

Welcome! Whether you are worshipping with us in-person or virtually, we pray that you and your family are safe and healthy. Visitors please sign the Visitors Card in the pew rack and place in the basket on the chancel rail. We no longer pass the offering plates during the service. You may place your offering in the plate as you enter (by the greeters) or in the basket on the chancel rail after the service.



This week our card is for Bob Bentley.
Please sign the card on the stand by the greeters.

Serving Today

Scripture Reader: TBA
Greeters: Donald & Linda Breitenstein
Acolyte: Chase Doran
Tech: Shannon Simpson

Last Sunday Attendance: 155
Virtual worship viewings: 62 (as of 5/16)
Giving: \$2859

BIRTHDAYS ~ this week

May 19: Steve Miller, Kathy Weller, Mike Rackey, Harold Barto, Sr.
May 22: Chris Martin, Mike Mingione
May 23: Joe Agguiar
May 24: Diana Dadey-Yarrish, Jordan Stern
May 25: Bob Trainer, Darren Dreas

ANNIVERSARIES ~ this week

May 20: Ralph & Lisa Shafer
May 21: Brian & Lisa Casner
May 22: Michael & Sue Wunderlich

Next Sunday: *Trinity Sunday*
Message: **Those Who Are Led by the Spirit**
Texts: *Psalm 29; Isaiah 6:1-8, Romans 8:12-17**
John 3:1-17
**next Sunday's sermon text*

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PENTECOST

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
Amityville, Pennsylvania
May 19, 2024

Ministers: The People of St. Paul's UCC
The Rev. Dr. Steven Simpson, Pastor
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St. Paul's United Church of Christ Mission Statement
In its life and mission, St. Paul's UCC seeks to worship the triune God; proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ; practice loving service toward the needy; embody God's reign of peace and justice; establish a Christian community of faith; and be a faithful member of the church universal.



St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Amityville, Pennsylvania

May 19, 2024

9:45 A.M.

Pentecost / Communion / Confirmation

* = Those who are able may stand

Prelude *Fill Me Now* -Sweeney/Smith
Guide Me Ever, Holy Spirit -White.Wood

Choral Prompt *Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome*

* Processional Hymn *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Hymnal #390

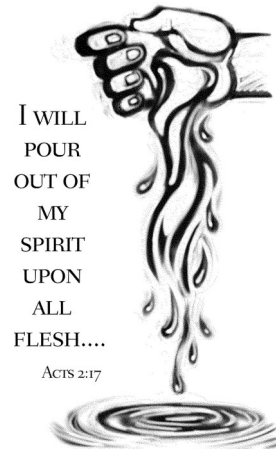
* Greeting The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Introit **Breathe on Me, Breath of God
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.**

* The Solemn Declaration (from Acts 2:1-4) sung response: **Amen!**

* Call to Worship —based on Acts 2:17-18, 21

God declares:
“I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.
**The young shall see visions.
The elders shall dream dreams.**
Both men and women
shall prophesy.
**And all who call
on the name of the Lord
shall be saved.”**



* Call to Confession

* Silent Prayer

* Prayer of Confession (in unison)

—based on Romans 8:26

**Holy and Merciful God,
we do not know how to pray as we ought, and we
know too well our constant failures to do as you have
commanded and to hold fast to your word.
Forgive us for the divisions we nurture, guide us to
your way, keep us in your care, and lead us into faith.
We trust your word that the Spirit of truth will show
us all things and grant us courage and peace. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon

People of God . . . through the power of the Holy Spirit, I declare
to you the complete forgiveness of your sin. **Thanks be to God!**
Be at peace with one another because of God's mercy.

* Prayer of the Day

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings *Acts 2:1-8, 11b-21, Romans 8:22-27*

Sermon *We Don't Know How to Pray*

Rite of Confirmation (see insert)

Prayers of the People
response: *Hear us O God, your mercy is great.*

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Invitation to the Offering

* Doxology Hymnal #815

* Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion (see insert)

* Recessional Hymn *Holy Spirit, Light Divine* Hymnal #392

* Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude *See How Great a Flame Aspires*

-Welsh tune/arr. Scriveyner

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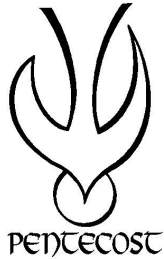
Words of Institution

—based on 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right for us to give thanks and praise.



Thanksgiving for the Work of God in Creation

Acclamation of Praise (The Sanctus)

—based on Psalm 118:26; Isaiah 6:3

And so, with all the people of God in every age, we praise you . . .
. . . and with angels and archangels . . .
. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth,
Heaven and earth are full; are full of the majesty of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

Thanksgiving for the Work of Christ

Memorial Acclamation

Remembering our Lord's command to remember him, his wisdom,
and his sacrifice, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Prayer for the Work of the Spirit

Blessed are you, O Spirit, poured out upon your people
to open our hearts, to pray within us, to teach us hope.
**Through this broken bread, show us life abundant.
Break us, as well, so that with your gifts, we may tend your earth
and feed the hungry, giving thanks for all that nourishes this
blessed creation, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Share the Elements

Choir Anthem Spirit of Joy -Schram
This anthem was purchased in memory of Rev. Sue McCoy

Acclamation —Revelation 5:12, NIV

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
**to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!**

Blessing of the Children

ST. PAUL'S ACTIVITIES—this week

Sunday 5/19	Adult Sunday School	8:30 AM
	Worship & Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Girl Scouts 11165	4:00 PM
Monday 5/20	Boy Scouts	6:45 PM
	Tech Committee	7:30 PM
Tuesday 5/21	Eastern Star Fundraiser	9:00 AM
	Women's Bible Study	7:00 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Wednesday 5/22	Youth Group 5-12	7:00 PM
Thursday 5/23	Missions Committee	6:30 PM
Friday 5/24	Amity Chess Club	7:00 PM
Saturday 5/25	Event	

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Camp Firelight - A Summer Camp Adventure with God - June 17-21 From 9 to Noon. . Registration forms are available in the Library or email ss@stpaulsuccamity.org. We are still in need of a team leader for an early elementary age group and teen helpers for Science. Contact Marlene Dadey if you are interested in helping.



NEXT WEEK

Sunday, May 26 is Pastor Steven's last day with us before he begins his three month sabbatical. Please join us in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship for cake. Remember a sabbatical is a time of renewal for Pastor Steven. We will not have communication with him during this time. So please respect this time and do not call, text or email him. You may contact the church office for pastoral care and Marlene will see that it is handled.

THANK YOU

Dear St. Paul's UCC
Thank you for opening your doors to Cub Pack 597. Allowing us to have our yard sale even was very generous of you. The scouts had an amazing time. It was so nice to have a chance to spend time with members of your church during the event. I appreciate the smiles, warm hellos and support through the event. Not to mention, what lovely weather we had. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

~Cub Pack 597

RITE of CONFIRMATION

As a child who was baptized approaches adolescence, the local church offers him or her the opportunity to give personal and public assent to the baptismal promises made for them by their parents and godparents. Confirmation celebrates this occasion of affirming baptism in the life of the individual and the local church. Parents stand with those who are being confirmed as an expression of continuing support and concern for their Christian pilgrimage.

Invitation

Candidates' Response

* Prayers of the Congregation for the Candidates

We give you thanks, merciful God, that these young people have been moved to affirm their baptism and to accept Your call to Christian discipleship. Look with favor upon them and help them to live not for themselves, but for Christ and for those whom Christ loves. Direct their hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ, that they might walk each day in newness of life with Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Sentences *John 15:5, 7, 10-11*

Questions of the Candidates

* Affirmation *The Apostle's Creed* (inside hymnal cover)

* Responsive Hymn *Here I Am, Lord* Hymnal #589

Act of Confirmation

Prayer of Confirmation

Let us pray for the newly confirmed.

We rejoice, O merciful God, with these people in the gift of the Holy Spirit, and in the Spirit's power to awaken us to new truth and to inspire us to venture into fullness of life. We give you thanks that these young people have been moved to affirm their baptism. Help them to live not for themselves but for Christ and for those whom Christ loves. Keep them steady and abounding in hope, never giving up, pressing toward the goal of life with you in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Address

Question about Participation

* Welcome

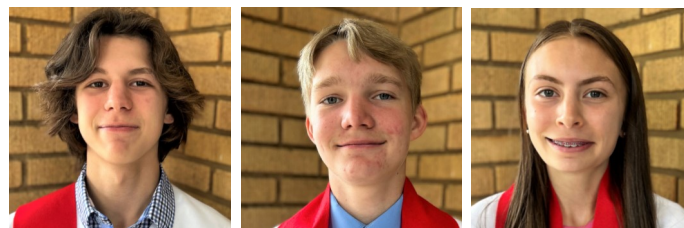
Let us, the members of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, stand and express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Greeting in Christian Love

Prayer

St. Paul's Confirmation Class of 2024



Luke Casner Garrett Herbst Julia Leady

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today marks the end of our Sunday School season until the fall. We invite children through first grade to the Nursery during the summer months. Miss Rachael and Miss Crystalynn will have fun activities for you during worship.

Adult III will continue to meet at 8:30 AM throughout the summer in Room 13. All are welcome.

GRADUATES

Sunday, June 2 we will recognize our graduates (high school, college and grad school) during the service. If you neglected to let Pastor Steven know you are a graduate to be included in the June newsletter, please email Marlene Dadey (ss@stpaulsuccamity.org) to let her know you will be attending on June 2.