

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

A welcoming Christ-centered community...

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints' Sunday

Nov 1, 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

Revelation 7:9-17 + Psalm 107:1-7; 33-37 + Matthew 5:1-12
Ministers of the Gospel – All Who Gather for God's Worship

Worship Leader– Rev. Deborah Parker-Hill
Reader – Dave Johnson
Ushers – Wanda Druzba and Doug Johnson
Accompanist – Barb Moyer
Acolyte – John Herold

Flower Dedication

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 of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

We Listen For God's Word: Scripture

Revelation 7:9-17 [pg #196]
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 [pg #434]
Matthew 5:1-12 [pg #3]

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *Faith Stories*

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 Invitation

Leader: Now is the time in our worship when we remember all that we have and all that we are comes from God. Continuing the legacy of those who have come before us, let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God, in thanksgiving.

Also - (You are also invited to share the names of those who have passed on the slip of paper found in your bulletin. Please place your slip in the basket if you would like those names to be read out loud during the Prayers of Remembrance time of today's service. You will have the opportunity to light candles in remembrance of them before receiving Communion.)

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion

Invitation

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..

Leader: 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)

Linda Badman
Donald Weaver
Joan Weaver

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 in silence and 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. After lighting your candles, you may move to receive the bread and fruit of the vine. 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.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving
All: We thank you, God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(please rise, in body or in spirit)

Sending Hymn: "For All the Saints" NCH #299

[New Century Hymnal]

Commissioning and Blessing

Postlude

Parts of this liturgy adapted from:

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umcdiscipleship.org and noted to be from Wheadon United Methodist Church, Illinois, Flames of the Spirit, Ruth Duck, ed., Pilgrim Press, 1985, p. 55.

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Announcements

CLOCKS! A reminder we FALL BACK, so clocks should be set back one hour on Saturday night(Oct 31st)!!

Annual Fall Congregational Meeting with the vote & sanctuary flag policy options and budget . This will be held on Sunday, Nov 22, 2026 in the main sanctuary & streamed live via zoom following Sunday worship.
The primary agenda item for this meeting is the review, discussion, and formal congregational vote to approve the proposed operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year. We will also vote on the approach for proceeding with a U.S. flag policy. All members are encouraged to attend either in person in the Sanctuary or virtually to ensure we meet our required voting quorum.
Virtual Attendance: For those joining from home, the meeting will use the standard Sunday Service Zoom Connection. The virtual meeting room will remain open directly after the benediction concludes.

Service of Thanksgiving hosted by SE Berks Ministerium on Tues, Nov 24, 2026 at 7pm at St Paul's UCC. They are located at 1979 Weavertown Rd, Douglassville. Come join us as we celebrate the blessings we have and the joy we share with our community and our fellow faith communities. St. Paul's Amityville is also inviting people to participate in a joint choir that night. All our welcome!

It's that time of year again! Area churches are joining together once again this year to support families identified by the Daniel Boone School District as needing help to provide a yummy meal for the holidays. We are collecting $50 and $100 giftcards for Redners or Boyer's or funds toward gift cards, if you'd prefer. Deadline to contribute for Thanksgiving is November 8th, as the gift cards will be delivered to Daniel Boone on November 12th. Thank you for your generosity to families in our community!

"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!

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!!.

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.

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.

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

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

St Paul's Weekly Calendar

Sun, Nov 1	Daylight Saving Time ends	2am
	All Saints' Day/Sunday Worship (C)	9:30am
	New Millennium (CE)	7pm-8pm
Wed, Nov 4	Disciple Bible Study (CE)	9:30am-10:30am
Thu, Nov 5	Currently Sober (CE)	6:30-7:30pm
Fri, Nov 6	Beginners Meeting (CE)	7pm- 8pm
Sat., Nov 7	Private Party (fellowship hall)	all day
Sun, Nov 8	Sunday Worship (C)	9:30am
	Meet and Greet (C)	following worship
	New Millennium (CE)	7pm-8pm

<u>This Week: Church Office Hours</u>
Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:00am-1:00pm

<u>This Week: Pastor Deb's Office Hours</u>

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

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The Covenant Association
of the Keystone Conference UCC
News from around the Association
November 1, 2026

Greetings!

Honoring the Saints, Embracing Our Responsibility

As November rolls in, we find ourselves reflecting on two important parts of our lives: honoring the saints who have gone before us and exercising our responsibility as citizens in the upcoming elections. At first glance, these may seem unrelated, but I believe they share a common thread: the legacy of love, courage, and hope we leave for future generations.

On All Saints' Sunday, we remember those whose lives touched ours. Some were outspoken advocates for justice, while others quietly demonstrated God's love through kindness, generosity, and compassion. They weren't perfect, but they helped shape who we are today. Their lives remind us that faith isn't simply something we believe; it's something we live.

As we approach Election Day, we have another opportunity to put our faith into action. Voting is more than choosing candidates or political parties. It is an opportunity to consider the kind of world we want to leave behind. Jesus calls us to love our neighbors, care for the vulnerable, welcome the stranger, and seek justice. These values transcend political divisions and challenge us to look beyond our own interests.

We won't all vote alike, and that's okay! Our differences need not divide us. What matters is that we approach one another with respect, compassion, and a willingness to listen.

Hebrews 12:1 reminds us that we are surrounded by a “great cloud of witnesses.”Those saints who came before us carried the torch of faith, hope, and love. Now it's our turn.

May we honor their memory not only through remembrance, but through the choices we make, the kindness we share, and the courage we show.

After all, someday we will be someone's saints. What legacy of love will we leave behind?

The Rev. Tammie Wisniewski
One UCC, Kenhorst

A Personal Note

As many of you know, I have stepped down as Moderator for a number of reasons. I am deeply thankful for the opportunity to serve you. It has been an honor, and I am grateful for the encouragement, prayers, and support you have shared with me along the way.

I also need to speak plainly: we urgently need people who are willing to help—not only in our local churches, but across our Association. Christianity was never meant to be lived alone. Christ calls us to come together and work for mercy, justice, love, and hope. We cannot simply stay in our own churches, trying to hold on and hoping someone else will step forward. The need is here, and the time to respond is now.

This is bigger than any one of us or any one congregation. It is about helping bring Christ's kingdom to life here and now. I thank God for every person who has already given time, energy, ideas, and prayer to this work. I ask every church in the Covenant Association to pray—and then to act—so that together we can build a vibrant ministry that shines the light of Christ in a world that needs it.

Please prayerfully consider stepping forward to volunteer. Your gifts are needed, your ideas matter, and your willingness to help can make a real difference. With grateful hearts, let's answer Christ's call together.

Rev. Sharon Morris

REMINDER:
Deadline for any church announcements for the December bulletin insert is November 22nd. Send to covenantassociation@yahoo.com.