

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

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Worship 10:15am

*No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here.*



*Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
Online Streaming Worship Service*

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25th Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Sunday

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Children's Bulletins

Crayons and activity bulletins are available in the narthex. The activities match today's Bible readings and are designed for 3-6 & 7-12 year olds.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located both on the first and second floors to the left of the elevator.

Sunday School & Adult Faith Formation Classes

Classes for all ages are held at 9:00am. (From September through May)

Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship is held at 10:15am September through May, 9:30am Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Prayer and Care

If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list, or request a pastoral call, please speak with the pastor following the service, or contact the church office. You are welcome to take home with you a copy of *Our Daily Bread* daily devotional booklet, located on a table in the narthex hallway.

Looking for a Church to Call Home

If you are looking for a new church family home, we would be happy for you to consider St. Paul's United Church of Christ. For more information about St. Paul's and the UCC, we invite you to talk with our pastor, an usher, a greeter, or any member of our church.

More Information...

Additional literature about our missions, ministries, and fellowship opportunities is located on the Blue Visitor Table in the narthex hallway, including our monthly newsletter *The Herald*. You can also visit us on the web at: www.SPRUCC.org.

Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you or if there is any way in which we can help make your worship experience more meaningful.

*Symbol used in this bulletin: *= if able please stand*



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Free WiFi

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

We Gather

*We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God,
and provide for one another our love, support, and care.*

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They are there for your safety and the safety of those around you to help designate social distancing.*

A TIME OF GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*{To center your hearts and minds,
you are invited to individually offer this prayer silently
during or before the Prelude}*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP ^②

Our hearts exalt in you, O God. All knowledge has its origin in you. Our deepest hungers are satisfied as you give counsel and instruct our hearts. Be known to us now, that our covenant with you may be strengthened. Give confidence to all who enter this sanctuary, that our faith may grow, our love expand, and our hope find fulfillment. Show us the path of life, and grant us courage to walk in your ways. Amen.

{Those who are able, please rise}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - CONSECRATING STEWARDS HYMN

"God You Give" vs 1 & 6

**God you give good gifts to me,
Thus I live so gratefully.
You enrich all of my days,
Now I come to sing your praise.
Now I come to sing your praise.**

**You are calling and I hear.
In your presence, I come near,
Come with gifts that they may be
Consecrated God to thee
Consecrated God to thee.**

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Virtual Worship Service

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[Facebook Live](https://www.facebook.com/www.sprucc.org/) at <https://www.facebook.com/www.sprucc.org/> - Live or Watch & Listen Later
[Phone Stream](https://www.sprucc.org) at 1-888-649-5770 - Live or Listen Later
[Zoom](https://www.sprucc.org): Meeting ID: 104 401 368; Passcode: 301301 (or call 1-646-558-8656) - Live Only
If you have any access problems, please let us know at 610-621-5770 or Office@sprucc.org

***INVOCATION**

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.
ALL: Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** ②

Leader: Come, let us present ourselves before our God.
Bring all your troubles and anxiety to God in prayer.

**People: Surely God knows our thoughts and hears our prayers.
We find strength for living as we praise God.**

Leader: God grants our petitions and gives us peace.
The counsel of our God gladdens our hearts.

**People: In God's presence there is fullness of joy.
As we meet together, we are encouraged and comforted.**

ALL: Amen.

We Repent

*This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for
God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace,
hear the assurance of our forgiveness,
and then give God our thanks and praise.*

***CALL TO CONFESSION** ④ (Leader)

God's help is as near as our requests, as dependable as the breath of life that God has given. Surrounded by the gifts of God, we often take them for granted. Let us take time to recognize and admit our wayward pursuit of goals that are not God's.

***CONFESSION OF SIN** ②⑩ (Unison)

Mighty God, we confess the arrogance of our doubts and the falsehood of our denials. We have neglected to pray and have forgotten to give thanks. Many activities have become more important to us than our spiritual disciplines: Bible study, prayer, evangelism, mission and service, Christian fellowship, and corporate worship. Our busyness crowds our times of private and family prayer. We shake our heads at the evil around us but do little to witness to a better way. We neglect to consult your law as often as we should, or discern the leading of your Holy Spirit to know well your pathways of self-sacrificing love. Turn us around, God. Only you can meet our need. Amen.

***SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

***PRAYER FOR MERCY**

"Kyrie"

♪ Red #518

Leader (spoken): Lord, have mercy upon us.
People (sung): Lord, have mercy upon us.
Leader (spoken): Christ, have mercy upon us.
People (sung): Christ, have mercy upon us.
Leader (spoken): Lord have mercy upon us.
People (sung): Lord, have mercy upon us.

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***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** ② (Leader)

The Holy Spirit renews in us the covenant we have made with our God, offering us forgiveness and assuring us that our lawless deeds will be remembered no more. The law of God is planted in our hearts and written on our minds so love and good deeds may become second nature to us. We are set free to express gladness and to encourage one another. **Amen.**

***CALL TO PRAISE** ®

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the world.

People: **We give God praise, for our souls are in the hand of the Lord.**

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***PRAISE RESPONSE - CONSECRATING STEWARDS HYMN**

"God You Give" vs. 2

Praise for life and friends and food,

Praise for giving all that's good.

Praise for Jesus Christ your son,

Praise for loving ev'ryone.

Praise for loving ev'ryone.

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{Please be seated}

We Hear the Word of God

We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings.

*We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God."
Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.*

PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Psalter: Psalm 1:1-3 (to be read responsively)

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow
the advice of the wicked,

People: **or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;**

Leader: but their delight is in the law of God,

People: **and on God's law they meditate day
and night.**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams
of water,

People: **which yield their fruit in its season,**

Leader: and their leaves do not wither.

People: **In all that they do they prosper.**

Second Reading: [Hebrews 10:11-25](#)

Gospel Reading: [Mark 12:41 – 13:8](#)

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HYMN

"Take My Life, and Let It Be" vs 1,2,6

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

We Respond with Thanks

*We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped,
we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we
have learned more about God's grace and God's will. We now respond
by
re-affirming our faith in God,*

{Those who are able, please rise}

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)** *Mission Statement of St. Paul's UCC*

**We are called by the Spirit
to live and share the love of God
through joyful service
and fellowship in Christ.**

I am well grounded in faith,
when I am
 inwardly **growing**,
 outwardly **servicing**, and
 upwardly **worshipping**
in a **connected** way with the Lord God and my fellow disciples of Christ.

{please be seated}

CONSECRATION OF STEWARDS

The rite of consecration of stewards is one in which we, as members of the Body of Christ and as members of this one household of faith, pray for God's guidance and seek God's blessing in our use of the gifts that God has so graciously given us. During this service we consecrate (bless) our hands for service to God. It is on this day that we make our Faith Promises to God before the altar of God for the upcoming year, prayerfully committing the first fruits of our labors. In doing so, we renew our vows to faithfully support the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ through his local church.

*If you have not already returned your "Faith Promise to God" card,
please mail it to St. Paul's UCC; Attn: Financial Secretary; 301 West Penn Ave; Robeson, PA 19551;
or drop it in the mail slot (church's left door along Penn Ave);
or simply sign up for the recurring giving on our secure [Online Giving](#) page.*

A LITANY OF GIFTS ®

Leader: People of God, celebrate the gifts that enrich our lives!

People: **Breath and food, caring people and gentle words, music and colors.**

Leader: Celebrate God who is the giver.

People: **We praise God for knowing what we need and for giving even before we ask.**

Leader: Many of God's gifts surprise us:

People: **Like the hug of a child, words of encouragement, bright colored blooms from gray buds.**

Leader: Many of God's gifts fulfill us:

People: **New vocational opportunities, courage to stand up for justice, words that say "I love you."**

Leader: Many of God's gifts change us:

People: **Hope when despair rules, forgiveness when sin burdens, "Yes" when we expected "No."**

Leader: Now let our common words thank God.

People: **O God, giver of every good and perfect gift, we thank you for reaching out to us, touching and caring, loving and giving.**

Leader: And let our lives thank God,

People: **Help us, O God, more and more to become giving people, reaching out to those who lack, touching the lonely ones, caring for those who are troubled, living with all in joy and hope and peace, giving gifts of time and self and wealth.**

Leader: In our giving we grow in God's image.
People: For God is a giver.
Leader: We become more like the people God made us to be.
People: For God created us for good.
Leader: In our giving, we become caring stewards for God.
People: Today, O God, consecrate our living and our giving.
ALL: Amen and Amen!

BLESSING ⑨

Leader: Our Lord and our God, may your blessing come upon us. May you consecrate our hands, as we seek to use them according to your will, as stewards of your church and as stewards of all creation.
ALL: May your Holy Spirit come upon us, bless us, and work through us, that our hands may reveal your love and grace, through our generosity of time, talent, and treasure.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

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.

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SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE *"Take My Life, and Let It Be"* vs 5 ♪ *Red #253*
Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

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OFFERTORY INVITATION ②

Leader: We are encouraged to give as God has blessed us.
People: We bring our tithes and offerings, not to win God's favor but to express our thanks, not out of habit, but as a caring community that provokes one another to love and good deeds.

RETURNING GOD'S TITHES AND PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

[Online Giving](#)

*{As we share in hybrid worship, there is no passing of the plate in person.
A plate is placed in the rear of the sanctuary for offerings to be placed
when arriving or departing from the sanctuary.
Whether worshiping in person or online,
the safest way to offer your tithe and offering to God through his church
is through our secure [Online Giving](#) option on our website at [sprucc.org](#). [Click Here](#)
Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul's UCC; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551}.*

OFFERTORY

{Those who are able, please rise}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE - CONSECRATING STEWARDS HYMN**

"God You Give" vs. 3

**Now I come to give myself,
Give my time and give my wealth.
Give my gifts as generously
As, O God, you give to me.
As, O God you give to me.**

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER[®] (Leader)**

Our Lord and Our God, our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice in the opportunity to share. Here are the fruits of your generosity and our hard work. In thanks for the perfect offering of Jesus Christ, we bring ourselves with our gifts. Show us how to combine our efforts to build wholesome relationships, extend your church, and minister in your name throughout the world. **Amen.**

We Are Sent Out

*In response to God's love and grace,
we go out into the world to share God's Good News
through our words and actions.*

***COMMISSION[®]**

Leader: Go forth in confidence that God remembers you.
Go in peace, knowing you will find blessings in abundance.
People: **God is with us wherever we go.
We seek to recognize the blessings we have ignored.**
Leader: Live your lives in a continuing relationship of prayer.
Listen for the counsel God offers every day.
People: **Love for God and for one another will be our highest motive.
We seek to provoke one another to love and good deeds.**
ALL: **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

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***THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN**

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***SENDING HYMN - CONSECRATING STEWARDS HYMN**

"God You Give" vs. 5,4

**As a steward help me live.
Help me care and help me give.
Help me share your gifts with all.
Help me answer to your call.
Help me answer to your call.**

**May my life and all I give
Help this world to richly live.
May all greed for things decrease
That your people live in peace.
That your people live in peace.**

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*{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us,
as we now go to carry God's light and love back into the world.}*



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² *Taught By Love* by Lavon Baylor. (1998). United Church Press; Cleveland, OH.

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⁶ scouting.org - resources for Boy Scouts of America

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⁸ *Lecturn Resource*. (2014). Logos Productions, Inc.; Grove Heights, MN.

⁹ Edmonds, Robert Lee (Editor). (2008). *In Our Own Way; Living a Scouting Life Through Faith; A Handbook of Prayer and Devotion*. Dallas, TX: Red Honor Press

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¹¹ Miller, Earl D. (1994). *Consecrating Stewards*. Ohio Conference, United Church of Christ.

¹² The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Motz

¹³ *Occasional Services; A Companion to the Lutheran Book of Worship*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress. (1982).

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¹⁴ The Love Feast liturgy was primarily designed and written by United Methodist pastor, the Rev. Dr. Cynthia A. Wilson (2018) at umcdiscipleship.org, with adaptations from: the Rev. Tamie Scalise, Richard Stowe (author of *The Love Feast*), moravianmusic.org, moravian.org, and the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Motz. *Resources are edited and adapted for use in this worship service.*



The Flow of the Worship Service

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

- (1) God welcomes us and invites us
- (2) We respond to God's call by worshipping Him
- (3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace
- (4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace
- (5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon
- (6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer
- (7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure
- (8) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others

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Link to Website's
Upcoming Events

††† Worship Participants & Sponsorships †††
 Thank you to all who have made this worship experience possible.

	<u>Today</u> November 14th	<u>Next Sunday</u> November 21st
Usher Captain	Sue H.	Terry P.
Usher Co-Captain	Barb O.	Michael P.
Usher/Greeter	-	TBD
Usher/Greeter	-	TBD
Acolyte	Geri G.	Wynn H.
Cross-bearer	-	Paul S.
Welcome/Lector	Robin H.	TBD
Cantor	TBD	TBD
Children's Message	Pastor Ben	TBD
AV Tech	Kirk A.	Kirk A.
Koffee Klatch	Robin H.	21 st Century Christian
Koffee Klatch	Jon H.	Women
Altar Flowers	-	-
Bud Vase Flowers	-	The Unger Family
Bulletins	-	-

† Prayer List †

*Please lift up those listed here in your prayers this week.
 "Pray for one another, so that you may be healed.
 The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." ~ James 5:16b*

Medical Concerns & Healing:

Terry B.
 Sam B.
 Lori & Ryan B.
 Deb D.
 Rich D.
 Jacob E.
 Andy G.
 Jaden G.
 Ann H.
 Leigh H.
 Richard H.
 Rev. David K.
 Jim & Donna K.
 Janice L.
 Ella L.
 Edmund L.

Medical Concerns & Healing:

Amy M.
 Diane M.
 George M.
 Nate, Jenny, Luke & Teddy M.
 Gary N.
 Terry P.
 Paul P.
 Fred R.
 Earl S.
 Jim S.
 Rob & Jodi S.
 Spencer Family
 Kathy S.
 Martha W.

Celebration:

Wedding of Kayla A. (daughter of Kirk & Geneva A.)

Mourning:

Family & Friends of Robert G. Jr.
 Family & Friends of R. Lynn H.
 Family & Friends of Jon H.
 Family & Friends of Starr M.
 Family & Friends of Chick M.
 Family & Friends of Sharon R.
 Family & Friends of Bruce W.
 Stephanie W. & Family with the passing of her father

Social Concerns:

Those impacted by COVID-19
 Those working on a vaccine for COVID-19
 Those who serve in the armed forces

*Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you.
 All are welcome to add names to the prayer list.*

*Names are generally left on the list for about four weeks.
 Please let us know if you would like a name to remain longer or shorter.
 If you would like someone's name added to the prayer list,
 please contact the church office at 610-621-5770 or office@sprucc.org.*

Visitation Care Team

Our Visitation Care Team (VCT) is composed of lay members who have been trained for visitation. If you are in need of prayer, a visit, or just a listening ear, they are here to be of support to you. To contact the Visitation Care Team with a visitation request or to share information about a potential care need email the VCT at CareTeam@sprucc.org. For more information, go to our "[Visitation Care Ministries](http://www.sprucc.org)" page at www.sprucc.org under the "ministries" tab.

††† General Announcements †††

Welcome!

We are glad that you are here to worship with us. May you find the worship and message meaningful and satisfying to your soul. May your week be blessed.

Sunday School

Sunday school for adults and youth has resumed. Both adult and youth classes will be shared with Zion UCC. Please join us to learn more about God's Word each Sunday at 9:00am.

Following Worship Service

After worship, there will be a fellowship time in the Miller Fellowship Hall with Zion UCC.

Upcoming Virtual Choir - Submissions Due Today

The next virtual choir will be on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 6:30pm. Our virtual choir will include members of St. Paul's UCC, Zion UCC, Phoebe-Berks Ministeries, and more. We are looking for both singers and instrumentalists.

For the sheet music, submission instructions, and more information, please contact Pastor Bob or the church office at 610-621-5770 or office@sprucc.org. **Submissions are due TODAY, Sunday, November 14.**

Click on this [Thanksgiving Virtual Choir Piano Accompaniment Recording](#) link to hear the music so that you may begin practicing, or go to the church website, click on the piano found about midway down the "Home" page, then look for "Virtual Upcoming Choir" and the "Thanksgiving Virtual Choir Piano Accompaniment" link.

Poinsettia Plants - Orders Due Tomorrow

Please consider ordering a poinsettia to add to the beauty of our sanctuary at Christmas and to honor or remember a loved one. Orders should be received by **Monday, November 15, 2021**. If you do not have time to send in your order by mail, please call the church office at 610-621-5770, or you may order online by going to the church's website, or click on this [poinsettia order](#) link. Payment is required with your order.

Christmas Bazaar

The Bazaar will be here soon! It's scheduled for Saturday, November 20 from 9:00am-1:00pm. There will be candy, baked goods, attic treasures, basket raffle, and more!! If you would like to donate a basket full of goodies, make baked goods, or help in some way, please contact the church office.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Join us as we give thanks to God at our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on Wednesday, November 24th at 6:30pm. God is our great gift-giver and source of all bounty who delights in hearing our responses.

This year there will be a combined hybrid worship service with Zion UCC and St. Paul's UCC. Please invite family and friends to join us in giving thanks. We will stream the virtual choir into our live stream, and we will have a large television set up in the sanctuary for those who are in person to view during worship.

Weekly Morning Bible Study

Every Tuesday morning at 9:00am, Zion UCC offers a Zoom Bible Study based on the scripture passages for the coming Sunday. The study goes from 9:00-9:45am. All are invited! The same Zoom numbers are used each week.

To join the Zoom meeting use the following:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87452124156?pwd=RzI3dTI4Uy8vWGpBQnRzOGV2bnlrdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 5212 4156

Passcode: 783249

For people joining with telephone, choose one of these numbers:

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Evening Bible Study: This Wednesday - All are invited!

The evening Bible Study has begun. Over the course of the next several months, from 6:30-7:30pm, we will be studying the Book of Acts. During each meeting we will cover multiple sessions found in the study guidebook, entitled, *Acts 1-12: God Moves in the Early Church*, written by Chuck and Winnie Christensen. It is not necessary to have the study guide to participate. However, a Bible will be needed (any version). If you do not have a Bible, come to the church and a Bible will be supplied. Pastor Mary Etta will be our study leader.

You may participate from home using the Zoom information found below, or you may participate in person by coming to the church. A large screen will be set up in the Miller Fellowship Hall. The schedule will be as follows (please note that the next session is scheduled for this Wednesday):

November 17 (Not November 24)

December 15 (Not December 22 or December 29)

January 19

January 26

February 16

February 23

The Zoom numbers are below.

To join the Zoom meeting use the following (they are the same as the Weekly Morning Bible Study):

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Telephone Live Streaming & Playback Worship

This service is being offered to those who do not have internet access. You may call us at our toll free number **1-888-649-5770** and listen to the worship service live using a landline or cell phone. (No internet, smartphone, tablet, or computer is necessary - this works with a standard corded phone, cell phone, or even with a rotary phone). You also have the option for the church to automatically call you when the live stream worship begins (rather than you calling the church); which you can sign up for at the above toll free number, or you can call the church office, and we can add you to the call list. If you have any questions, difficulties, or issues, please let us know by calling the office at 610-621-5770. There is no charge to you for this service. If you know of someone who does not have internet access, please let them know of this feature.

Organ Recital - Today

Today at 3:00pm the Annual Hunsicker Organ Recital will take place at Calvary Lutheran Church, 1009 Elizabeth Avenue, Laureldale, PA. Clara Gerdes, a graduate of Yale University Institute of Sacred Music and the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, will be the featured performer. A free will offering will be taken which will benefit the Reading Music Foundation. All are invited.

Breakfast with Santa!

Please join the Girl Scouts from the Conrad Weiser Service Unit for an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast with Santa & his elves on Saturday, December 4 from 8:00am - 12:00noon in the Miller Fellowship Hall. There will be free pictures with Santa and coloring pages for kids. Juice and coffee will be served. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children; children aged 3 and under are free. Please purchase your tickets from your local Girl Scout or order via email by contacting erintowle@yahoo.com. The funds raised will be used for the girls' annual Service Unit camping trip.

Hats, Scarves, Mittens, Gloves

Beginning Sunday, November 28, we will be collecting donations of new hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves for Opportunity House in Reading and for St. Paul's Clothing Closet. Opportunity House is a homeless shelter that changes lives by educating, housing, feeding and empowering people to stand on their own feet. St. Paul's Clothing Closet is a mission outreach program that provides families with free gently used children's clothing (1 bag per child). Please help us keep others warm this winter. Bring donations upstairs at church and place near Christmas tree. Donations will be accepted until December 31, 2021.

About Today

Church Season: Pentecost -which is the season of the church in mission. It is the time between the ascension of Christ and his second coming, which is the time we are presently living in today, and as such is the longest season of the church year. The day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian church.

Color of the Paraments (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

Green - symbolizing the life God brings, especially through our mission work.

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year B**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Mark.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ's birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church).

This Sunday, November 14, 2021, Lectionary Reading for 25th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 1:4-20 *and* 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Daniel 12:1-3 *and* Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

The First Book of Samuel

The First Book of Samuel describes the transition of the nation of Israel from their time of being ruled by the judges to that of being ruled by their first king, Saul. The end of First Samuel and the beginning of Second Samuel describe the transition to Israel's second king, David. First Samuel begins with the birth of the prophet Samuel, who is a priest, judge, seer, military leader, and the one who anointed both Saul and David as king. First Samuel covers the time span of about 1100 BC to 1000 BC, and Second Samuel covers the time from about 1000 BC to 960 BC.

Psalm 16

This is an OT sung prayer for God's continual help, where the one who is praying also expresses their trust in God's divine providence.

Hebrews

The Epistle (letter) to the Hebrews (NT) is attributed to the Apostle Paul, believed to be written between 60-95 A.D. (C.E.). Paul was a Christian, Jew, Pharisee, Roman citizen, and leader in the Christian church, who had a direct encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus after Jesus' ascension into heaven. He wrote more of the NT than any other person. The title of this letter "Hebrews" presumably refers to the original audience of this letter as primarily Jewish-Christian.

The Gospel According to Mark

Mark's Gospel is the oldest and shortest of the four Gospels, written between 65-75 A.D. Papias, a church leader in the 2nd century, reported that this Gospel's author is Mark, a follower of Peter who wrote this Gospel after Peter's death.

Next Sunday, November 21, 2021, Lectionary Reading for 26th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 23:1-7 *and* Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18); Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 *and* Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

***CONSECRATING STEWARDS HYMN**

"God You Give"

Musical notation for the hymn "God You Give". The score is written on two staves in 2/4 time. The first staff contains measures 1 through 8, and the second staff contains measures 9 through 16. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: F, Gm/Bb, F/C, C7, F, F, C/E, C7, F, F/A, Bb, F, C, Dm, C/E, F, Bb, F/C, C7, F.

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Vs 1 God you give good gifts to me,
Thus I live so gratefully.
You enrich all of my days,
Now I come to sing your praise.
Now I come to sing your praise.

Vs 2 Praise for life and friends and food,
Praise for giving all that's good.
Praise for Jesus Christ your son,
Praise for loving ev'ryone.
Praise for loving ev'ryone.

Vs 3 Now I come to give myself,
Give my time and give my wealth.
Give my gifts as generously
As, O God, you give to me.
As, O God you give to me.

Vs 4 May my life and all I give
Help this world to richly live.
May all greed for things decrease
That your people live in peace.
That your people live in peace.

Vs 5 As a steward help me live.
Help me care and help me give.
Help me share your gifts with all.
Help me answer to your call.
Help me answer to your call.

Vs 6 You are calling and I hear.
In your presence, I come near,
Come with gifts that they may be
Consecrated God to thee
Consecrated God to thee.

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In moderate time; solemnly

1. Take my life, and let it be Con - se - cra - ted, Lord, to Thee.
 2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; Not a mite would I with - hold.
 5. Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no lon - ger mine.
 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treas - ure - store.

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - ery power as Thou shalt choose.
 Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy roy - al throne.
 Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee. A - MEN.