



St. Paul's United Church of Christ

A welcoming Christ-centered community...

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Nov 16, 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

Isaiah 65:17-25 + 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 + Luke 21:5-19

Worship Leaders

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

Worship Leader – Rev. Deborah Parker-Hill

Reader – Wanda Druzba

Ushers – Barb Kerper & Doug Johnson

Accompanist – Barb Moyer

Acolyte – Dave Johnson

“To the Glory of God in honor of Sue McCalicher's 87th birthday by her 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>

Or by phone to listen to the service:

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

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Church wifi: StPauls / havefaith

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

(please rise, in body or in spirit)

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us sing to our Creator a new song!

People: Make a joyful noise to God, everyone!

Leader: With trumpets and sounds of the horn...

People: just as the sea roars and the artists rhyme...

All: we serenade our Creator. Let us worship God together!

Opening Hymn: “Come, O Thankful People, Come” NCH #422

[The New Century Hymnal]

Opening Prayer

Leader: Gracious One...Help us return to the witness of Jesus whose life was shaped by the hope of community and the courage of compassion, as we pray for transformation and new life.

Prayer of Transformation and New Life

Leader: Divine Sustainer,

All: Help us remember the path we have chosen as followers of Christ:

the way of truth and life,

the way of love for our neighbors and ourselves,

the way of community and connection.

Let us not grow weary in care for each other.

Help us not to turn against one another. Evil tells stories that harm and isolate.

Help us to remember we belong to each other and to you.

May this be our joy and our hope.

(a moment of quiet reflection)

Words of Grace

Leader: Friends, neither shame nor despair will overtake us. The grace of God sustains us from dawn until dusk and in the depths of the night. The mercies of God are new every morning. In Christ, we are forgiven and empowered for new life always.

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

Isaiah 65:17-25 [page #539] + **2 Thessalonians 3:6-13** [page #160] +
Luke 21:5-19 [page #65]

Leader: For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us,

All: thanks be to God!

Sermon: Infinite Possibilities When It All Looks Impossible

Hymn: "Community of Christ"

NCH #314

[The New Century Hymnal]

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.

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

"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 16	Worship (C) Congregational Meeting New Millennium (CE)	9:30am <i>following service</i> 7pm-8pm
Tues, Nov 18	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL) Woman's Club	5:30pm-7pm 7pm
Wed, Nov 19	Disciple Bible Study (CE)	9:30am-10:30am
Thurs, Nov 20	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL) Currently Sober (CE)	5:30pm-7pm 6:30-7:30pm
Fri, Nov 21	Beginners Meeting (CE)	7pm- 8pm
Sat, Nov 22	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL)	8:30am –2pm
Sun, Nov 23	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/in-office 9:00am-1:00pm

Wed/remote 9:00am-1:00pm

Thurs/remote 9:00am-1:00pm