



St. Paul's United Church of Christ
A welcoming Christ-centered community...

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Sept 20, 2026
9:30am 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

Exodus 16:2-15 (The Message) + Psalm 105:37-45 (NRSVUE)

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

Guest Worship Leader– Ann Few

Reader – Andy Headman

Ushers – John Herold & Doug Johnson

Accompanist – Barb Moyer

Acolyte – Pat Babel

Flower Dedication

“To the Glory of God by Donna McQuate in memory of husband,
John D. McQuate, who died 2 years ago, September 23, 2024”

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 (from Psalm 105)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**People: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
Tell of all his wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who see the Lord
rejoice.

**People: Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he uttered.**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

All: Let us worship our awesome God!

Opening Hymn: “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer” NCH #18
[New Century Hymnal]

Prayer of Transformation and New Life

Leader: Our God has called us to this place. Let us open our hearts as we
pray together:

**All: Holy One, God of life and blessings, we profess to follow you no
matter what the cost, but too often we shy away when we sense that
others may disagree with our convictions or hold our actions
accountable to what we profess. Too often we maintain silence rather
than speak the word of correction when we hear others being
stereotyped and their differences mocked. Too often we avoid the
very people and situations you need us to confront so that your
gospel may be done. Forgive us, gracious God. May your healing
grace transform us to live in ways worthy of Christ and his call to
discipleship...**

(a moment of quiet reflection)

Words of Grace

Leader: Hear this good news: when we confess and share our deepest self-doubts and transgressions with the Holy One, God is faithful to forgive.

This is the truth of the Gospel – through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

We Listen For God's Word: Scripture

Exodus 16:2-15 (*The Message*) + **Psalm 105:37-45** (NRSVUE)

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Hymn of Reflection: “God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian”

NCH #355

[New Century Hymnal]

Statement of Faith

from the writings of Martin Luther King Jr, from the United Presbyterian Church

All: “I refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events which surround us. I refuse to believe that we are so bound to racism and war, that peace, brotherhood and sisterhood are not possible. I believe there is an urgent need for people to overcome oppression and violence, without resorting to violence and oppression. I believe that we need to discover a way to live together in peace, a way which rejects revenge, aggression, and retaliation. The foundation of this way is love. I really believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. I believe that right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant. I believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits. I believe that what self-centered people have torn down, other-centered people can build up. By the goodness of God at work within people, I believe that brokenness can be healed. 'And the lion and the lamb shall lie down together, and everyone will sit under their own vine and fig tree, and none shall be afraid.'”

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.

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

(please rise, in body or in spirit as the doxology begins)

Doxology

***Be present at our table, Lord,
Be here and everywhere adored;
From your all-bounteous hands these gifts
We offer you with gratitude.***

Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Let us pray together...

People: Good and benevolent God, you have showered us with gifts of beauty, knowledge, freedom and opportunity. Receive these offerings in grateful response, signs of what you have given us. May they find use in spreading your gospel of love, grace and peace. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

Sending Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory" NCH #436
[New Century Hymnal]

Benediction

Postlude

Liturgy adapted from:
the Minister's Annual Manual (2011-2012)

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Announcements

Today! Join us for a Community Walk! Sunday, Sept 20th with a picnic at 12:30pm and the walk at 2:00pm. The walk is a 3 mile loop through Rustic Park and around the gorgeous Birdsboro Reservoir. Funds will go to support the programs of Hopewell Love Community Services. It is sponsored by Hopewell Love and the Southeast Berks Ministerium. For more information go to: hopewelllovecs@gmail.com or 610-582-8167, opt 3. Scan QR code to register and donate. See Wanda Druzba for participant walkers.



GOOD NEWS TO SHARE!!! BIRDSBORO SHARES IS LIVE!!!!

Birdsboro Shares is a mutual aid network that we have been working on. This is a network of neighbors helping neighbors. Whether you have a need, a resource/skill to share, or both, we all enter the network the same way., through the Birdsboro Shares form on St Paul's website. See link:

<https://stpaulsbirdsboro.org/birdsboro-shares-mutual-aid-network/>



Your help is needed to get the word out, so please share with friends and neighbors!!.

Our Daily Bread for September/October/November 2026 has arrived! Pick up your copy today!

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.

“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!

Caring Closet starting for 2026-2027 school year

Lisa Kieke, 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 & more

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, Sept 20	Sunday Worship (C)	9:30am
	Community Walk(rustic park)	12:30pm
	New Millennium (CE)	7pm-8pm
Tues, Sept 22	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL)	5:30pm-7pm
	Woman's Club (CE)	6:30pm
Wed, Sept 23	Disciple Bible Study (CE)	9:30am-10:30am
	Worship Committee (CE)	10:00am
Thu, Sept 24	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL)	5:30pm-7pm
	Currently Sober (CE)	6:30-7:30pm
Fri, Sept 25	Beginners Meeting (CE)	7pm- 8pm
Sat, Sept 26	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL)	8:30am – 2pm
Sun, Sept 27	Sunday Worship (CE)	9:30am
	New Millennium (CE)	7pm-8pm

This Week: Church Office Hours

Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:00am-1:00pm

This Week: Pastor Deb's Office Hours

Monday Pastor's Sabbath Day; available for emergencies only
Tues/remote 9:00am-1:00pm
Wed/in-office 9:00am-1:00pm
Thurs/remote 9:00am-1:00pm