



St. Paul's United Church of Christ

A welcoming Christ-centered community...

24th Sunday after Pentecost
Reign of Christ Sunday

Nov 23, 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

Luke 1:68-79 + Colossians 1:10-14

Worship Leaders

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

Worship Leader – Pat Babel

Reader – Barb Kerper

Ushers – Marian & Derek Prince

Accompanist – Barb Moyer

Acolyte – Diane Johnson

“To the Glory of God by Sherry & John Hunter in honor of Sherry's mom, Connie Winchester and in memory of Sherry's dad, Dick Winchester”

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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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

(please rise, in body or in spirit)

Call to Worship

(Inspired by Psalm 46)

Leader: In this present time, no matter what passes before us,

People: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Leader: As earth shakes and nations are in an uproar,

People: God is present with us and is our refuge in times of trouble.

Leader: As the world trembles in fear and worry,

People: May we find stillness and peace, knowing God is God of all.

Opening Hymn: **“We Gather Together”**

WHM #81

[Worship His Majesty Hymnal]

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Divine Grace,

People: Jesus promises paradise to his neighbor on the cross. No matter what transgression the person had carried out, Jesus still promised a future filled with hope, mercy, and filled with your love. And yet, even when we pray “your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven,” we like to limit paradise for our neighbors. We quietly ask: What have they done in their lives that they must ask for help, receive assistance, and lack health? Yet what we don’t realize is that their misfortunes are not for us to judge. Beloved God, open our hearts wide to mercy – both in receiving and in extending it to others. May we shun judgment and open our hearts to a paradise here on earth where all your children can abide in peace and wholeness. Amen.

Words of Grace

Leader: Through the words and acts of Jesus, we experience peace, hope, and grace. God's love is beyond limits and will move us to open ourselves to the beauty of infinite mercy.

People: Thanks Be to God!

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Hymn: "Let All Things Now Living" WHM #78

[Worship His Majesty Hymnal]

We Listen For God's Word: Scripture

Luke 1:68-79 [pg 44] + Colossians 1:10-14 [pg 155]

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "Storytelling: A Story of a Blessing"

Hymn: "Great is thy Faithfulness" WHM #519

[Worship His Majesty Hymnal]

Gathering the Prayers of the People

After each petition, we will say the following –

Leader: Holy One...

All: Lord 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

All: What would happen if we were to set aside our worries and begin to create paradise on earth – here and now? What if we shared just a little extra of our time, talent, and treasures so that others can experience paradise on this side of heaven? When we share our gifts, the universe begins to transform for our neighbors, creation, and ourselves.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

**All: God of All Time and Space,
You call us to transform the world through the extension of your grace to all of creation. May we find new and creative ways to share our treasures, talents, and time in order to create your Realm here on earth. May we work to create paradise beginning here today. Amen.**

(please rise, in body or in spirit)

Sending Hymn: “Tell Me The Old, Old Story” WHM #90
[Worship His Majesty Hymnal]

Benediction

**Leader: As we transform our universe into God's paradise,
May the Spirit of Strength give us courage to care for our neighbors.
May the Christ of Mercy give us peace in each time and space.
May our Creator of Hope inspire us to love in new ways.
Fellow companions on this journey: we are called to build God's Realm,
creating heaven on earth for all. 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

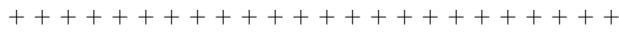
“Prayers of the People” – Our current Elders will be holding meetings on the 4th Thursday evening of each month at 6pm via Zoom. All are welcome including phone participants. Contact Pat Babel at 484-949-5033 to be included in the email distribution. Thank you!

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.



St Paul's Weekly Calendar

Sun, Nov 23	Worship (C) Decorate sanctuary New Millennium (CE)	9:30am <i>following service</i> 7pm-8pm
Tues, Nov 25	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL) Woman's Club	5:30pm-7pm 7pm
Wed, Nov 26	Disciple Bible Study (CE)	9:30am-10:30am
Thurs, Nov 27	Thanksgiving Day Private Party (church fellowship hall) Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL) Currently Sober (CE)	12pm-8pm 5:30pm-7pm 6:30-7:30pm
Fri, Nov 28	Beginners Meeting (CE)	7pm- 8pm
Sat, Nov 29	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL)	8:30am –2pm
Sun, Nov 30	Worship (C) New Millennium (CE)	9:30am 7pm-8pm

This Week: Church Office Hours

Mon, Wed, and Fri 9:00am-1:00pm

This Week: Pastor Deb's Office Hours

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

Wed/in-office 9:00am-12:00pm