

SAINT PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Fleetwood, Pennsylvania
November 19, 2017

GATHERING PRAYER

Loving God, you have given us each many gifts and talents. Help us to use them to care for those in need, show others your loving and generous ways, and build your peace here on earth. Amen

INTROIT

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Take My Gifts and Let Me Love You" No. 562

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) "Give Thanks" Henry Smith

PRELUDE (10:25) "With Thanksgiving and Praise" Lloyd Larson Children's Choir
(Congregation Standing)

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

All: (singing) Amen!

Pastor: Look around you... (everyone looks around) and see God's handiwork.

All: God's love is in each of us.

Pastor: Look at one another, and see where God has hidden great treasure
(look around at each other).

All: God's love is in each of us.

Pastor: Thanks be to God for all of God's wonderful gifts!

All: (singing-p419) *Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

PENITENCE

Pastor: God has given us all many gifts. Sometimes we use them well, and sometimes we don't. Let us think of times when we have wasted the talents God has given us. (pause) Loving God, sometimes we keep our talents to ourselves, and do not want to share them.

All: God, have mercy.

Pastor: Loving God, sometimes we are nervous and embarrassed to share our talents, afraid that others will laugh at us.

All: God, have mercy.

Pastor: Loving God, sometimes we are unsure of what will happen if we step out in faith.

All: God, have mercy.

Pastor: Loving God, sometimes we are too stubborn to learn new ways of doing things and of serving you.

All: God, have mercy.

Pastor: Loving God, sometimes we just forget the many gifts, talents and abilities you have given us.

All: God, have mercy.

Pastor: We know you hear us when we turn to you, and that you forgive us. There are many people out there who need our gifts, talents, and abilities. Use us, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

All: (singing-p419) *O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful heart and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills of this world in the next.*

Modified from wholepeopleofgod.com lesson 11/19/17

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

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.)

CHOIR ANTHEM(10:25) *"Thanksgiving Dance"* Middlemas and Dengler Chancel Choir

Now thank we all our merciful God, with heart and hands and voices;
Who wondrous things has done for us, in whom the world rejoices.
From whom our mother's arms has blessed us on our way,
With countless gifts of love that still are ours today.

O may the one eternal God through all our life be near us.
May He give us hearts of joy and blessed peace to cheer us.
May He keep us in His grace and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all our ills, in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, the Father now be given;
The Son and Him who reigns, with them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Now thank we all our merciful God, with heart and hands and voices;
Who wondrous things has done for us, in whom the world,
This bountiful world, in whom this world rejoices!

WORD

SERMON TEXT

Matthew 25:31-46

NT pg. 29

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:55) "With Thanksgiving and Praise" Lloyd Larson Children's Choir
Choral Response (10:25)

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON (8:55)

SENDING HYMN (8:55) "This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

Let it shine, shine, shine, Let it shine!

This little light of love, I'm gonna let it shine...

This little light of grace, I'm gonna let it shine...

SERMON

"It's not what you say, it's what you do"

RESPONSIVE HYMN

"Help Us to Help Each Other Lord"

(see page 6)

(The congregation may be seated.)

GIVING

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY

"We Gather Together"

Netherlands Folk Song

(Congregation Standing)

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 PRAYER

SENDING

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 28

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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Stralsund Gesangbuch

SERVICE

275 Help Us to Help Each Other

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1. Help us to help each oth - er, Lord, Each oth - er's cross to bear;
2. Help us to build each oth - er up, To help each one im - prove;
3. Up in - to Thee, the liv - ing Head, Let us in all things grow,
4. Then, when the might - y work is wrought, Re - ceive Thy read - y bride;

Let each his friend - ly aid af - ford, And feel his broth - er's care.
In - crease our faith, con - firm our hope, And per - fect us in love.
Till Thou hast made us free in - deed, And spot - less here be - low.
Give us in heaven a hap - py lot With all the sanc - ti - fied. A - MEN.

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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 19, 2017)

The **Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Clark and Sandra Frederick in memory of Sandra's parents, Dalton and Suzanne Reed.

The **Bulletins** are sponsored by Donald Krout in memory of his parents, George and Kathryn Krout.

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: Youth Group

Ushers: 8:55 a.m. – Mary Ann Hayes, Christoph Snyder, Cindy Rothenberger, Allen Crockett

10:25 a.m. – Donna Rader, Linda Schaeffer, Stephen Maurek, Jenn Hoffman

Readers: 8:55 a.m. – Michaela Ernst

10:25 a.m. – Sue Kline

Acolytes: 8:55 a.m. – Emma Ertel and Herbert Dunkelberger

10:25 a.m. – Alex Scheffler and Jonathan Maurek

Attendance: November 12, 2017 8:55 a.m. – 147

10:25 a.m. – 75

October	Income	Expense	Difference
General Acct	\$36,235.85	\$37,757.11	-\$ 1,521.26
Other Accts	\$15,922.27	\$39,572.63*	-\$23,650.36

Year to date

General Acct	\$331,660.15	\$404,989.79	-\$73,329.64
Other Accts	\$122,688.39	\$123,060.19	-\$ 371.80

* Reflects \$32,520. towards Sewer billing (75% of payment owed).