



St. Paul's United Church of Christ

A welcoming Christ-centered community...

21th Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints' Sunday

Nov 2, 2025
9:30 am Worship

We're Glad You're Here!

Welcome: *St. Paul's creates experiences of joyful fellowship where children, youth, adults, and the elderly build open and honest relationships of mutual support. In welcoming the ongoing transformative power of the Holy Spirit, we find freedom from social stigmas and shame. This in turn empowers us to address isolation and marginalization in ourselves and in our wider community.*

Today's Scripture Readings

Ephesians 1:11-23 + Luke 6:20-31

Worship Leaders

Ministers of the Gospel – All Who Gather for God's Worship

Worship Leader – Rev. Deborah Parker-Hill

Reader – Andy Headman

Ushers – Diane & Dave Johnson

Accompanist – Barb Moyer

Acolyte – Doug Johnson

“To the Glory of God in loving memory of Violet Bordic
on her November 6th birthday, by daughter Linda and family.”

Join us for Sunday Morning Music & Worship
9:30 – 10:30am Sunday In-Person / Zoom Worship

Connect online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86359317508>

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Call 1-646-876-9923 and when prompted, enter the meeting ID: 863 5931 7508

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

(please rise, in body or in spirit)

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather.

People: May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.

Leader: May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew.

People: In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered.

Leader: May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation.

People: And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.

All: Let us worship God together!

Opening Hymn: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” WHM #335
[Worship His Majesty Hymnal]

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Trusting God’s goodness and grace, shown most palpably to us in Jesus, let us turn to God in confession.

Leader: Eternal God,

All: in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Inspired by those who have gone before us and those who journey with us even now, help us to acknowledge and claim our place in your great cloud of witnesses. When you have commanded us to speak and we have remained silent; when you have called us to do what is just and we have been fearful, have mercy on us. Keep before us faithful people for us to follow so that, living with courage and love, we may inherit the kingdom promised in Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(a moment of quiet reflection)

Words of Grace

Leader: God's Word to us is a word of forgiveness, a word of assurance, a word of grace. We are loved and accepted because we are we and God is God and nothing can finally separate us from our Creator, our Sustainer.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

We Listen For God's Word: Scripture

Ephesians 1:11-23 [pg 148] + Luke 6:20-31 [pg 49]

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "Transforming Love"

(please rise, in body or in spirit)

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Let us affirm the faith that we share in these words from Romans, chapter 8:

**All: For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in
Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.**

Gathering the Prayers of the People

After each petition, we will say the following -

Leader: Holy One...

All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Creator, 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.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn: "As We Gather at Your Table" NCH #332
[New Century Hymnal]

Holy Communion

Invitation

Leader: The invitation is simple: come and eat of the feast.... No one is turned away, for God is the host!

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: God is in this place.

People: And in our hearts.

Leader: Open yourself to the nudging God.

People: We feel the breath of the Spirit.

Leader: Remember God-made-flesh...

People: ...Jesus, who taught us a new way.

(moment of silence)

Leader: Tender, transforming God... This morning we remember those who have died. We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve.

We remember: *(after each name is read, bell tolls)*

Virginia B. (Buck) DeFresco

Born on this day: Jan 12, 1934 Born into eternal life: Jan 19, 2025

Ada A. Peifer

Born on this day: Apr 12, 1924 Born into eternal life: Mar 26, 2025

Ellen M. (Bitler) Sowers

Born on this day: Oct 9, 1934 Born into eternal life: Apr 3, 2025

Jean M. (Foreman) Johnson

Born on this day: Aug 24, 1945 Born into eternal life: Apr 7, 2025

June (Johnson) Baer

Born on this day: Feb 12, 1934 Born into eternal life: Oct 5, 2025

And we remember all those who have gone before us. (bell tolls)

This is the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Meal

Leader: This is the feast prepared for you. Come and share, for all is now ready. *(You are invited to come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and fruit of the vine by intinction. The bread is gluten-free. There is both wine and grape juice. If you would like communion brought to you, please let an usher know. After receiving communion, you may light votive candles in memory of our fellow congregants, loved ones or members of our wider community who have passed as well as the unseen, isolated and marginalized of our community. The candle's light symbolizes the presence of those lost from our sight but not our hearts, who share Christ's heavenly feast with us.)*

Announcements

Fall Conference Meeting 2025- the Final Meeting of the PSEC

The final meeting of our Conference, the Closure/Celebration Meeting of the PSEC will take place on Saturday, November 8th at St. Paul's UCC, Amityville in Douglassville, PA. Registration is open and can be found at <https://psecfinal.eventbrite.com>. This is a meeting of celebration of our Conference's sixty-three(63) years of ministry and the saints before us and among us who have led the way. Church delegates are not required as no voting will take place BUT you will not want to miss this historic occasion!

Fall Congregational Meeting will be held on Sun, Nov 16th following the 9:30 am worship service. You are encouraged to attend this meeting. We will be presenting the budget for 2026. This is the time to hear about our congregation's ministry and lift one another up in our common call of being the living Body of Christ.

Altar Flowers - There are two openings for flower sponsorships in November: 11/16 and 11/30. If you'd like to sponsor either of these Sundays, please call Wanda Druzba at 610-385-3382 or see her at church. Thanks!

November will be a MONTH OF GRATITUDE!

We will once again be collecting Redners and Boyers gift cards for Thanksgiving meals for families in the Daniel Boone School District. Our last Sunday to collect the gift cards or money designated for their purchase is November 16th.

That will also be the day we celebrate Harvest Home and ask God's blessing on the food and other items donated for the Caring Closet. Let us give generously and share God's abundance with our neighbors!

Caring Closet starting for 2025-2026 school year

Ashley Griffith, the coordinator for the Daniel Boone School District's "Caring Closet" sent a flyer to the church asking for the following:

- * Boys underwear for our Primary Center & Intermediate Center, S-XL & 4/5-12; & all sizes for Middle & High School
- * Girls underwear for our Primary Center & Intermediate Center, S-XL & 4/5-12; & all sizes for Middle & High School
- * Universal Items such as applesauce squeeze pouches & individual goldfish snacks; children's toothpaste & toothbrushes; deodorant; tampons & panty liners

Hoagie Update: Volunteering

Many opportunities to volunteer PLEASE let Sherry know what date and times you can help. **THANKS!!!!**

Wednesday, November 5th 5:00 – 7:00 slicing at church

Thursday, November 6th 9:00 – ?? slicing the rest of the meat/cheese and setting up the basement

Friday, November 7th 3:00 – 5:00 Preparing the veggies and last minute set up of the hoagie line

Saturday, November 9th, 9:00 - ??? BUT help with cleanup is very important after the hoagies are made.

Hoagie Update: Orders

- Cost of hoagies are \$9.00.
- Italian hoagies only. There will be no specials, no mayo, no peppers. Onions will be in little bags if you want onions.
- Please call or text Sherry Hunter at 610-842-5095 or email Shunter297@aol.com . Just give Sherry the **TOTAL** number of hoagies that you are ordering.
- As of 10/30 in the AM, we sold 155 hoagies. Keep selling!

Again, thanks everyone for your help with the hoagie sale. Peace, Sherry Hunter

“Prayers of the People” – Our current Elders will be holding meetings on the 4th Thursday evening of each month at 6pm via Zoom. All are welcome including phone participants. Contact Pat Babel at 484-949-5033 to be included in the email distribution. Thank you!

Bible Study is held in the upper room in the church each Sunday beginning at 8:30am. Join us for good conversation and discussion about the books of the bible.

Boyer's 1% Caring & Sharing – When shopping at Boyer's don't forget to have the cashier scan your 1% Caring & Sharing card (this card has St. Paul's name printed on the back of it). Every time you use the card Boyer's will give St. Paul's a rebate check totaling 1% of the total purchases made by those who used the card. This is a simple and easy way to help St. Paul's. If you don't have a card but would like one, please contact the church office.

Redner's Save-A-Tape – We are still collecting Redner's tapes for which St. Paul's can receive 1% of the total bill (Excluding items controlled by the government such as tax, milk and tobacco products). Redner's accepts receipts for redemption up to three years from their printed date and there is no dollar limit. Start saving tapes today! You can drop your receipts in the weekly offering plate or mailed to the church office.

Electronic Giving is available with the Vanco Mobile App or through our website "Give" page.

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St Paul's Weekly Calendar

Sun, Nov 2	Worship (C) New Millennium (CE)	9:30am 7pm-8pm
Tues, Nov 4	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL) Woman's Club	5:30pm-7pm 7pm
Wed, Nov 5	Disciple Bible Study (CE)	9:30am-10:30am
Thurs, Nov 6	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL) Currently Sober (CE)	5:30pm-7pm 6:30-7:30pm
Fri, Nov 7	Beginners Meeting (CE)	7pm- 8pm
Sat, Nov 8	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL) Hoagie Sale	8:30am –2pm 11am-1pm
Sun, Nov 9	Worship (C) New Millennium (CE)	9:30am 7pm-8pm

This Week: Church Office Hours

Tue-Thurs 9:00am-1:00pm

This Week: Pastor Deb's Office Hours

Tues/remote 9:00am-1:00pm
 Wed/in-office 9:00am-12:00pm
 Thurs/remote 9:00am-1:00pm