generous gifts to this mission!

*WELCOME SONG

No Matter

No Matter

J=120

No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the
 jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter
 who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the
 jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace.

To verses | Last time, Fine

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from Flames of the Spirit: Resources for Worship, Ruth C. Duck, Editor; The Pilgrim Press, 1985)

Leader: The beginning of wisdom is to give reverence to God.

People: God grant us wisdom to worship and live with reverence.

Leader: The wise delight to meditate on God's will and way.

People: They are like a tree, planted by a stream of water, that yields fruit in season; its leaf does not wither.

Unison: We come to worship God with reverence, hoping to send down the roots of righteousness. Glory be to God, to Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Come, Let Us Praise the Lord* verses 1 & 4

Come, Let Us Praise the Lord 9

1 Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God ac-claim, his
2 Our God of match-less worth, our King be-yond com-pare, the
3 In wor-ship bow the knee, our glo-rious God con-fess; the
4 Come, hear his voice to-day, re-ceive what love im-parts; his

great-ness tell a-broad and bless his sav-ing name. Lift high your
deep-est bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care. He all de-
great Cre-a-tor, he, the Lord of Right-eous-ness. He reigns un-
ho-ly will o-bey and hard-en not your hearts. His ways are

songs be-fore his throne to whom a-lone all praise be-longs.
crees, who by his hand pre-pared the land and formed the seas.
seen: his flock he feeds and gent-ly leads in pas-tures green.
best; and lead at last, all trou-bles past, to per-fect rest.

WORDS: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-); para. Psalm 95

MUSIC: John Darwall (1731-1789)

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DARWALL'S 148th

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***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

Almighty God, too often we forget your promises. We live in ways that bring glory only to ourselves. We bask in the false assumption that we are in control of our lives. Sometimes we want to tamper with the lives of those around us for our own ends. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to serve you more faithfully each day. Amen

***SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: How we love to hang on to the past! We get all tied up remembering, keeping count, bearing grudges. God doesn't. Your past is accepted. Let it go. Live in the freedom God hands to you afresh each day.

People: Thanks be to God!

***HALLELUJAH!**

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jahl

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jahl

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jahl Hal - le -

lu - jahl Hal - le - lu - jahl

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Louise Anna Dicke

Congregational Response: We promise our love, support and care.

BAPTISMAL HYMN

Borning Cry

BAPTISM

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Borning Cry

Unison G Gmaj7 $\frac{Am}{G}$ G $\frac{Am}{G}$ Gmaj7 $\frac{Am}{G}$

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
2 When you heard the won - der of the Word I was
3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too

G Gmaj7 $\frac{Am}{G}$ G $\frac{Am6}{G}$

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
there to cheer you on. You were raised to praise the
old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you

G $\frac{Am}{G}$ G $\frac{C}{E}$ Am7 D7sus D7 G (Fine)

were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
liv - ing Lord to whom you now be - long.
through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.

C $\frac{G}{B}$ Am G

I was there when you were but a child with a
If you find some - one to share your time, and you
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

Am D D9 G Am $\frac{G}{B}$ C2 $\frac{Am6}{C}$

faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
 join shut your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wear - y eyes, I'll be there as I have

Bm7 Em A $\frac{G}{A}$ $\frac{F\#m}{A}$ $\frac{Em}{A}$ D D7

wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise. *D.C. (vs. 1) al fine*

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Sacrament of Baptism Louise Anna Dicke daughter of Austin & Casey Dicke. Sponsors are Emily Shelby and Jarrod Feltz. Congratulations to Louise and her family.

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Janet & Bob Eilerman(St. Rita's), Theresa Joyce, Deb Lear, Jan Dammeyer, Drew Wray, and Pastor Dee Schroer.

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Let us pray. Holy God, we pray for this modern world in which faith comes hard, where people find it difficult to raise their eyes above the material things that are so necessary for life. We pray for those who find it hard to believe because they have too many things, and for those who find it hard because they haven't enough. SILENCE

We pray for those who have more to eat than they need and for those who are dying from lack of food. Challenge us, O God, to feed our neighbors who are hungry. SILENCE

We pray for parents who, because of their poverty and lack of concern on the part of others, must watch their children die. Move us, O

God, to be part of the solution to eliminate poverty so that no child must go to bed hungry or die from basic nourishment. SILENCE

We pray for those who suffer from disease, from confusion and guilt, from depression and fear. Remind us again and again, O God, that so many people around us suffer in silence. Open our eyes that we might see their suffering and, in response, offer real hope. SILENCE

We pray for those who are lonely, for whom life is robbed of its beauty and hope. Prod us, O God, to befriend those who are alone. Remind us to love all your children—including our enemies that all might experience your transformational love and grace. SILENCE

We pray this day for ourselves—for we stumble and fall more often than we would like to admit. We let our prejudices get the best of us. We harden our hearts against others. Offer us your soothing balm. Melt our hardened hearts. Teach us to reach out to those whose lives are vastly different from our own. SILENCE

We offer to you thanksgiving and praise for your presence in our lives as individuals and our lives as this particular Body of Christ. Continue to pour your Holy Spirit upon us that we might be refreshed once again by the gentleness of your wind. SILENCE.

We pray all of this with the prayer Jesus taught us... **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.**

ANTHEM

Ripple

Grateful Dead

(YouTube Search: Grateful Dead *Ripple*)

*If my words did glow with the gold of sunshine
And my tunes were played on the harp unstrung
Would you hear my voice come through the music
Would you hold it near as it were your own?*

*It's a hand-me-down, the thoughts are broken
Perhaps they're better left unsung
I don't know, don't really care
Let there be songs to fill the air*

*Ripple in still water
When there is no pebble tossed
Nor wind to blow*

*Reach out your hand if your cup be empty
If your cup is full may it be again
Let it be known there is a fountain
That was not made by the hands of men*

*There is a road, no simple highway
Between the dawn and the dark of night
And if you go no one may follow
That path is for your steps alone*

*Ripple in still water
When there is no pebble tossed
Nor wind to blow*

*You who choose to lead must follow
But if you fall you fall alone
If you should stand then who's to guide you?
If I knew the way I would take you home*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 28:18-22 (The Message)

Jacob was up first thing in the morning. He took the stone he had used for his pillow and stood it up as a memorial pillar and poured oil over it. He christened the place Bethel (God's House). The name of the town had been Luz until then.

²⁰⁻²² Jacob vowed a vow: "If God stands by me and protects me on this journey on which I'm setting out, keeps me in food and clothing, and brings me back in one piece to my father's house, this God will be my God. This stone that I have set up as a memorial pillar will mark this as a place where God lives. And everything you give me, I'll return a tenth to you."

RESPONSE

Leader: The word of God for the people of God!

People: God is still speaking! Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Today marks week two in our four-week stewardship series. In the past several years, St. Paul Church has followed prepackaged stewardship programs to encourage each of us to consider how we can more generously give back to God that which he has given us. This year is a little bit different. One of our Stewardship Team members was a confirmation mentor last year. Each year in confirmation, we set aside one full evening's lesson to focus on stewardship. This particular mentor was so taken with how we teach stewardship to our teenagers, he suggested that we use this same format to talk about stewardship with our congregation.

So this is how we begin that confirmation class. Each student and mentor serve as a two-person team for the opening game. I give each team fifty pennies and a paper cup. We line ourselves up in the auditorium: students on one line and mentors about thirty feet away on the other line. Then, mentors begin to toss those fifty pennies to their student with the paper cup. The student's job is to catch the pennies in the cup. The team that catches the most pennies wins and the winners get to keep whatever money they have in the cup.

You can imagine the chaos that ensues. Pennies are flying in the auditorium fast and furious. Most miss the mark of the paper cup. Some land in the paper cup, only to bounce out. When all the pennies have been tossed, we stop the action to count what has been collected in the cups. Rarely does any team have more than ten pennies in their cup. After we have cheered for the winning team, we scramble to pick up all the pennies that landed on the floor (which, I must add, is the EXACT SAME COLOR AS A PENNY!).

Then, I ask the students and mentors how it felt to be tossing and catching pennies. I then ask if the teams might have played more seriously if we were tossing quarters, half-dollar coins or even dollar coins. You can imagine the answer. If we think a lot of money is at stake, we typically play the game more carefully. I wrap up that activity by explaining to the class that stewardship is about how we care for money: how we save it, how we spend it, how we share it with others.

After the game, we go back to the Assembly Room to complete worksheets on what, for us this season, are the four topics around

stewardship: Care for our money/others/creation, Tithing, Sacrificial Giving, and Christian Stewardship. Last week we covered caring for the blessings God has given us and entrusted us to share. Today, the topic is tithing.

Our scripture lesson for today is a brief piece that picks up at the end of the story of Jacob leaving home to start a new life. (Remember Jacob? His brother was Esau and his father was Isaac—son of Abraham and Sarah. Jacob was the scoundrel who tricked his aging father Isaac into giving him a blessing—a blessing that rightly belonged to Esau, the first born. And yet, God chose this scoundrel to marry, have children and start the Hebrew nation.).

So back to Jacob. He left home (which was probably a wise move, considering how angry his brother was). As Jacob traveled from Beer-sheba to Haran, he stopped to rest one night. Using a stone as a pillow, Jacob dreamed of a ladder reaching up to heaven, with angels climbing up and down that ladder. Then, still in the dream, the Lord appeared to Jacob promising that from Jacob would come a nation of people to populate the earth and that God himself would bless both Jacob and his offspring.

Today's reading picks up when Jacob woke up the next morning. He took that stone pillow, poured oil upon it, creating an altar promising to give back to God one tenth of what God gave first to him.

One tenth. A tithe. Christians talk about giving to God their "tithes and offerings", but how often do we pause to consider what our giving might look like if we reached that 10% mark? Recently author Mike Holmes addressed what would happen if Christians were to start giving a minimum of 10% of their income away to churches or other charitable organizations. He guestimates that \$165 billion dollars would become available to be used in these ways:

1. \$25 billion could relieve global hunger and eliminate deaths from preventable diseases within five years
2. \$15 billion could solve the world's water and sanitation issues—specifically in places where a majority of the people live on less than \$1 per day
3. \$12 billion could end illiteracy
4. \$1 billion could fully fund all overseas mission work

5. \$100-110 billion would be left over for additional ministry expansion

Now hear me well: as the St. Paul family we need to become less focused on meeting the bare basic needs of our annual budget. We need to dream big. We need to dig deeply into our pockets that we might be able to meet the needs of our neighbors. And yes: I know we are already doing well with missional outreach. My dream for our congregation would be that we not only feed hungry people, we work as a community to eliminate hunger by getting to the root causes of food insecurity.

I'm not implying that tithing—giving 10% of our incomes is easy. Even if each of us committed to growing our giving for 2021 by one percentage point—then continuing to grow that amount each year, at the most, in 10 years we would be in a financial position to dream bigger than we can possibly imagine today.

Let me tell you about my friend Larry Rezash. Larry is a retired UCC pastor who, in his early career, worked for the UCC Pension Board before going back to serving in parish settings. For many years while I was serving at David's Church in Kettering, Larry would join our Marriage Seminar Team twice a year to lead a financial workshop for folk who were engaged to be married. This is what Larry told our young adults: we need to challenge ourselves to live comfortably within 80% of our income in order to stay out of debt. Then, we need to save 10% of our income for a rainy day. And finally, Larry challenged our young people to then take the final 10% and give it away joyfully. Larry argues that when we are in a habit of giving extravagantly, two things happen: our joy comes from placing our trust in God AND we no longer keep track of what we give—because generosity becomes a lifestyle rather than an obligation or a burden.

God has big dreams for St. Paul Church. We are called to not only dream alongside the Holy One, but to turn those dreams into action as we continue to care for the poor, the hungry, the marginalized, as we continue to be the Church of the Wide Welcome, as we seek to offer Jesus' love and grace to everyone we encounter. We can do this. God can do this through us. And may his kingdom come on earth (right here, right now) as it is in heaven. Amen

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: There is a difference between planning and preparation. We cannot plan the future that God holds, but we can prepare for each day with practices of generosity. Generosity helps us to forgive and to heal; it helps us to make peace in the world; it helps to bring justice and mercy to those in need. Our financial gifts we give are one way we prepare for God's coming into the world in the most unexpected ways. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION: In last week's sermon I talked about Mexico's Day of the Dead—and how people of Mexican heritage honor their deceased loved ones by making altars, writing poetry, and eating the favorite foods of their loved ones. Today, we gather for the Sacrament of Holy Communion to remember the One who has gone before us: Christ Jesus who lived, died and rose again that we might know life abundant for all eternity. But there is a difference between Day of the Dead and Communion: we do not need to gather at Jesus' grave, because the tomb is empty. He is not there. Today, as we share the Lord's Supper, we are called to remember Christ, to honor him and love him beyond measure. Let us pray.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Almighty and loving God, you have created and redeemed us, and through the presence of your Holy Spirit you sustain us in daily life.

People: Now let this same Spirit descend upon these gifts that in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of this cup we may know the living presence of Jesus who gave his body and blood for all.

Leader: May your Spirit fill us with a longing for a deeper unity in Christ's body, the church, and with commitment to greater service in Christ's name in the world.

People: Give us an unshakable hope in the holy kingdom which is to come. For we pray through Jesus Christ, with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it saying, this is my body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, Jesus lifted the cup saying, this is the cup of the new covenant. My blood poured out for you and for many.

The gifts of God for the people of God. All things are now ready.

SHARING THE GIFTS

At this time, take your communion pack, open the top, see-through lid to access the communion wafer.

Leader: The body of Christ, broken for you. Take and eat.

You are now invited to open up the cup, the lower portion to access the juice.

Leader: The blood of Christ, shed for the forgiveness of sins. Take and drink.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison): We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at the table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN OF SENDING *Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult* verses 1 & 4

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

345 *Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult*

1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us— by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -

sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 pleas - ures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

*BENEDICTION: Now may the God of peace, who comes to us in Christ Jesus, the great Shepherd of sheep, equip you with everything good, that you may do what is pleasing in God's sight. Go in peace. Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

Love our God, ev - 'ry day, praise with joy go - ing on your way.

Pass it on, t'all you meet, ev - 'ry day in — ev - 'ry way.

Love our Ho - ly God. Pray with hope each day.

Bless the Ho - ly Name. Praise our — God.

Chords: F, Gm7, F, Gm7, F/A, F/Bb, Gm9, C7, F, Gm7, F, Gm7, F/A, F/Bb, Gm9, G7, C, Fmaj7, Dm, F/G, F/C, Am7, Dm7, Gm7, F/C, C7, F

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us pass the peace of Christ with each other, while maintaining our 6 ft physical distance. Direct eye contact, loving words, and a warm smile are as meaningful as a traditional handshake or hug.

*RECESSIONAL

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Church Calendar-November 1-November 7, 2020

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship w/Holy Communion
	5:00pm-6:30pm	Splash
Monday	11:30am	Devotions (Facebook Live)
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop w/Rev. Becky
	6:30pm	Discipleship Team
Tuesday	11:30am	Devotions (Facebook Live)
Wednesday	11:30am	Devotions (Facebook Live)
	6:00pm-6:45pm	Jr High Youth Group
	6:30pm	Confirmation (via Zoom)
Thursday	7:00pm-7:45pm	Sr High Youth Group
	11:30am	Devotions (Facebook Live)
	6:30pm	Bible Study via Zoom
Friday	11:30am	Devotions (Facebook Live)
	Afternoon	Office Closed
Saturday	8:00am	Men's Club-Speedway Lanes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Gloria Goodwin by Dave and Terri Goodwin & Family.

Attendance-Online-Daily Devotions Avg.-81, October 18-Sunday Worship Online-176, In Person-50, Sunday School-23 students, 5 teachers, Splash-5 students, 1 teacher, October 21-Confirmation-12 students, 4 leaders. Jr/Sr High Youth-11, 3 leaders.

Blessing Pantry-is located in its original space in the North Hallway and accessible by the North door during these hours - **Tuesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm**. The Pantry will be closed Mondays and Fridays. **All Donations Welcome - Thank you!** There is a metal can outside the East Educational Building door for donations.

Mailbox-There is a mailbox outside of the East Educational Building door for any correspondence you may have for the church and would like to drop off. Please lift the flap and drop through the slot on the top. The box is locked and will be checked often. Thank you!

Daily Devotions-Please join Rev Becky or Pastor Dee Monday-Friday at 11:30am, online via Facebook Live. These will air on our Facebook page St. Paul United Church of Christ-New Bremen, OH.

Coffee with Pastor Becky-Monday's from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. at NB Coffee Co. All are Welcome!!!!

Ushers Needed-Myra Hanenkratt, our Senior Deacon, is still seeking ushers for in-person worship. If this is something you are willing to do, please contact her or the church office.

Sunday's in November-Sunday School will be in person beginning at 9:00am. **Worship**-we will be worshipping via Facebook Live and in person in our sanctuary at 10:15am.

Meetings: Discipleship Team-Monday, November 2-6:30pm-Assembly Room. **Men's Club**-Saturday, November 7-8:00am-Speedway Lanes. **Mission Team**-Sunday, November 8-11:15am-Assembly Room. **Council**-Tuesday, November 10-7:00pm-Assembly Room.

Zoom Bible Study- Thursday's at 6:30 p.m. Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on or logging onto:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88567175194?pwd=K2FBaGYzRUpaRElwTjc4Q1Y4b3UrUT09> Once you are logged on, you will need the following:

Meeting ID: 885 6717 5194 Passcode: 229014

*If you would like an email version of this to make logging on easier, simply email Pastor Becky: berbstrang@stpaulnb.org

2021 Altar Flower Chart has been posted in the Narthex. Please sign up for the date(s) you would like. You may also call the church office Monday-Friday to sign up. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Community Meal-hosted by St Paul & The New Bremen New Knoxville Rotary Club. Mark your calendars for Monday, November 23. This meal will be carryout/delivery only. More information to come.

November/December Upper Rooms-have arrived! They are available at the East entrance to the education building and on Sunday's in the Sanctuary. Or please call the church office if you would like one and we will gladly mail one to you.

Veteran's Recognition: November 8-Military veterans and active duty personnel will be honored at the beginning of the worship services November 8. Since, we plan to list the names of veterans and active duty folk from St. Paul UCC in the bulletin that Sunday, please call or email the church office to give us your name and service branch. Thank you.

E-Giving @ St. Paul **3 Different Ways to Give**

Online – Make a donation on our website: stpaulnb.org

Give+ App – Search “Give Plus Church” in your App store and find St. Paul to Get Started!

Text – Make a donation to our Number: 833-308-0048
St. Paul New “Text to Give” #(# changed as of 10/9/19)

How To Give by Text (Example - my amount for the example is \$25 (minimum amount is \$5.00))

- For general fund giving: Send 25 space gl (hit send)
- For building & property fund giving: Send 25 space bp (hit send)
 - For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 space pantry (hit send)
- For project of the year giving: Send 25 space poy (hit send)

Once a text amount is sent:

Registration Link- Sent via text the first time a donation is made.
Thank you! Please visit (link) to register.

Donation Confirm- Sent via text each time a donation is made.
Thank you for donating \$ (amount)! Text repeat to make this recurring or refund to cancel this donation.