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WE HONOR OUR VETERANS

ARMY

Tim Bowers
Dennis Bushman
Don Dammeyer
Dennis Dicke
Ken Dicke
Melvin Fledderjohann
Bob Fontanini
Tina Fontanini
Dennis Hainline
Brenda Haynes
Dean Heitkamp
Dick Howell
John Knost
Kenneth Locke
Robert Paul
Kris Poppe
Lowell Quellhorst
Stan Quellhorst
Dale Schaefer
Don Scheer
Lloyd Schroer
Jim Tontrup
Ron Tontrup
Richard Watcke
George Weiss (deceased 2023)

MARINES

Adam Leshner

AIR FORCE

Tom Brandewie (National Guard)
Roland Dicke
Matt Longfellow

NAVY

Genevieve Conradi
Jacob Wagner
Larry Kuhn (deceased 2023)
Jerry Newman (deceased 2023)

NATIONAL GUARD

John Gilberg (Army)
Dale Heitkamp (Army)

ACTIVE DUTY

Cole Hemmelgarn (Navy)
Levi Leshner (National Guard)
Max Messick (Coast Guard)
Zachery Nelson (Marines)
Lucas Poppe (Army)
Alan Topp (Navy)
Brian Wenning (Army-Active Reserve)

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

November 12, 2023
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Leaders

Ministers
Interim Pastor
Organist
Liturgist
Sr. Deacon

The Congregation
Rev. Ken Locke
Patty Ruckman
Charlotte Nelson
June Oaks

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

We Gather Together

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

190TH ANNIVERSARY-DID YOU KNOW?

As part of our 190th anniversary this year, here is our fun fact for this month... Did you know a new church library was dedicated on September 13, 1981? And now you know☺

HONORING OUR VETERANS

***WELCOME SONG**

No Matter

$\text{♩} = 120$

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.

To verses Last time, Fine

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: God calls us into God's presence with love.

People: God welcomes as loving parents welcome beloved children.

Leader: Let us open our hearts to God's instruction.

People: Let us be comforted in God's loving arms.

Together, let us worship our God of open-ended love.

*HYMN

Praise the Lord! O Heavens Adore Him

No. 17

Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him 17

Eb Bb $\frac{Bb7}{D}$ Eb Bb7 Eb Ab $\frac{Eb}{G}$ $\frac{Bb7}{D}$ Eb $\frac{Fm}{Ab}$ Am7(b5) Bb

1 Praise the Lord! O heavens, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels in the height;
 2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; nev - er shall his prom - ise fail;

Eb Bb $\frac{Bb7}{D}$ Eb Bb7 Eb Ab $\frac{Eb}{G}$ $\frac{Bb7}{D}$ Eb $\frac{Fm}{Ab}$ Am7(b5) Bb

sun and moon, bow down be - fore him; praise him, shin - ing stars of light.
 God has made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.

Bb $\frac{Eb}{Bb}$ Bb $\frac{Bb7}{D}$ Eb Bb Gm Ab Cm F7 Bb

Praise the Lord, for he hath spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;
 Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his power pro - claim;

$\frac{Eb}{G}$ Ab Eb Ab $\frac{Eb}{G}$ $\frac{Bb7}{D}$ Eb Bb $\frac{Bb}{Ab}$ $\frac{Eb}{G}$ $\frac{Fm}{Ab}$ $\frac{Eb}{Bb}$ Bb7 Eb

laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he has made.
 heaven and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: With fear and trembling for our sins, yet with the confidence of beloved children, we confess our sins to God and one another.

***CONFESSION**

Leader: Loving God, whose reign is just,

People: We confess that our actions and inactions have led to others having less. We have benefitted from policies, procedures, and pricing structures that have caused harm to others. We have failed to embrace Jesus' humble style of leadership. Nor have our actions empowered all your children to flourish.

Leader: Forgive us for always seeking more, more, and more money, power and love. Help us act like there are other people in the world that you love just as much as you love us.

People: God, forgive us. Lord, hear our prayer.

(TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION)

***PARDON**

Leader: The Kingdom of God has come near to us! In Christ Jesus, we are reconciled to God, and therefore God forgives all our sins. Let God guide us to work for God's justice.

People: As forgiven people in Jesus Christ, we will work for God's justice. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen!

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory Be to the Father

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Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh, 1967

F B♭ F C7 F C7 F

Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther, and the Son, and the Ho-ly Ghost;

The first system of music features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in 4/4 time and begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B♭4, and C5. The piano accompaniment consists of a treble and bass clef. The treble clef has a half note G4, and the bass clef has a half note G2. The system concludes with a fermata over the final note.

Gm C7 F Dm

As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The second system continues the vocal and piano parts. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B♭4, and C5. The piano accompaniment features a treble clef with a half note G4 and a bass clef with a half note G2. The system ends with a fermata over the final note.

Gm C7 F Gm C7

world with-out end. A - men. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is

The third system concludes the piece. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B♭4, and C5. The piano accompaniment has a treble clef with a half note G4 and a bass clef with a half note G2. The system ends with a fermata over the final note.

F Dm Gm C7 F

now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

Am Dm Gm C7 Am Dm Gm

A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

C7 Am Dm Gm C7 F Bb F

A - men. A - men. A - men.

God's Word Is Proclaimed

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Hosea 11:1-9

(OT) pg. 842

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. ²The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. ³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. ⁴I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. ⁵They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. ⁶The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. ⁷My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

⁸How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. ⁹I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 10:13-14

(NT) pg.46

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

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

Jesus Loves Me

No. 437

Jesus Loves Me

C G C F $\frac{F}{C}$ C

1 Je - sus loves me, this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so!
 2 Je - sus loves me, he who died heav-en's gate to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! He will stay close be - side me all the way;

C G C F C $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ G7 C

Lit - tle ones to him be - long: they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 he's pre - pared a home for me, and some day his face I'll see.

Refrain
 C F C $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ G

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

C F $\frac{C}{G}$ Am $\frac{C}{G}$ G7 C

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

We Respond to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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

Loving God, we often go astray, turning willfully to our own ways. Call us back into your loving and forgiving arms, and keep us on the path you have made for us.

People: Loving God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: All creatures are the work of your loving hands. Make us cherish them as you do, that we may protect and nourish critical habitats throughout the world.

People: God of all creation, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep the needs of the powerless at the forefront of our minds and of our leaders: children, immigrants, the oppressed, those with special needs. Empower us to help them all grow and flourish.

People: Mighty God of the weak, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: You hold the whole world in your loving hands. Enfold all who suffer illness in body, mind, or spirit into your healing embrace.

Especially we pray for Tavi Haastrup, Rob Paul, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Karen Vornholt, Terri Mullins, Denise Joyce, Bev Poppe, Ann Hudson, Nancy Moots, and Dee Schroer.

People: God of healing, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Merciful God, we turn all our prayers, the joys and concerns of our hearts, over to your tender care, trusting that you hear and answer all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us when we pray to say.... **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.34

*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

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff for the voice and a bass clef staff for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise *Him, all creatures here below; Praise *Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.'

*OFFERTORY PRAYER: Loving God, in your infinite grace you provide for us all that we need, and even more. Receive these gifts we now offer as our loving response to your divine generosity. Use them for the sake of those in need. Amen.

*HYMN OF SENDING

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

No. 712

712 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Unison
N.C. F C/E F Dm Gm/Bb C C/E

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing our true faith con - fess - ing, the
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

F F/A Bb F/C C7 F N.C.

peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave. The
tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our

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

ser - vice is end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed the
faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em -

F F/A Bb F/C C7 F

fruits of our wor - ship in all who be - lieve. The
brac - ing God's chil - dren of each tribe and race. With

WORDS: Omer Westendorf (1916-1998)

MUSIC: Welsh folk tune; harm. Leland Sateren (1913-)

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ASH GROVE
6.6.11.6.6.11.D.

F C7

seed of the teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls reach - ing, shall
 your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us: u -

F C Dm C/E C/G G C Dm7 C/E

blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all. God's
 nite us as one in this life that we share. Then

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

grace did in - vite us, and love shall u - nite us to
 may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing give

F F/A Bb F/C C7 F

work for God's king - dom and an - swer the call.
 hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

*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: 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 honor of Max Messick, all Veterans, and those currently serving by Rob and Mimi Messick.

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 Dale Schaefer (South door), Linda Rump (North door), and Dorothy Wilkins (East door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

<p>Participants- November 4th Worship In-Person-12; November 5th Sunday School Youth-21, Teachers-6, Worship In-Person-85, Online-34</p>

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!

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Today | 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. 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 Women's), Shaving Cream, Vaseline, Softener Sheets, Shampoo, Conditioner, Dish Soap, Sanitary Napkins/Tampons, 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 November 12, 2023

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School
	9:00am	Adult Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship
		In Person & via Facebook Live
	11:30am	Worship Team Meeting
Monday	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-NB Coffee Shop
Tuesday	2:00pm	Elmwood Worship
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
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	9:00am-1:00pm	Christmas Market

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.

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





It is time to place your orders for the poinsettia plants that grace our sanctuary during the Christmas season. The poinsettias are 8-inch wrapped in foil with a drip pan. We are offering the choice of Red or White and the cost per plant will be \$17.50. The plants may be picked up **after the 11pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.**

(Please be sure to pick up the color you ordered so that everyone will be able to enjoy the color of the plant that each chose.)

Poinsettia color choice and quantity:

Red _____ Qty

White _____ Qty

In memory/honor of _____

A gift for _____

By _____

I wish to contribute \$_____ to the Christmas Decorating Fund.

Please place payment along with the order form in the offering plate or drop off in the church office. Checks should be payable to St. Paul UCC.

Please have poinsettia order in by December 10th.

Every year at this time we also ask for and accept donations to the Decorating Fund. This money will be used toward decorations for the Church and Educational Building.

Please include payment with this order form.

Thank you for helping make our sanctuary even more beautiful as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.