

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Sunday, October 20, 2024**



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Sunday, October 20, 2024

242 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

2024  
10:30am

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Ken McDowell, Pastor

Music Director- Rae Ann Borger  
Organist- Jacob Challenger

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This morning we remember in prayer **Zion’s Red Church UCC & ELCA, Orwigsburg** from our Schuylkill Association Prayer Calendar.

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: Come into God’s presence. All are welcome here.

**People: Come into God’s glory. God’s glory is all around.**

Pastor: As Christ came before us, we come to worship and to pray.

**People: As Christ turned to God, we bring our anguish and our tears.**

Pastor: As Christ came to serve, we bring our humble hearts.

**People: Come into God’s presence. All are welcome here. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN NO. 59.....“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

**Great and mighty God, create us anew this day. When we pose as greater and mightier than we are, help us be humble and of service in your name. When pride causes us to stumble, strengthen our faith. When fear and shame cause us to shrink, remind us that we are made in your image. Reclaim us as the people you have created us to be, and lead us back to the path of discipleship you have called us to walk. In your great and gracious love, 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: Hear the good news: In the midst of our self-centered complaints and desires, God opens our eyes to all that surrounds us.

**People: Christ’s love and mercy are greater than our sins, reconciling us to God and to one another.**

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

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, Trevor Smith

Old Testament: Job 38:1-7, 34-41 (Page 460)  
Psalm: Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c (**Read responsively**)

Lector: Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty,

**People: wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent,**

Lector: you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind,

**People: you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.**

Lector: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

**People: You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.**

Lector: At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

**People: They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.**

Lector: You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

**People: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

Lector: Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

Epistle: Hebrews 5:1-10 (Page 1046)  
Gospel: Mark 10:35-45 (Page 878)

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.”

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM.....“God Is So Good” by Jeff Lippencott

SERMON.....“A Humbling Experience”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*The congregation may remain seated.*

*Ushers will receive tithes and offerings at this time.*

HYMN OF REFLECTION NO. 48.....“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*The congregation may stand.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,**

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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: Jesus came not to be served but to serve!  
**People: And to give his life for the sake of the world.**  
Pastor: Let us go forth to love and serve all of creation.  
**People: We go in the name of the one who calls us to delight in all God's goodness.**

BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING HYMN NO. 595....."They'll Know We Are Christians"

SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE

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-The altar flowers are in memory of Alice and Shorty Wenrich by Bill and "Sus", MaryJane, Lucille and families.

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-Offering on Sunday, October 13, 2024: \$2,347.00

-Weekly envelope & plate budget for 2024: \$3,243.09

**-The October Communion offering will support the families affected by the Tremont Fire. The November Communion offering will support My Fathers House.**

**-The Schuylkill Association Fall Meeting will be held TODAY** beginning at 3pm in Tamaqua.

**-Thanksgiving Food Drive challenge now through October 31:** Our local pantries remain in dire need of food. Families across our county struggle each month to meet their food needs let alone provide the traditional Thanksgiving dinner we all enjoy. We have nearly 50 households within our congregation and we are asking 31 of those households to donate 31 food items in 31 days!! We will then provide the remaining items to reach our goal of 1000 items. The list provided is a guide to help provide three meals as well as the components of Thanksgiving dinner. However, we understand every household budget is different. So do not feel obligated to conform to this list. ANY 31 ITEMS WILL MAKE A HUGE IMPACT! Shop as you see items on sale, then bring your items to church during the month! You may leave your donation at the back of the sanctuary or contact Brook Koch-Guers at 570-449-0825 or by email at [bkochguers@comcast.net](mailto:bkochguers@comcast.net) to arrange for one of the boys to pick up your donation at your home. Come on St Paul's, TOGETHER we can do this and provide families with the BLESSING of a Thanksgiving meal!!!

**-Order forms are on the bulletin table and in the back of your bulletin for Christmas poinsettias!!** Flower shops are requesting orders be extra early this year, so **the deadline is next Sunday, October 27.** The cost is \$9. Please contact Ardith Moyer or the church office if you need more information.

**-Next Sunday, October 27 is "Bring your motorcycle to church" Sunday, and a group ride will follow worship.** Spread the word, invite your friend, and join us for some fun and fellowship. If you would like to be notified of rides, please notify the church office to have your name added to the "Biker" email list!

**-This year we will celebrate All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 3.** That morning during the service of worship and communion, we will honor the saints of our congregation who passed away in the past year. **We will also collect the All Saints Offering,** which assists retired pastors from our conference who are in need of financial assistance. You do not need a special envelope, although they will be made available by the bulletin basket closer to the collection date.

-The **Pennsylvania Conference Fall Meeting** will be held on **Saturday, November 9** at Good Shepherd Tuckerton, Reading. Registration opens at 9:00am and the meeting begins promptly at 10:00am.

-**Fellowship Time:** Join us on **Sunday, November 10** for conversation, along with a cup of coffee and light refreshments following worship. 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. And best of all, it's free of charge!!

-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, November 11** at 8:30am and **Friday, November 15** at 12pm. Please speak to Verna Ebling or the church office if you would like to help or donate items.

-**The Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet the **second Tuesday of each month** from 10am-12noon in the conference room. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, November 12**. If you are interested in knitting and/or crocheting, we can hook you up! If you know of someone who could use a prayer shawl, please contact the church office.

-There will be a **Board of Christian Education Meeting on Tuesday, November 12** beginning at 7pm. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

-Mark your calendars! We will need your help!! **Our outdoor church grounds fall clean-up day will be on Saturday, November 16** at 9:00am. With enough help, we can have it completed in just a few hours! Bring rakes, tarps, clippers and pruners. Invite your friends and family and neighbors too!

-**If you are CPR/AED certified, please contact the church office.** We are updating our church certification list for our AED machine on site here at the church.

-**Sunday School Raffle:** Every week that our youth participate in Sunday School, they will get a raffle ticket that will be entered into a drawing for a prize. Drawings will then happen quarterly at the Youth Group Events. (winners do not need to be present) Please speak to Laura Carll (484-269-4405) for more information.

-**Our members, friends and visitors give their offerings and donations to the church in many different ways,** to include electronically via apps like [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) and bank transfers. To help accommodate the varied ways of giving, we have an offering box in the narthex as well as offering plates by the pews in the rear of the sanctuary to place Sunday morning offerings as you enter or leave the sanctuary. However, we have heard that some forget to drop their offerings off, while visitors may be unaware of the remote offering collection. **The Consistory has decided that we will continue to have the offering box and plates to drop off your offering before or after the service, but we will also have two ushers accept offerings during the Hymn of Reflection after the sermon as another option.** Thank you for your financial support of the ministries of St. Paul's and your faithful giving in response to what God has given us!

-**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 online!

**-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, *Marion Bartolet, Laverne Lafferty*, victims of hurricane Milton, victims of Hurricane Helene, Cathy Krause, Cheryl Zimmerman, Justine (Snipps) Reber, Rick Moyer, Sue Terrey, Elaine Krause, Todd Yeich, Joan Berkheiser, Jonathan Warke, Mabel Edwards, Dick Clauser, Al Herring, Ron Mengel

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### **FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**

#### **Sunday, October 20**

3:00 PM -Schuylkill Association Fall Meeting in Tamaqua

4:00 PM -Cub Scout Meetings

#### **Monday, October 21**

5:00 PM – 8:30 PM -Boy Scout Meetings

#### **Wednesday, October 23**

7:00 PM -Senior Choir Rehearsal

#### **Sunday, October 27 \*Reformation Sunday**

**\*Ride your motorcycle to church Sunday**

**\*Poinsettia orders due**

9:15 AM -Sunday School

10:30 AM -Worship

-Group motorcycle ride

4:00 PM -Cub Scout Meetings

#### **\*Lectionary Readings for next week:**

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

## Poinsettia Orders

Orders for Christmas poinsettias may be placed now.  
Cost is \$9.00 each

There are NO standing orders.  
If you always placed one in the past, you must re-order again this year.  
Money must accompany the order at the time it is placed.

**Order deadline:** Sunday, October 27  
Please give all orders & money to Ardith Moyer or the church office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias ordered \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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