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SAINT PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Fleetwood, Pennsylvania  
October 22, 2017

**GATHERING PRAYER**

*Almighty God, as I gather to worship you today, I present myself to you as a living sacrifice. By the power of your holy spirit, make me strong. Help me to fulfill my ministry this day, in Jesus name, Amen.*

**INTROIT**      *"Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"*      Kimberling  
Carol Aulenbach and Marcia Newcomb – Bells Choir

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**      *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"*      NCH #4

**PASSING THE PEACE**

Pastor:      The peace of Christ be with you.

**People:**      **And also with you.**

Pastor:      Let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**CENTERING**

**PRELUDE(8:55)**      *"El Shaddai"*      M. Card and J. Thompson

**PRELUDE(10:25)**      *"How Firm a Foundation"*      Bell Choir

*(Congregation Standing)*

Leader:      We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: (singing) Amen!**

Leader:      We are God's church:

**People:**      **We come together to worship.**

Leader:      He has given us his Word:

**People:**      **We come together to learn from him.**

Leader:      He has filled us with his power:

**People:**      **We go out to bring others to him.**

Leader:      He has called us into his family:

**People:**      **We come together to share our lives.**

Leader:      He has put his words on our lips:

**People:**      **We go out to tell the world about him.**

Leader:      He has given us his Spirit:

**People:**      **We come together to celebrate.**

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Leader:      He has showered us with his riches:  
**People:**      **We go out to share his goodness with others.**

Leader:      He has freed us from our past:  
**People:**      **We come together to move forwards.**

Leader:      He has planned for us a glorious future:  
**People:**      **We go out to live our lives to please him.**

Leader:      We are God's church:  
**People:**      **We come together to worship.**      ~ copyright © John Leach/The Jubilate Group

*All(singing)      Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven to earth come down;  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
All thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation;  
Enter every trembling heart.*

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:25)**

**PENITENCE**

Pastor:      Let us come before God with open hearts and minds and confess our sins before God and one another.

**All:**      **God or right-paths and clear visions, we admit this day that there are those times we loose our way. Instead of trusting you, we reach out to false promises of hope. We try to find the easy way, and we are constantly drawn to the shallowness of our popular culture. Give to us this day a courage to stay the course, even when the road is rough and the way is narrow. Help us to see the needs of others along the way. Give us hearts filled with love and compassion so that our lives reflect the will of God in our lives.**      PWM

*Silent prayers of confession*

Pastor:      The love of God is sufficient. God's mercy is abounding and God's grace is unending..

**People:**      **Thanks be to God, the one who was, and is, and shall always be!**

*All(singing)      Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit,  
Into every troubled breast!*

*Let us all in Thee inherit;  
Let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;*

*Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its Beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.*

Pastor: Let us say again what it is that we believe. 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.)*

### WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

<b>OLD TESTAMENT</b>	Exodus 33:12-23	OT pg. 80
<b>SERMON TEXT</b>	First Thessalonians 1:1-10	NT pg.203

<b>SPECIAL MUSIC (8:55)</b>	<i>"How Firm a Foundation"</i>	Bell Choir
<b>CHANCEL CHOIR (10:25)</b>	<i>"Here I Am Lord"</i>	Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
 All who dwell in dark and sin- my hand will save.  
 I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
 Who will bear my light to them? Who shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I. Lord?  
 I have heard you calling in the night.  
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
 I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne by people's pain.  
 I have wept of love of them- they turn away.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I. Lord?  
 I have heard you calling in the night.  
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
 I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
 I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.  
 Finest bread I will provide- till their hearts be satisfied.  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I. Lord?  
 I have heard you calling in the night.  
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
 I will hold your people in my heart.  
 Here I am, here I am, here I am.

#### GOSPELS LESSON

Matthew 22:15-22

NT pg.24

*(Congregation Standing)*

**Choral Response:** *O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.  
 O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.  
 I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways;  
 And step by step You lead me, and I will follow You all my days.*

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

#### SERMON

*"Are You Mocking Me?"*

*(Congregation Standing)*

#### RESPONSIVE HYMN

*"Take My Life, God, Let it Be"*

NCH #448

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

#### PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

*Choral Response: Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place,  
Lord listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace.*



**GIVING**

**OFFERING IS SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:25 A.M.)**

**THE OFFERTORY** *Addison Rose Shappell* T. Albinoni  
*Adagio*  
*Daughter of Richard and Ashley Shappell*  
*(Congregation Stands)*

**DOXOLOGY**

*All (singing) Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

**WELCOME** *Praise God, all creatures here below;*

**ADDRESS** *Praise God above, you heavenly host;*

**QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS** *Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**  
Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, the congregation of St. Paul’s United Church of Christ, who are witnesses and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as he lives

**SENDING**

**THE RECESSIONAL HYMN** *Called as Partners in Christ Service NCH #495*

**THE BENEDICTION**

**People:** **We promise our love, support, and care.**

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Do you believe in God?

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

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**PRAYER OF BAPTISM**

**ACT OF BAPTISM**

**CHANGES FOR THE CHILD**

**POSTLUDE** *“Gavot”*

W. Boyce

**MISSION STATEMENT**

As Followers of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves to:

- Enthusiastically proclaim and teach God’s love through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Share God’s love with neighbors near and far.
- Live as a Christian community of hope, acceptance, and encouragement in a rapidly changing world.

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL’S**

- If you are visiting and would like to know more about St. Paul’s please fill out the visitor’s card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. One of our pastors will contact you.
- There are assisted listening devices for the hearing impaired available at the sound board in the rear of the church.
- **Adult Sunday school is held at 9 a.m. - Generations Class in the Lounge off the Narthex. Also, Adult Bible Study is held Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings. See Announcement sheets in the bulletin for details.**
- Children are always welcome in our worship space (as are the joyful noises that they sometimes add). For those moments when it might be needed, we do have a nursery room in the rear of the church that anyone with younger children is welcome to use. The room is equipped with a speaker that will allow you to continue enjoying the service. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.
- Activity bags for children can be found on a rack in the Narthex.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(For the week of October 15, 2017)**

The **Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Ann Wentzel in memory of her parents, Alfred and Shirley Burgert’s 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

The **Organ Arrangement** is sponsored by Bruce and Donna Rader in honor of their wedding anniversary.

The **Bulletins** are sponsored by Kathleen Herman in memory of her husband, Carl.

The **Upper Room Publication** for this month is sponsored by Dale Hollenbach in memory of his parents, Hattie and Melvin Hollenbach and his wife, Doris Hollenbach.

**Coffee Time Sponsor:** The Wolf Family

**Ushers: 8:55 a.m.** – Betsy Becker, Chris Vojtasek, Cindy Rothenberger, Tom Agnew

**10:25 a.m.** – Grace Hetrick, Linda Schaeffer, Dave Balmer, Allen Crockett

**Readers: 8:55 a.m.** – Sarah Herrold

**10:25 a.m.** – Jason Crockett

**Acolytes: 8:55 a.m.** – Jaiden Valick and Ethan Raudenbush

**10:25 a.m.** – Nicholas Hill and Herbert Dunkelberger

**Attendance: October 15, 2017**                      8:55 a.m. – 135                      10:25 a.m. – 66

**September**                      Income                      Expense                      Difference

General Acct                      \$29,522.20                      \$39,979.94                      -\$10,457.74

Other Accts                      \$ 3,651.22                      \$ 8,505.40                      -\$ 4,854.18

**Year to date**

General Acct                      \$301,352.30                      \$367,232.68                      -\$65,880.38

Other Accts                      \$ 78,777.94                      \$ 83,487.56                      -\$ 4,709.62

An additional \$22,060.18 of income was collected for the Sewer Project



**“GIVE...  
TO GOD**

**THE THINGS  
THAT ARE  
GOD’S.”**

**MATTHEW 22:21, NRSV**