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WE HONOR OUR VETERANS

ARMY

MARINES Adam Lesher

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)

AIR FORCE

Tom Brandewie (National Guard) Roland Dicke Matt Longfellow <u>NAVY</u> 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 Lesher (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



*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.

Praise the Lord! O Heavens Adore Him *HYMN No. 17

Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him 17



WORDS: The Foundling Hospital Collection, 1796, alt.; para. Psalm 148 MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) GOD

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7.D.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

<u>Leader</u>: 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,

<u>People</u>: 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.

<u>Leader</u>: 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.

<u>People</u>: God, forgive us. Lord, hear our prayer.

(TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION)

*PARDON

<u>Leader</u>: 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.

<u>People</u>: 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

SERVICE MUSIC

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Glory Be to the Father Gloria Patri



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God's Word Is Proclaimed

(OT) pg. 842

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Hosea 11:1-9

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

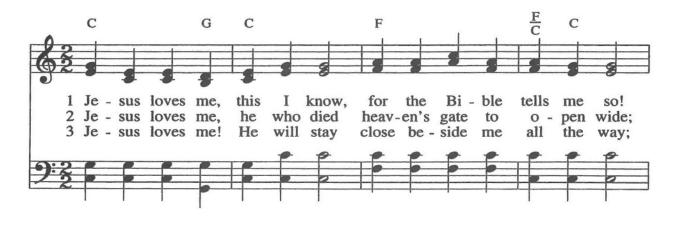
(Our youngest disciples are invited to come to the chancel steps for a special word. Afterwards, they are invited to take a worship bag and return to their seats.)

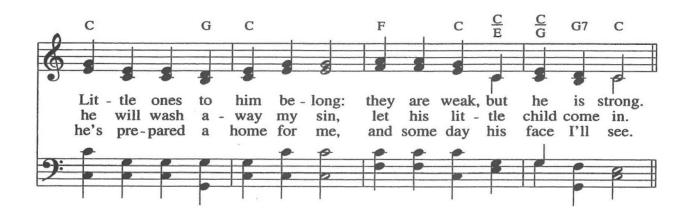
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TRUST & ASSURANCE

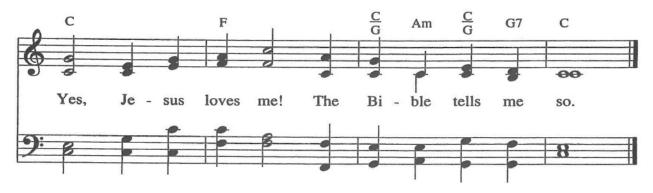
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Jesus Loves Me









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JESUS LOVES ME 7.7.7.7.Ref.

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.

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.

<u>People</u>: Loving God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

<u>Leader</u>: 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.

<u>People</u>: God of all creation, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

<u>Leader</u>: 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.

<u>People</u>: 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.

<u>People</u>: God of healing, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

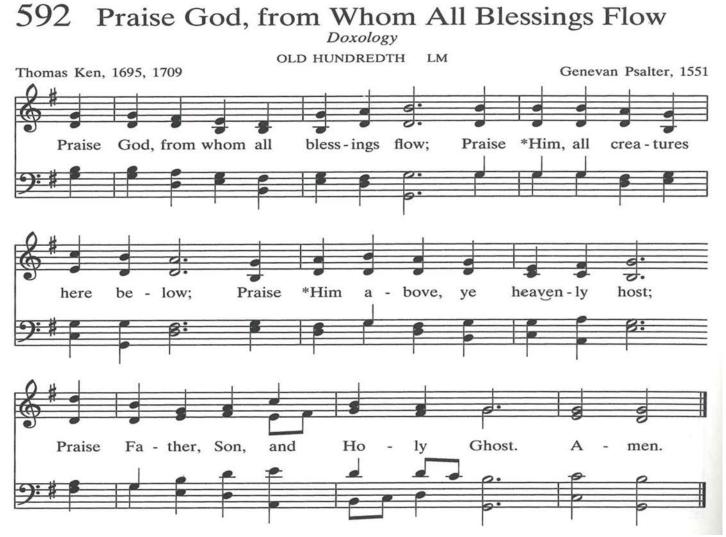
Leader: Merciful God, we turn all our prayers, the joys and concerns of our hearts, over to your tender care, trusting that you hear and answer all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us when we pray to say.... Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. 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



*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.

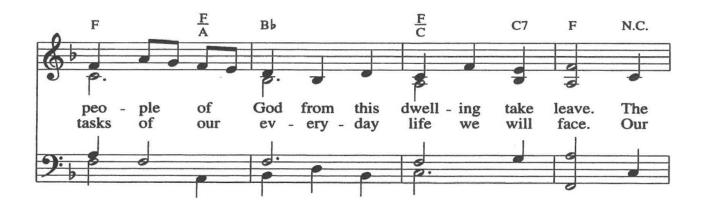
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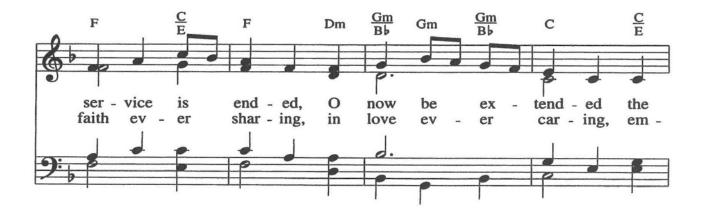
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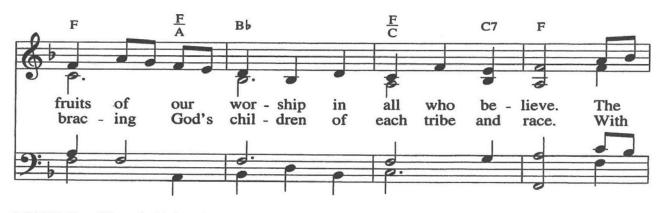
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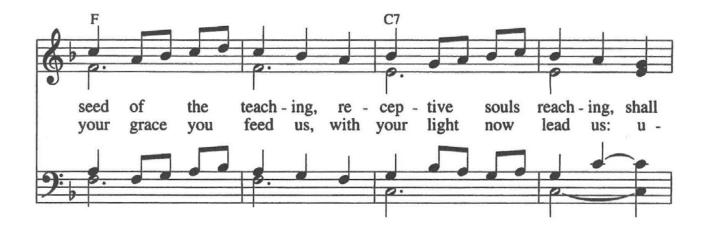


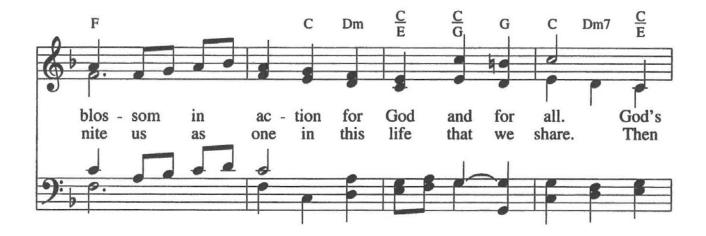


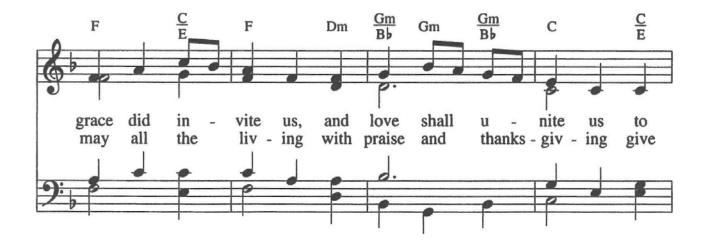


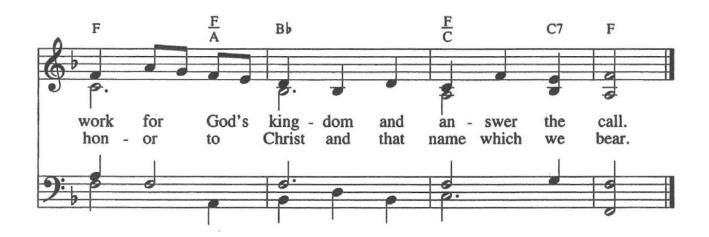
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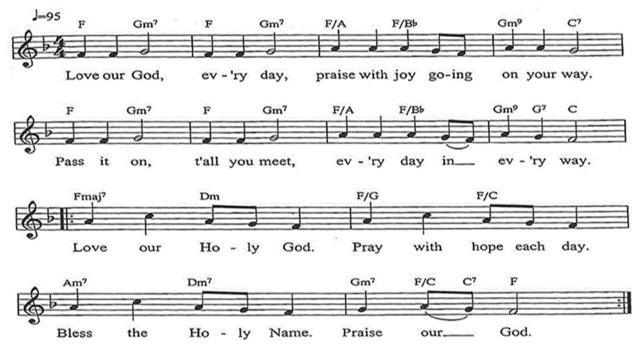








*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Pass the Love Pass the Love



*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

<u>Leader</u>: The peace of Christ be with you <u>People</u>: 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.

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

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 Cream, Vaseline, Women's), Shaving Softener Sheets, Shampoo, Soap, Sanitary Napkins/Tampons, Dish Conditioner, 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)

 \Box For building & property fund giving: Send 25 bp (hit send)

 \Box For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 pantry (hit send)

 \Box 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_____

Ву _____

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.