

SAINT PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Fleetwood, Pennsylvania
November 12 2017

GATHERING PRAYER

Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit open our eyes, ears, hearts and our very lives to your presence this day. As we worship you this day, may our lives be a healing remembrance of your love to all the lives of those we touch. Amen

INTROIT

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *“Holy, Holy, Holy”* No. 277

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) *“To You, O God all Creatures Sing”* Early service choir

To you, oh God all creatures sing,
And all creation everything, sings your praises, alleluia!
Your burning sun with golden beam, your silver moon with softer gleam
Sing your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Your wing that blows the tempest by,
Your clouds that sail across the sky, sing your praises, alleluia!
Your morning rises with a song, and lights of evening sing along,
Sing your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Your flowing waters crystal clear,
Make melodies for you to hear, sing your praises, alleluia!
Your fire bountiful and bright, remembering your warmth and light,
Sing your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

To you, O God, Day after day,
Your planet earth in every way, sing your praises, alleluia!
As savory fruit and fragrant flower show forth your glory and your power,
Sing your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
PRELUDE (10:25) *“Be Thou My Vision”* Irish Folk Melody
(Congregation Standing)

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

ALL singing) Amen!

Pastor: Come let us present ourselves before our God.

Bring all your troubles and anxiety to God in prayer.

People: Surely God knows our thoughts and hears our prayers.

We find strength for living as we praise God.

Pastor: Lay down your arrogance and false pride.

Admit your needs as you seek God's favor.

People: We pour out our souls before the living God.

We do not withhold from God any part of ourselves.

Pastor: God grants our petitions and gives us peace
The counsel of our God gladdens our hearts..

People: In God's presence there is fullness of joy.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT Matthew 25:1-13

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.

SERMON *“Being Our Church”*

RESPONSIVE HYMN *“Great Is Your Faithfulness”*

No. 423

GIVING**OFFERTORY SENTENCES****THE DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

OFFERTORY *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”* F. Maker

SENDING

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN *“The Church’s One Foundation” No. 386*
(verses 1 & 4)

THE BENEDICTION**CHORAL SENDING**

*May the grace of Christ, our Savior,
And the love of God our Father,
And the fellowship of the Spirit be with us.*

*May the grace of Christ, our Savior,
And the love of God our Father,
And the fellowship of the Spirit be with us.
Forever and ever, forevermore, Amen*

CHIMES

POSTLUDE *“Come Thou Almighty King”* F. Giardini

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 November 12, 2017)

The **Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Dennis and Donna Wanner in loving memory of Donna’s brother, Charles Nester and Dennis’ mother, Elsie Wanner Moll.

The **Organ Arrangement** is sponsored by Mary Boeshore in memory of her beloved husband, David A. Boeshore’s birthday on November 11th. Thank you to all veterans.

The **Piano Arrangement** is sponsored by Paulette Dunkelberger

The **Rose Bud** is in honor of the birth of Eleanor Virginia Kraft Born on October 24th to Tyler and Meagan Kraft. Grandparents are Chris and Linda Young.

The **Bulletins** are sponsored by Wilma Hawker in memory of her husband, Jim.

The **Upper Room Publication** for this month is sponsored by Lynda Shenk in honor and with thanks to the volunteers of the Helping Hands.

Coffee Time Sponsor: Janet Peters, Mary Boeshore, Dolleen Eroh and Dee Eastland

Ushers: 8:55 a.m. – Mary Ann Hayes, Chris Vojtasek, Mike Werner, Steve Wentz

10:25 a.m. – Paul Moll, Dennis Wanner, Linda Schaeffer, Grace Hetrick

Readers: 8:55 a.m. – Melissa Ruemmler **10:25 a.m.** – Gary Reinert

Acolytes: 8:55 a.m. – Michaela Ernst and Jade Vojtasek

10:25 a.m. – Ethan Raudenbush and Nicholas Hill

Attendance: November 5, 2017

8:55 a.m. –180

10:25 a.m. – 78

St. Paul's U. C. C. Annual Congregation Meeting
Sunday, November 12, 2017
9:45 – 10:45 a.m.
Agenda

Call to Order: Steve Wentz

Pastor Morris opens the meeting with prayer.

Dispense with the reading of the November 2016 minutes

Financial Presentation:

Pastor Morris' report –

Pastor John Folk's report –

Nominating Committee Report and Nominations for 2018:

The nominees for Consistory are as follows:

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Nominee</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Elder | Marie Richdale |
| Elder | Ro Wolf |
| Deacon | David DeAngelo |
| Deacon | Dennis Raudenbush |
| Deacon | Bill Thomas |
| Deacon | Jason Crockett |
| Deacon | Jim Goldman – Fill 2 year term |
| Deacon | Seth Walizer Fill 2 year term |
| Deacon | Melissa Blickley Fill 1 year term |

Junior Deacons:

Caroline Blickley and Jamin Valick

The report and profiles are included in the Annual Report Booklet.

The new Consistory members will be installed on Sunday, December 31, 2017

Old Business:

New Business:

Budget Proposal for 2018

