

February 21, 2022

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Christ Jesus who is the Light of the World!

This coming Sunday, February 27, is Transfiguration Sunday: the week we pivot from Epiphany to Lent. Our Sunday School and youth group children will lead the worship service. Then, at the end of Sunday's service, we will hold our brief Annual Meeting to approve the 2021 annual reports. A copy of this report is included in today's packet.

Lent does begin on Wednesday, March 2 with our Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and via Facebook Live. Service will include Sacrament of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes. The Chancel Choir also plans to sing at this service. All are welcome.

We are seeking your assistance. Since Dick Hudson's death, we are seeking an organist or organists to play during worship services. Becky Quellhorst and Connie O'Neill are doing a tremendous job filling in the gaps, but neither want to be our permanent "solution." We have put feelers for organists out to universities and organist associations, but to no avail. If you know someone who plays the organ OR who plays the piano and is willing to learn the organ, please contact Pastor Becky. We thank you for your help!

Boy Scouts and St. Paul Church members Jared and Jordan Weigandt are working on their Eagle Scout projects. The plans include adding benches (Jared's project) and corn-hole boards (Jordan's project) to our playground. These young men are in the process of raising funds for these projects. If you would like to donate, checks should be made payable to Troop 95. Please write "Jordan Weigandt" or "Jared Weigandt" in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to Troop 95, 8 Rummel Creek Drive, New Bremen, Ohio, 45869.

Looking ahead, singer and songwriter Carrie Newcomer will give a concert at St. Paul Church on Saturday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. Cost of tickets is \$25 and can be purchased at the door or via EventBrite.com. Ms. Newcomer requires that all concert-goers arrive with proof of vaccination and wear masks for the entire performance.

We thank you for your faithfulness. We thank you for your generosity. We thank you for your love for God and neighbor.

Blessings,



Roland Dicke
Council President



Myra Hanenkratt
Council VP



Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Senior Pastor

Financial Information as of February 21, 2022

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00
Giving Income \$9,957.18(weekly)
Endowment Trans \$3,800.00(ytd)
Income \$47,742.42(ytd)
Expenses \$38,998.95(ytd)
Balance \$8,743.47(ytd)

Building Maint & Property

Beg. Balance \$36,648.59
Income \$3,080.00(ytd)
Endowment Inc. (\$1,424.76)(ytd)
Expenses \$3,236.83(ytd)
Balance \$35,067.00(ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$408.00

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$12,218.82
Income \$2,203.00(ytd)
Expenses \$3,496.45(ytd)
Balance \$10,925.37(ytd)

Blessing Pantry

Beg. Balance \$29,161.12
Income \$3,480.00(ytd)
Expenses \$2,310.11(ytd)
Balance \$30,331.01(ytd)

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$917.50(weekly)
Income \$4,257.00(ytd)

E-Giving @ St. Paul

Online – Make a donation on our website: stpaulnb.org

Text – Make a donation to our Number: 833-308-0048

How To Give by Text (Example - my amount for the example is \$25 (minimum amount is \$5.00))

- For general fund giving: Send 25 space gl (hit send)
- For building & property fund giving: Send 25 space bp (hit send)
- For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 space pantry (hit send)
- For project of the year giving: Send 25 space poy (hit send)

Once a text amount is sent:

Registration Link- Sent via text the first time a donation is made.
Thank you! Please visit (link) to register.

Donation Confirm- Sent via text each time a donation is made.



The Man Born Blind (Transfiguration)

February 27, 2022

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Healing Lord, when Jesus healed the man born blind, the Pharisees didn't know how to interpret the signs. Open our hearts so that we may receive what you offer—healing, faith, and new life. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

"He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight.'" (John 9:11)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

The Pharisees couldn't understand how a sinner that works on the sabbath could also perform miracles like healing a man born blind. They would have to wrestle with this inconsistency of thought.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

How does Jesus reveal himself to you? Do you feel Jesus most close by when things are going well or when they are not?

For the littles: What's something new you have learned this week?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God reveal Jesus to you daily. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Journal every day this week. Make special note of the things you see more clearly once they are written down.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, John 9:1-41, The Man Born Blind (Transfiguration)

Monday, Psalm 27:1-4

Tuesday, Matthew 11:25-27, God Reveals Hidden Things

Wednesday, John 10:1-18, The Good Shepherd

Thursday, John 10:19-42, Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews

Friday, Isaiah 2:5-10, House of Jacob Walks in the Light

Saturday, Isaiah 9:2-7, A Great Light



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Welcome to St. Paul UCC, we are glad you are here!!

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, Welcome, one and all, to this time of worship. We are blessed to have you with us today.

February 27, 2022 Transfiguration Sunday Children's Worship

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Sunday School/Youth

Becky Quellhorst

Tracy Oldiges

Jim Strang

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Worship Service Leaders

Organist

Sr. Deacon

Chancel/Music Director

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF CANDLES: You are invited to light a candle or candles at home in preparation for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLANTING SEEDS: Weekly Worship Packet *Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! (Psalm 150:6)* The very first

shift that happened at St. Paul Church once lockdown began in March 2020 was to add the Weekly Worship Packet mailing. The packet includes the complete bulletin along with prayers and the sermon, a letter from Council leadership, financial updates and a giving envelope. This packet is sent each Tuesday morning; it typically arrives in homes around Thursday or Friday. Yet, getting the Weekly Worship Packet ready to send is a week-long process—one that takes considerable time and effort on the part of Barb Holdren, our office administrator and Deb Klein, her assistant. On Monday afternoons, volunteers load the packets into envelopes and prepare them for bulk delivery. What we have learned is this: even if the pandemic were to disappear tomorrow, the mailed packet will remain. Many of our folk use the contents of the packet for their daily devotions. Those without internet access rely on it for their worship. The music provided allows at-home worshipers to sing along. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the Weekly Worship Packet, please contact the church office.

WELCOME SONG

No Matter

J=120

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of quarter note = 120. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace." The chords are: F, Dm, Gm7, C, F, F7, Bb, G7, F, Dm, G7, Gm7, C7, C, F, F.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from The Worship Sourcebook; Faith Alive Christian Resources; 2013)

Leader: Great is the Lord—

People: Exalted among the nations.

Leader: Mighty is the Lord—

People: King of heaven and earth.

Leader: Holy is the Lord—

People: Beyond our understanding.

Leader: Let us worship our God and King!

HYMN OF PRAISE *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* verses 1 & 4

EPIPHANY

243 *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

F C/E F Dm C/E F C/E F Dm Gm/Bb A

1 Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to you we raise;
2 God re-vealed at Jor-dan's stream, proph-et, priest and king su-preme;
3 God re-vealed in val - iant fight, con - quer - ing the dev - il's might;
4 Stars shall fall and heav - ens fade, sun and moon shall dark be made;

Dm Gm C F G7/D C/E Dm/F C/G G7 C

once re-vealed, when heav-en's star brought the wise men from a - far;
once re-vealed in power di - vine chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
sins for - giv - en, sick - ness healed, life re - stored and God re - vealed;
Christ will then like light - ning shine, all will see the glo - rious sign;

C C/Bb F/A C7/G F F/Eb Bb/D F7/C Bb

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in your birth at Beth - le - hem,
Ca - na's ho - ly wed - ding guest keep - ing to the last the best;
once re-vealed in gra - cious will ev - er bring - ing good from ill,
all will then the trum - pet hear, all will see the Son ap - pear,

D/F# D Gm C/E C F Bb/D Bb F/A Dm F/C C7 F

Word be - fore the world be - gan, God re-vealed to us in man.

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Merciful God,

People: Jesus shows us all the ways that we fall short. He also provides a way out of the holes we dig ourselves into. Forgive us our sins, and show us how to make better choices, be better friends, parents, kids, partners and neighbors. Let Christ's light shine through us for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

Leader: Jesus does, indeed, forgive. Jesus cleanses us of our sins and recreates us in God's image. Receive the entire forgiveness of all your sins. Go, and walk free of guilt, shame, and sin. You are made new!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

734

Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men." The score includes various chord symbols above the vocal line, such as Eb, Bb7sus, Bb7, Eb, Bb, Eb, Bb, Eb6, Bb, F7, Bb, Bb7, Eb, Ab, Eb, Eb, Bb, Bb7, Bb7, Eb, Eb, Bb, Ab, Eb, G, Fm7, Ab, Eb, Gm, Bb7, and Eb.

WORDS: *Gloria Patri*, 2nd c.
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex (1813-1858)

GREATOREX
Irregular

TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Our children and youth leading worship!!!!

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Carol Mohrman, Julia Paul, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Jan Dammeyer, Shannon Shupp, and Dee Schroer.

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Leader: Let us pray. Holy and Healing God, we pray today for St. Paul Church, for our community, our nation, our world and all who need your healing touch.

SILENT PRAYER

Leader: When we close our eyes to your possibilities, O God, we remain imprisoned by our own certainty. Flood our darkness with the brilliance of your freedom and mercy. Light of the World,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: With mud and water you restored a blind man's sight. Reveal to us your healing powers that are unleashed in our hurting world. Fill all your creation with life abundant. Light of the World,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Forgive us for all the ways we blind ourselves to truth: avoidance, willful ignorance, stubbornness, and our unwillingness to see your light in others. Lead us away from darkness and into your love and grace. Light of the World,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: As you stirred up the healing waters of Siloam, so stir your Spirit in us that we might also be restored. Bestow your healing hand upon all who need it. We pray for all who are sick. We pray for all who are sad. We pray for all who are lost. We pray for your children throughout the world. Light of the World,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Like the saints who now walk in your light for all eternity, we seek a closer communion with you. Shine brightly in our lives as you did through theirs. Light of the World,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Heal us, teach us, embrace us and hear the prayers of our hearts, O God. We pray all of this in the name of Jesus who taught us to

pray...**Our Father, 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.**

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

Beautiful Saviour

Griffith

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 9:1-41

Narrator: As he walked along, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him,

Disciples: Rabbi, who sinned? This man or his parents, that he was born blind?

Narrator: Jesus answered,

Jesus: Neither this man nor his parents sinned. He was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

Narrator: When Jesus had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him,

Jesus: Go, wash in the pool of Siloam.

Narrator: Then the man went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask,

Neighbor 1: Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?

Neighbor 2: It is he.

Neighbor 3: No, but it is someone like him.

Narrator: He kept saying,

Man: I am the man.

Narrator: But they kept asking him,

Neighbor 1: Then how were your eyes opened?

Man: The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.

Neighbor 2: Where is he?

Man: I do not know.

Narrator: They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them,

Man: He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed and now I see.

Narrator: Some of the Pharisees said,

Pharisee 1: This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.

Pharisee 2: How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?

Narrator: And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man,

Pharisee 1: What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.

Man: He is a prophet.

Narrator: The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them:

Pharisee 2: Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?

Parents: We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him. He is of age. He will speak for himself.

Narrator: His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews. For the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age. Ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him,

Pharisee: Give glory to God! We know that this Jesus is a sinner.

Man: I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.

Pharisee 2: What did Jesus do to you? How did he open your eyes?

Man: I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?

Pharisee 1: You are Jesus' disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for Jesus, we do not know where he comes from.

Man: Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If Jesus were not from God, he could do nothing.

Pharisee 2: You were born entirely in sins and you are trying to teach us?

Narrator: And they drove the man out of the synagogue. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said,

Jesus: Do you believe in the Son of Man?

Man: And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.

Jesus: You have seen him and the one who is speaking with you is he.

Man: Lord, I believe.

Narrator: And the man worshiped Jesus. Jesus said,

Jesus: I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.

Narrator: Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him,

Pharisee 1: Surely we are not blind, are we?

Jesus: If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now you say, "We see" your sin remains.

When I Behold the Son

Word and Music by
J. L. Salt(er)

Every week When I be - hold the Son, the Lamb of God, my
"Blessed is the day when Je - sus came to me! There's

heart wants to sing, "O Lord of ev - 'ry - thing,
one thing I know, once blind, now I can see!"

change me like you changed the wa - ter in - to wine!
"How then can this be?" the phar - i - sees did say.

Fill me with light so I'll be yours for all time!
"Glo - ry to God! I have seen the Lord to - day!"

Today is Transfiguration Sunday. That in-between liturgical Sunday that shifts us from Epiphany: God's light coming into our world through Jesus and Lent which begins in a few days on Ash Wednesday.

Now if this were NOT a narrative lectionary year, our scripture reading for today would be from one of the synoptic gospels: Matthew, Mark or Luke with the story of Jesus and a few of his disciples going up a mountain where Jesus was transfigured into dazzling white and suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus. The disciples: Peter, James and John were so stunned by this event that they wanted to create tabernacles or tents or dwellings to house Jesus and the prophets. Suddenly, echoing the moment of Jesus' baptism, the heavens opened up and God declared, "This is my Son, the beloved. Listen to him!"

And what makes this event: the transfiguration on the mountaintop, significant every year just prior to Lent is that, as Jesus walked down the mountain, he ordered his three closest friends to say nothing to anyone about what they saw and experienced until after Jesus' own death and resurrection.

That foreshadowing of death is what brings us to this day of transitions. Today marks the end of Christmas, the end of Epiphany. Baby Jesus is all grown up. Now, in the weeks to come, he is heading to Jerusalem to face his death.

But we ARE in the narrative lectionary cycle, so today's lesson is not what we expect. Instead, it is the story of Jesus healing a man born blind. Now we EXPECT Jesus to heal blindness, but we probably don't expect the hoopla that followed the miracle.

The story began harshly. The man born blind was not treated as a person: he was an object of inquiry as Jesus' disciples, seeing the man, asked Jesus if the man's blindness was from his own sins or his parents' sins.

Keep in mind, in Jesus' day, blindness and other physical differences were seen as punishments and judgments for sin. With that worldview, the disciples merely wanted to know if it was the man or his parents who were the sinners.

Jesus turned their question upside down and inside out and even hinted for us his epiphany Light by saying that blindness is not about

blame and that God is bigger and greater and more awesome than the limitations we have. He ends by reminding his disciples that he, Jesus, is the Light.

Jesus then mixed some of his own spit with dirt, placing that clay on the man's eyes. He asked the man to wash himself in the Pool of Siloam. We know what happened. The unnamed man washed off the clay and was able to see.

This is where the story gets interesting. This previously blind man was NOT BELIEVED—even though people could clearly SEE that he could SEE. They argued with him, saying that perhaps he wasn't the same man. They dragged him to the Pharisees who scoffed at the whole incident since Jesus had performed this miracle on the Sabbath (a huge Jewish no-no).

So then everyone began to argue about Jesus. Who was he? Was he bad? Was he good? Was he a prophet?

The whole episode became ridiculous when the Pharisees and other Jews went to the man's house to ask his parents about him. The parents were clearly rattled by the questioning and shoved the questions back onto their son.

So, when they questioned the man YET AGAIN with the exact same questions, the exasperated man pointed to God's work in Jesus—giving a powerful testimony right there in the street.

Clearly their ears and hearts were as closed as the man's eyes once were. They tossed the man out of his house and onto the street.

So, on this transition Sunday, when we shift from Epiphany's light to the journey to the cross, I ask you: are our own hearts and eyes and ears closed off from God's working in our lives?

Perhaps you are tired and sad and cannot imagine what new life in Jesus might look like. Perhaps the Bible stories you learned years ago in Sunday School no longer match your day-to-day living. Perhaps life is treating you well—so well that you have taken full credit for your blessings. Perhaps we have become like the Pharisees, so stuck in our ways that we cannot even see the hurt, the hunger, the blindness around us.

Transfiguration Sunday—whether we are reading the traditional scriptures or not—is meant to knock us off our feet and onto our knees

that we might look to Jesus as the source of Light and Life and Love. Transfiguration Sunday reminds us that God's light comes to us through Jesus and when we follow (really follow) Jesus, the scales fall off our eyes and we are able to see the world through the eyes of Christ.

On Transfiguration Sunday, we are each the man born blind. We are each in need of healing. We are each in need to seeing Jesus with fresh new eyes that we might shout our joyful testimony, "I believe!"

With that testimony, the healing is indeed complete. The man born blind sees not only the world around him with utter and complete honesty, also sees Jesus.

And it is the same for each of us. We enter Lent blind. Blinded by our guilt and shame. Blinded by our greed. Blinded by our prejudices. Blinded by our station in life. But Jesus doesn't leave us blind. He makes clay out of spit and dirt, and places it on our eyes, telling us to go wash in the Pool of Siloam.

On Wednesday, we will recreate that clay with the ash we place on our foreheads. Made of last year's palms and a tiny bit of oil, we are marked for the season that we might enter Lent clearly seeing Jesus. That we might again share our joyful testimony, "I believe!"

At the end of the ninth chapter of John, some Pharisees begin to see. The evidence of that sight is their own questioning. They question whether they can see at all. They ask Jesus, "Surely we are not blind, are we?"

And Jesus' response is sharp and clear: "If you were really blind, you would be blameless, but since you claim to see everything so well, you're accountable for every fault and failure."

The good news is that during Lent, we are walking with Jesus and he is walking with us. This journey is the opportunity Jesus needs to bring you healing and wholeness. Let Jesus touch our eyes; and we will see the Light of the World. AMEN.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: Each of us must give as we have made up our minds—not reluctantly or because we "have to." God loves a cheerful giver. Let us give generously and joyfully.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

Musical score for the hymn "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow". The score is in 4/4 time and G major. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line.

Chord symbols for the first system: G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D.

Chord symbols for the second system: Em, D/F#, G, D, G/B, C, F#dim/A, G, Em, D, Am, G/B, D7, G.

WORDS: *Doxology*, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1561), *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

OLD 100th
L.M.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the building up of your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light 248

Db Gb/D_b Ab D_b/F Gb D_b/F Ebm7 Ab Db Bbm Gb D_b/F Fm

1 I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to fol-low
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to look at
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ; I want to be with

Ebm/G_b Ab7 Bbm Gb Db Ab7/E_b Fm Fm7 Gb Ab G_b/B_b Ab

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world; the
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Db G_b/D_b Db Ab/C Ab Bbm Eb Ab *Refrain* Db Fm Gb Ab/G_b D_b/F Gb

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Db Ab Bbm Ab/C D_bsus Db Ab/C Bbm G_b/B_b Ab Ebm Ab/G_b

all; the night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

D_b/F Fm Ebm/G_b Bbm/F Eb Ab Db Bbm G_b/B_b Ab Bbm Gb Ab7 Db

light of the cit - y of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

BENEDICTION: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

♩=95

F Gm7 F Gm7 F/A F/Bb Gm9 C7

Love our God, ev - 'ry day, praise with joy go - ing on your way.

F Gm7 F Gm7 F/A F/Bb Gm9 G7 C

Pass it on, t'all you meet, ev - 'ry day in — ev - 'ry way.

Fmaj7 Dm F/G F/C

Love our Ho - ly God. Pray with hope each day.

Am7 Dm7 Gm7 F/C C7 F

Bless the Ho - ly Name. Praise our — God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Let us pass the Peace of Christ to our neighbors!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in loving memory of Greg Bushman by the Allen Bushman family.

Attendance-Daily Devotions-59, February 13-Sunday Worship Online-248, In Person-61, Sunday School-13, Teachers-6, Splash-14, Jr/Sr High-16, Confirmation-6, Leaders-11.

Sundays in March-Worship will be in person and via Facebook Live at 10:15am. **Sunday School** will be in person at 9:00am.

Daily Devotions-Please join us, Monday-Thursday at 11:30am, online via Facebook Live. These will air on our Facebook page: St. Paul United Church of Christ-New Bremen, OH.

Bible Study: Zoom and In-Person- Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., Pastor Becky will lead a weekly Bible Study via both Zoom and in-person in the Zoom Room (corner classroom next to the nursery). We will study, discuss and pray over scriptures—including the verses for the upcoming Sunday worship. This study is open to people of all ages. The Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85966539897?pwd=bGhkSHpaUDRva1MxWnhDaDZYVWJaQT09> **Meeting ID: 859 6653 9897 Passcode: 704709**
Any questions? Contact Pastor Becky

Congregational Meeting-will take place Sunday February 27, 2022 during the 10:15am worship service.

Elmwood Worship- Tuesday, March 1, 2021 at 2:00pm. All are welcome to assist Rev. Becky with this wonderful service. Please meet her by 1:45pm at Elmwood.

Discipleship Team-Meeting Tuesday, March 1 at 6:30pm in the Assembly Room. Rev. Becky's vision for this meeting is to recruit "champions" for our ministries, Rummage Sale, Called to Care, Bible Study, Community Garden, Fellowship/Social, Photo Directory to name a few. Have an idea you would like to run with or want to take on one of our existing ministries. Join us! All are welcome!

Ash Wednesday Worship-March 2 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary
Our confirmands have burned last year's palm branches and prepared the ash to be used for this service. Please join us. All are welcome!

An Evening with Carrie Newcomer and Pianist Gary Walters.

March 5, 2022 7:00 p.m. St. Paul United Church of Christ. Carrie Newcomer is a songwriter, recording artist, performer and educator. She has been described as a "prairie mystic" by the Boston Globe and as one who "asks all the right questions" by Rolling Stone Magazine. Carrie has 19 nationally released albums, including her most recent Until Now. Over the past two years, we have incorporated several of Carrie's songs in worship—including Room at the Table for a sung communion liturgy. We invite you to join us for an evening of music and fellowship. Entrance to the venue requires proof of Covid 19 vaccination and wearing of a mask for the entirety of the concert. Tickets are \$25.00 can be purchased at the door or in advance at carriewcomer.com/tour or by this link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-carrie-newcomer-and-pianist-gary-walters-tickets-252131200207>

El Salvador Trip-It has been several years since travel to El Salvador has been possible because of the Covid 19 pandemic which has changed all our lives. It is now safe to travel there. Vaccinations will be required to make this trip. The total cost of the trip will be from \$1350 To \$1450, depending on the price of airline tickets. We will be guests of the Lutheran Synod of El Salvador. Rev. Christian Chavarria will be our guide. We will be taking good used clothing for children and adults, medical supplies for the clinic and hospital as well as sporting equipment like soccer balls for youth and younger children. The church always keeps us out of harm's way and takes us only to safe areas and places. We visit churches, hospitals, the church soup kitchen, and clinic, as well as historical and other sites in this beautiful country. We will be staying at a beautiful guest house on the side of a mountain overlooking the city of San Salvador. This guest house is managed by Rev. Christian Chavarria and his friend Aldo. They furnish us with a full course breakfast and a wonderful evening meal every day. This will be our 18th trip to El Salvador, and it is always an exciting adventure for us. We look forward to having you along on this adventure. If interested or for more information, please contact John & Joyce Gilberg.

Blessing Pantry Food Drive-On Saturday March 12, New Bremen Cub Scout Pack 61 will be collecting food items from the community during their Scouting for Food event. They will be giving the donations they collect to the Blessing Pantry. **We need 10 volunteers to help receive the food, organize and stock the pantry from 9:00am to 11:00am that day.** Any amount of time you could donate would be most appreciated. Thank You!

Blessing Pantry-is accessible during these hours - **Tuesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm.** The Pantry will be closed Mondays and Fridays. **All Donations Welcome – Blessing Pantry Needs- Diapers (size 2, 3), Baby Wipes, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, Hand Soap, Dryer Sheets, Kleenex, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Storage Bags, Napkins, Paper Plates and Paper Towels. Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

2022 Altar Flower Chart has been posted in the Narthex. Please sign up for the date(s) you would like. Dates available-April 3, May 8, June 26, August 14, 28, October 30, November 20. You may also call the church office Monday-Friday to sign up. Thank you. Price is \$30.00.

March/April Upper Rooms-are available at the East entrance to the education building and on the round tables in the sanctuary. Or please call the church office if you would like one and we will gladly mail one to you.

Troop 95 Eagle Scout Projects-Jared Weigandt and Jordan Weigandt Jared and Jordan hope to bring enhancements to the St Paul Community Playground. Jared's project is to build concrete seating benches and plant four trees. He has anticipated his project to cost \$8,000.00. Jordan's project is to build concrete corn hole boards and plant four trees. He has anticipated his project to cost \$7,000.00. If you would like more information about either project, the young gentleman would love to share their vision with you. If you would like to donate, checks should be made payable to Troop 95, please write Jordan Weigandt or Jared Weigandt in

the memo line. And mail to Troop 95, 8 Rummel Creek Dr, New Bremen, OH 45869. Thank you!

Mailbox-There is a mailbox outside of the East Educational Building door for any correspondence you may have for the church and would like to drop off. Please lift the flap and drop through the slot on the top. Thank you!

Bulletin Availability-weekly bulletins are available for download on our website stpaulnb.org. Just click the yellow **BULLETINS** box in the upper right hand corner.

Calendar-Week of February 27, 2022

Sunday	9:00am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship in person & via Facebook Live
Monday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-New Bremen
Tuesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm	Elmwood Worship Service
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	6:30pm	Discipleship Team
Wednesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Splash (4 th & 5 th grade)
	6:30pm	Youth Dinner
	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	6:30pm	Bible Study-in person & via Zoom
Friday	Noon	Office Closed
Saturday	8:00am	Men's Club-Speedway Lanes