

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, June 9, 2024



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**Third Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration of Baptismal Anniversaries**

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Music Director- Rae Ann Borger
Organist- Jacob Challenger

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This morning we remember in prayer, from our Schuylkill Association Prayer Calendar, **the PSEC Spring Meeting.**

Please read the announcements that are in this downloadable bulletin, as well as those we post on our Facebook site, our emails, and our phone calls, and then help spread the word to those who do not have access to any of those messages.

INVOCATION

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE

The congregation may stand.

SOLEMN DECLARATION.....Sung “Amen”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us lift up the name of our God!

People: Let us praise the faithfulness of the Lord!

Pastor: For just as the Lord's greatness fills the heavens,

People: The Lord's love embraces the earth,

Pastor: Preserving our life in the midst of trouble.

ALL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God! Amen!

OPENING HYMN NO. 56.....“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

Gracious God, we often forget that you are the ruler of our lives. Instead, we turn our attention elsewhere. We want what others have. We allow the concerns of the world to weigh us down. We become distracted by the activities around us. We forget to keep our focus on you. Forgive us. Strengthen our faith, that we may see your presence in our lives. Remind us again that you are the Lord of our lives—the one who loves us completely, the one who offers us abundant forgiveness, the one who never leaves our side. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

MOMENT OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, the hand of God stretches far and wide to forgive us, bringing us newness of life. In the name of God, whose love endures forever, you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

ENGAGING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READING OF THE WORD.....Lector, Nancy Dewald

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 8:4–11, (12-15), 16–20, (11:14-15) (Page 239)

Psalm: Psalm 130 (Read Responsively)

Lector: Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

Lector: If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.

Lector: I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, And in His word do I hope.

People: My soul waits for the Lord More than the watchmen for the morning; indeed, more than the watchmen for the morning.

Lector: O Israel, hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is lovingkindness, and with Him is abundant redemption.

People: And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (Page 1006)

Gospel Lesson: Mark 3:20-35 (Page 869)

Lector: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE.....“Let Thy word abide in us, O Lord.”

SERMON.....“All In The Family”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

The congregation may remain seated.

HYMN OF REFLECTION NO. 419.....“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

CELEBRATION OF JUNE BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Matthew William, son of Christopher Krause and Ashley Heffner Hasenauer

Elias Joseph, son of Joseph and Tamara Nagle

Abram Joseph, son of Joseph and Tamara Nagle

Connor Anthony, son of Jonathan and Melissa Rodnick

Jett Wilson, son of Justin and Kelly Clauser

Brantley Irvin, son of Michael and Sarah Wolfe

Damien Joseph, son of Michael and Sarah Wolfe

Gatlin James, son of Michael and Sarah Wolfe

Caroline Grace, daughter of Adam and Laura Carl

Silas Aaron, son of Josiah and Angela Meck

Wesson Nicholas, son of Kayla Jones and Vincent Hoppes

Bailey Louise, daughter of Kayla Jones and Vincent Hoppes

The congregation may stand.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....Apostles Creed in the form of a Litany

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

The congregation may stand.

OFFERING RESPONSE & DEDICATION.....DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

GOING WITH THE WORD

COMMISSION

Pastor: With God as our King, go to build God's realm here on earth.

People: With our inner natures renewed, we go forth to proclaim God's glory.

Pastor: With your sisters and brothers in Christ and your mothers and fathers in faith, go to be Christ's family.

People: With our hearts set free to love, we go to share Christ's love with all.

BENEDICTION

THE THREEFOLD AMEN.....Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN NO. 508.....“Lead On, O King Eternal”

SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE

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- The altar flowers are in memory of Robert and Helen Edwards by the Edwards Family.
- The bulletins are in honor of Hannah Nagle’s Birthday (June 6) by Grandparents, Tom and Lucinda Nagle.
- The arrangement of roses this morning is presented in gratitude to God; in memory of Hattie and George Reber and with thankfulness to Hattie and George for their gift of the land on which the church is built.
- Offering on Sunday, June 2, 2024: \$2,352.00
- Weekly envelope & plate budget for 2024: \$3,243.09

-The June Communion offering is designated to Locust Lake Camp Ministries.

-Our summer worship schedule is at 9:30am on Sunday mornings during June, July, and August. **There is no Sunday school during this time.** Worship will resume at 10:30am on Sunday, September 1.

-Join us TODAY following worship for a Fellowship Time (aka, coffee hour). Enjoy conversation, along with a cup of coffee and light refreshments. We will gather in the rear of the Sanctuary the Second Sunday of each month. Catch up with old friends, make new ones, and stay up to date on everything happening at St. Paul’s. Please contact Lori Moyer or the church office if you would like to help or donate any treats!

-During our 9:30am worship service on Sunday, June 30, we will be recognizing and congratulating the graduates from our congregation. If you or someone you know is graduating from High School, College, a Technical School or some other institution of higher learning, **please contact the church office by next Sunday, June 16,** so that we may recognize them for their fantastic achievement.

-Next Sunday, June 16 (Father’s Day), we will be collecting a special offering designated to Locust Lake Camp Ministries. Special envelopes are available on the bulletin table in the narthex.

-The third Sunday of the month is designated as **“Bring your motorcycle to church” Sunday.** The upcoming dates are **next Sunday, June 16, July 21, August 18, and September 15.** Spread the word, invite your friend, and join us for some fun and fellowship. If you would like to be notified of other rides throughout the summer, please notify the church office to have your name added to the “Biker” email list!

-The Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry is in great need and accepts all non-perishable food items and paper products. Items can be dropped off at the church during the week or placed in the shopping cart at the back of the sanctuary. **NO OUTDATED FOOD PLEASE.** **We will be helping Monday, June 17 at 8:30am and Friday, June 21 at 1pm.** Please speak to Verna Ebling or the church office if you would like to help or donate items.

-WELCOME TO SCUBA DIVING INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD! **Vacation Bible School will be held at St. Paul's June 17-21.** All children ages 4-12 (grade 6) are welcome and invited to attend. Please save the date and share with all your relatives, friends and neighbors. Registration forms are on the bulletin table and also included in the June newsletter. Forms can be submitted to the church office or to wareber@comcast.net. More information will follow via church newsletter, bulletins, email and Members of St. Paul's Facebook. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

-**The Mission for this year's Vacation Bible School is the Schuylkill Haven Dive Rescue and Recovery Team.** A donation can is available and all monetary donations are very much appreciated.

-**Outdoor worship services will be held on the fourth Sunday of the month at 9:30am on June 23, July 28, and August 25.** Bring a lawn chair and join us once again amidst the beauty of God's creation on our front lawn.

-**On Sunday, June 30 we will collect the 5th Sunday offering** which is designated to the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches Food Pantry. Special envelopes will become available.

-**In an effort to keep our records up to date,** please contact the church office if you have had a change to any of your information, to include phone or cell phone numbers, email or home addresses, or any family updates.

-**Sound Board help is needed!!** If you are good with computers, please see Craig Borger or call the church office.

-**When you or a loved one is sick or in the hospital for an extended stay,** do not assume that the pastor will know you are there. Please call or email the church office so that Pastor Ken can provide you with spiritual care!

-**Our church services are livestreamed on Facebook!** When you can't join us in person, please join us on line!

-**Prayer is Powerful!** Please call or email the church office with your prayer concerns. We believe in the power of prayer and want to pray for you. **We have a prayer concerns email group for anyone interested.**

PRAYER CONCERNS: All those earnestly seeking God's help in difficult times, Military personnel & National leaders, *the family of Harmony Zapolsky, the family and friends of Gaylene Ebling, family and friends of Erika Pribnow, Paul Chiconi, Justin Burke, Harold Berkheiser,* Ronnie Faust, Al Herring, Don Koch, Holly Koscak, Amy Koons, Dick Clauser, Lori Edwards, Mathias Nagle, Ron Mengel, Guy Fessler

CANCER PATIENTS: Wayne Alward, Boone, Marie Bleu, Alex DuVee, John Eckert, Glennis Eifert, Joanne Forbes, Rebecca Henderson, Sherri Jo Jennar, Deb Kemmerling, Norma Koperna, Joan Krause, **Lori Krug**, Carol Mallory, Carol Mengel, Tom Nagle, Judy Ohl, Pat Reading, Jim Thompson, Barry Webber, Terri Willard

FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Sunday, June 9 -Fellowship time (aka coffee hour) following worship

Monday, June 10

10:30 AM -Pastor Ken conducts chapel service at Luther Ridge

7:15 PM -Boy Scout Meeting

Saturday, June 15

6:45 PM -Game Time for Reading Phillies Group Outing

Sunday, June 16 *Father's Day *Deadline for Graduates

9:30 AM -Worship with the special Father's Day offering (Locust Lake)

-Group Motorcycle Ride

***Lectionary Readings for next week:**

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Psalms 20

Ezekial 17:22-24

Psalms 92:1-4,12-15

2 Cor 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 4:26-34