St. Paul United Church of Christ 119 North Franklin Street New Bremen, Ohio 45869 Phone (419-629-2502), Fax (419-629-3207) Email <u>stpaulnb@nktelco.net</u> Visit our website at <u>https://stpaulnb.org</u> Like and follow our page St. Paul United Church of Christ – New Bremen, Ohio on Facebook Rev. Ken Locke- Interim Pastor stpaulpastor@nktelco.net Myra Hanenkratt- Council President 419-305-3652



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.

IN PERSON WORSHIP NOTES:

Bulletins, Offering Plates, and Masks are available on tables.

Listening devices are available in the Narthex/front entrance, for those who need them. Please return your device to an Usher following worship. Thank you!

Children's Activity Bags containing children's bulletins and other activities are available on the tables. Thank you!

Restrooms are located in the Narthex/front entrance of the church and in the south hallway of the educational building.

WIFI Connection-connect via "St Paul – Guest" Password: godlovesyou

The * indicates all who are able may stand

October 29, 2023 All Saints Sunday

Worship Leaders

Ministers Interim Pastor Worship Leader Organist Liturgist Sr. Deacon The Congregation Rev. Ken Locke Bryan Trego Patty Ruckman Jeff /Gavin Quellhorst June Oaks

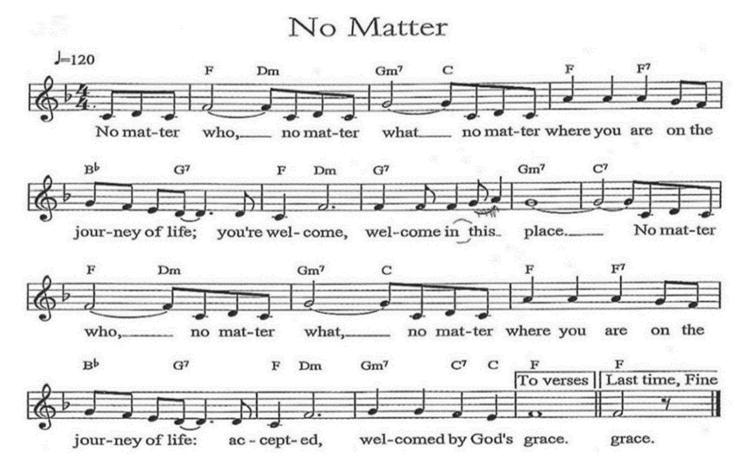
PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

We Gather Together

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

*WELCOME SONG



*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Whoever wishes to become great must become a servant.

<u>People</u>: Jesus came not to serve but to be served.

Leader: Come let us worship together in a spirit of service.

<u>People</u>: Let us serve God and one another in joy.

*HYMN

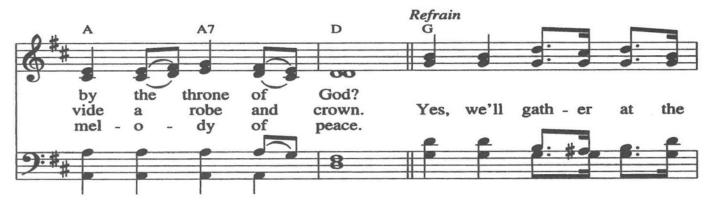
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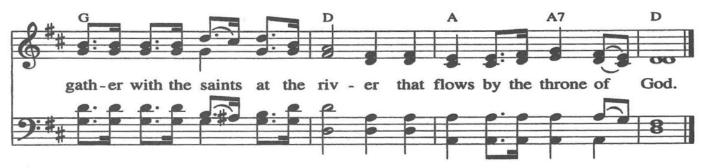
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HANSON PLACE 8.7.8.7.Ref. *CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We confess our sins before God and one another.

PAUSE FOR SILENCE AND REFLECTION

*CONFESSION

Leader: God whose reign is just,

<u>People</u>: We acknowledge that our actions and inactions have led to the oppression of our neighbors. We have willingly benefited from privileges that cause harm to others. We have failed to heed your call to lead from a place of humility, and to care for our communities in a way that makes it possible for all to flourish. Forgive us our fear of scarcity and love of power, and keep us ever mindful of the needs of others.

*PARDON

<u>Leader:</u> The reign of God has come near to you! In Christ Jesus, we are reconciled to God, and therefore God forgives us all our sins.

<u>People</u>: Let God guide us to work for God's justice. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

SERVICE MUSIC

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Glory Be to the Father Gloria Patri



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THANKSGIVING LITANY FOR THE BLESSED ONES

Walter R. "Bob" McClure October 31, 2022 Thomas A. "Tommy" Goodwin November 2, 2022 Myrias Jackson "Jack" Hansbrough, Jr. November 14, 2022 Rene' A. Hammond December 1, 2022 Mary "Becky" Quellhorst January 10, 2023 Larry L. Kuhn January 19, 2023 January 24, 2023 Maurice C. "Moe" Niekamp George Weiss, Jr. February 4, 2023 February 8, 2023 Shannon K. Shupp February 20, 2023 Betty Bushman Thomas A. "Tom" Purpus March 27, 2023 Doris K. Lunz March 28, 2023 Dwight E. Kurtzman April 10, 2023 Ethel A. Mesloh April 15, 2023 Gerald A. Hirschfeld April 18, 2023 April 23, 2023 Mary Lee Hespe April 30, 2023 Karen Sue Tostrick Linda L. Shupp June 9, 2023 Julia A. Paul June 11, 2023 July 12, 2023 Zita Bidwell August 2, 2023 Mary M. Finke August 12, 2023 JoAnn Freeman Jerald A. "Jerry" Newman September 15, 2023 September 26, 2023 Kathryn A. "Kathy" Manbeck

Members, family, and friends are invited to come forward to light candles in remembrance of the blessed ones.

<u>Leader</u>: Let us pray. Living God, we give you thanks for calling forth these blessed ones.

<u>People:</u> O God, keep them forever in your arms. May they stay forever in our hearts. Because of their living, teach us to live faithfully. Amen.

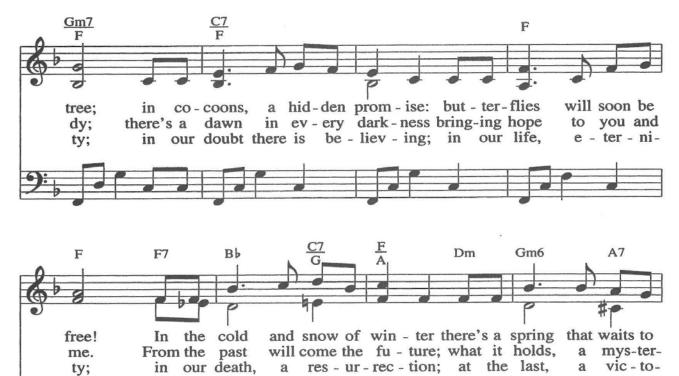
HYMN OF PROMISE

DEATH & LIFE ETERNAL

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Hymn of Promise









God's Word Is Proclaimed

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29 pg. 317 ¹²*Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make* him king. ²When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of it (for he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from King Solomon), then Jeroboam returned from *Egypt.* ³*And they sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all the assembly of* Israel came and said to Rehoboam, ⁴"Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke that he placed on us, and we will serve you." ⁵He said to them, "Go away for three days, then come again to me." So the people went away. ⁶Then King Rehoboam took counsel with the older men who had attended his father Solomon while he was still alive, saying, "How do you advise me to answer this people?" ⁷They answered him, "If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them, and speak good words to them when you answer them, then they will be your servants forever." ⁸But he disregarded the advice that the older men gave him, and consulted with the young men who had grown up with him and now attended him. ⁹He said to them, "What do you advise that we answer this people who have said to me, 'Lighten the yoke that your father put on us'?" ¹⁰The young men who had grown up with him said to him, "Thus you should say to this people who spoke to you, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you must lighten it for us'; thus you should say to them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's loins. ¹¹Now, whereas my father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions." ¹²So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had said, "Come to me again the third day." ¹³The king answered the people harshly. He disregarded the advice that the older men had given him ¹⁴ and spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions." ¹⁵So the king did not listen to the people, because it was a turn of affairs brought about by the Lord that he might fulfill his word, which the Lord had spoken by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam son of Nebat.

¹⁶When all Israel saw that the king would not listen to them, the people answered the king, "What share do we have in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! Look now to your own house, O David." So Israel went away to their tents. ¹⁷But Rehoboam reigned over the Israelites who were living in the towns of Judah.

²⁵Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and resided there; he went out from there and built Penuel. ²⁶Then Jeroboam said to himself, "Now the kingdom may well revert to the house of David. ²⁷If this people continues to go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, the heart of this people will turn again to their master, King Rehoboam of Judah; they will kill me and return to King Rehoboam of Judah." ²⁸So the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold. He said to the people, "You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Here are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt." ²⁹He set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 10:42-45

⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(Our youngest disciples are invited to come to the chancel steps for a special word. Afterwards, they are invited to take a worship bag and return to their seats.)

*HYMN

Abide with Me

No. 521 vv. 1,3,5

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Abide with Me



WORDS: Henry F. Lyte (1793-1847), alt. MUSIC: William H. Monk (1823-1889) EVENTIDE 10.10.10.10. How can your faith lead you?

We Respond to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

<u>Leader:</u> With confidence that God's justice is sure, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

(SILENT PRAYER)

<u>Leader</u>: Holy God, save us from infighting and division, free us from our selfish need to be right or have control, and lead us into greater peace and unity with one another and all the communities of which er are a part. God of Justice

<u>People:</u> In mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Creation suffers when we are more concerned with our own power than with the good of all things. Bring our attention to the ways our actions cause harm to all that you have made, and inspire us to take action to change for the sake of the natural world. God of Justice,

<u>People:</u> In mercy, hear our prayer.

<u>Leader</u>: Guide the work of all mediators and anyone who works to negotiate peace between parties in conflict. God of Justice,

<u>People:</u> In mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send your healing grace upon all who experience strife, trauma, addiction, illness, or loss, (especially) Tavi Haastrup, Rob Paul, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Karen Vornholt, Terri Mullins, Denise Joyce, Bev Poppe, Ann Hudson, Nancy Moots, and Dee Schroer. Gracious God, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray as one family...

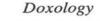
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS OFFERTORY SENTENCES

*DOXOLOGY Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow No. 147 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low. Praise God, in Jesus fully known. Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Amen.

SERVICE MUSIC

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow





*OFFERTORY PRAYER: Holy God, there is nothing on earth that does not belong to you. Accept our gifts, returned to you in gratitude and joy, for the sake of your world. Amen.

*HYMN OF SENDING

Rejoice in God's Saints No. 531 vv. 1 & 3

Rejoice in God's Saints

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*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Pass the Love Pass the Love -95 Gm⁷ F Gm⁷ F/A F/Bb Gm⁹ C7 Love our God, day, praise with joy go-ing on your way. ev - 'ry Gm⁹ G7 C Gm⁷ F Gm⁷ F/Bb F/A Pass t'all you meet, day way. it ev - 'ry in. ev on, 'rv F/G F/C Dm Fmaj⁷ with hope each day. God. Ho - ly Pray Love our F/C Dm7 Gm⁷ C7 F Am⁷ the Ho - ly Name. Praise God. Bless our_

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share Christ's peace with one another!

*POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in memory of Dorothy Koeper by John Koeper. After Sunday's worship, please take home your altar flowers. They will be kept in the church office after Sunday.

Circle of Friends Cards for you to sign are for Jean Schroer (East door), Doris Blanke (South door), and Howard Fark (North door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

Participants- October 22 | Sunday School Youth-19, Teachers-7, Worship In-Person-91, Online-82 Online number comes from the "1 minute views" through Facebook's insights.

Veteran's Recognition- Military veterans and active duty personnel will be honored at the beginning of the worship service on Sunday, November 12th. Since, we plan to list the names of veterans and active duty folk from St. Paul UCC in the bulletin that Sunday, please call or email the church office to give us your name and branch served/serving by November 7th.

2024 Offering Envelopes- 2024 Offering Envelope Boxes have been placed in the South West Corner of the sanctuary, in front of the pews. Only those members who are currently using their offering envelopes and/or who have indicated wishing to continue to have an offering box have been assigned an offering envelope box for 2024.

All other members who are giving online or giving without using envelopes have been assigned a "giving" number that is not linked to an envelope box. If you are not on the list of "Envelope Box Numbers" – and you wish to receive an "Envelope Box" – Please contact the church office (419-629-2502) or Janet Eilerman (419-733-7161). I will then assign an Envelope Box number for you and you will be able to pick the box up in the church office.

Thank you! Janet Eilerman - Financial Secretary

November Monthly Mission: Gifts to the Manger

Our November mission once again is Christmas gifts for the children of Washington UCC and surrounding families in Cincinnati. Our donations will be going towards their program called "Gifts to the Manger" in which parents come to the church to pick out clothes and toys so they can give their children gifts at Christmas. This program will provide gifts to approximately 350 children of the neighborhoods surrounding Washington UCC.

There is a Christmas tree in the Narthex of the sanctuary with ornaments. Each ornament will have gift ideas for a specific age of boy or girl. We ask that you shop for that child and bring your gifts back to church unwrapped and place them under the tree by Sunday, December 3rd. No violent toys or games, please. We are also accepting monetary donations as well which will also go to the "Gifts to the Manger" event. Last year we gave over \$1,000 along with all the gifts to the children. The gifts and money will then be delivered to Washington UCC for their scheduled "Gifts to the Manger" event. Thank you for your generous gifts to this mission!

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER EVENTS

October 29 | Parsonage Trick or Treat- please see graphic for more info.

November 4th | Men's Club- Will be meeting at 8am for breakfast at Speedway Lanes. You are welcome to join for conversation and fellowship!

November 4th | Saturday Worship- will be in the chapel at 5:00pm with Holy Communion.

November 5th | **Adult Sunday School-** Pastor Ken will lead a class on church sizes and church lifecycles. What does a church's size have to do with how it organizes itself and functions? Do pastors and councils have different roles depending on how many are in worship? What are the stages of growth and decline of a church? When a church starts to decline, is it possible to reverse the trend? (Spoiler alert: it is!) Class will meet in the chapel at 9:00am.

November 5th | Mission Team Meeting- will be held in the assembly room following worship.

November 9th | Women's Service Group- will meet at church at 10:45am and carpool to Do Good restaurant. We will have lunch at Do Good and a brief

meeting. Then we will pack school bags in St. Paul's assembly room after lunch. Please call Phyllis Fledderjohann if you're able to join 419-953-7651.

November 9th | Deadline for Council Report Submissions- Please email your reports for the council meeting to the church office by Thursday, November 9. Thank you!

November 11th | Blessing Pantry Event- at Gel's IGA in St. Henry from 8am to 4pm. Gel's IGA will be hosting a food drive for our pantry. Gel's has been one of the biggest donators of our pantry through the years.

They plan to make up bags of groceries that can be purchased for \$10. The buyer is then given a ticket to be drawn for a chance to win some nice prizes. Folks also have the option to buy other groceries to donate.

St. Henry is also having their Holiday Open House that weekend. This event will be a good opportunity to support the pantry, perhaps win a prize, and experience what St. Henry has to offer for the upcoming holiday season.

November 11th | Fall Mom to Mom Sale- Please see graphic for more info.

November 12th | Adult Sunday School- The landscape for ministry has changed recently, but how long has it been changing? What are the causes? Is there anything we can do about the larger picture? How can we continue to proclaim the message when it seems like the language itself has changed? There are no easy answers. There are no silver bullets. But there are many, many silver pellets. Together, they can make a difference. Class will meet in the chapel at 9:00am.

November 12th | **Veteran's Recognition**- Military veterans and active duty personnel will be honored at the worship service November 12th. Since, we plan to list the names of veterans and active duty folk from St. Paul UCC in the bulletin that Sunday, please call or email the church office to give us your name and branch served/serving by November 7th.

November 12th | Worship Team Meeting- will meet in the assembly room following worship.

November 14th | Elmwood Worship- starts at 2:00pm. All are welcome to assist Rev. Locke with this wonderful service. Please meet him by 1:45pm at Elmwood.

November 14th | Church Council Meeting- will be held in the assembly room at 7pm.

November 18th | Christmas Market- all are welcome to shop during this festive time from 9am-1pm.

November 20th | Deadline for Monthly Mailer Submissions- Please submit any information you would like included in the December mailer to the church office email stpaulnb@nktelco.net by Monday, November 20. Thank you!

November 21st | Stewardship Meeting- will be held in the assembly room at 6:30pm.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

2024 Council Candidates- We are looking for council candidates to fill these positions: Vice President, Jr. Elder, Jr. Deacon, Treasurer, and a Youth Representative. If you feel God is laying this on your heart or you would like to nominate someone, please reach out to the church office or Myra Hanenkratt.

2024 Altar Flower Chart is posted (January-June). Please sign up for the date(s) you would like. You may also call the church office to sign up. 2024 altar flower price will be \$40.00. Thank you.

St Paul UCC Job Openings-The following positions are or will be available in the near future: Office Administrator, Music Director, Bell Choir Director, and Chancel Choir Director. Interested applicants are asked to submit a resume and cover letter, indicating position applying for, to the church office, attention Myra Hanenkratt, Council President.

The Office Administrator is a part-time position which includes bulletin creation, keeper of vital church records, and phone answering among other tasks.

The Music Director/Bell Choir Director/Chancel Choir Director serves part time to recruit, rehearse and perform bell and chancel choir music. The Music Director works closely with the Worship Team.

St. Paul Church Nursery Announcement-The St. Paul Church Nursery is open on Communion Sunday (First Sunday of each month). If you would like to volunteer, please contact Justine Homan, Nursery Champion, at 937-658-1770.

Blessing Pantry-is open 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- Paper Towels, Kleenex, Laundry Soap, Toothpaste-Adult, Deodorant (Men's and Shaving Cream, Vaseline, Softener Sheets, Shampoo, Women's), Sanitary Napkins/Tampons, Conditioner, Dish Soap, Diaper Cream/Desitan, Baby Wipes, Baby Shampoo, Diapers (Sizes: Newborn and 1-6). Thank you! There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

Want to be part of the Prayer Chain? Please contact Prayer Chain Champion, Jeff Paul at jrpaul@nktelco.net or 419-305-0584. The St. Paul Prayer Chain has two formats: texting and email. All are welcome.

Calendar-Week of October 29, 2023		
Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship
		In Person & via Facebook Live
	3:00pm-5:00pm	Parsonage Trick or Treat
Monday	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-NB Coffee Shop
Tuesday	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Wednesday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	5:30pm	Splash
	6:30pm	Youth Dinner
	7:00pm	Confirmation
	7:00pm	Youth Group
Thursday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	10:00am	Office Closed
Saturday	8:00am	Men's Club- Speedway Lanes
	5:00pm	Worship w/ Holy Communion

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 gl (hit send)
□ For building & property fund giving: Send 25 bp (hit send)
□ For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 pantry (hit send)
□ For project of the year giving: Send 25 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.





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Fall Mom to Mom Sale Saturday, November 11, 2023

8:00 AM - 12 PM

\$5 Early Bird Entrance 8am - 9 am Shopping \$2 General Admission 9 am - 12 pm Kids are free ! Strollers welcome!

> Enter west double doors on Herman Street St. Paul Church 119 N. Franklin Street New Bremen, Ohio 45869

Interested in being a seller? Call 419-629-2502 Proceeds benefit St. Paul Youth Ministries

SELL - SHOP - SAVE

Baby, Kids & Junior Clothing Toys - Games - Books -Baby Gear Halloween Costumes - Holiday Outfits

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