

SAINT PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Fleetwood, Pennsylvania  
July 9, 2017

**GATHERING PRAYER**

*Dear God, More of you. Less of Me. As I sit in this sacred place, surrounded by my brothers and sisters in faith, I pray for a morning of inspiration and a time where I might truly be filled with the light of Your love. You call each of us to be disciples in our own way and in your own way. Sometimes that means giving up just a little of what we think we want or need in exchange for what you know we truly need in our lives. God, I give myself to you and pray once again that there might be more of you and less of me this day. Amen.* JWF

**INTROIT**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 459

**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)** "Two-part Invention in C" J.S. Bach

**PRELUDE: (10:25)** "In the Garden" Kathi Fry, soloist  
(Congregation Standing)

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

**All: (singing) Amen!**

Pastor: Beloved of God, the winter is past, the flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come. Let us lift our voices in praise to our Creator. *Song 2:11-12*

**All (singing):** *For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our grateful hymn of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our grateful hymn of praise.*

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Henry Andrew Gawrys (8:55) see page 7

**PENITENCE**

Pastor: Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take your yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *Matt. 11:28-30*

**All:** **Loving God, we spend so much energy focusing our own concerns that we sometimes forget about your presence in our lives. We find it hard to view what is happening around us through any eyes but our own. We obey our own passions rather than joining together to act for the good of all. Forgive us, dear God, for the sins that we've committed both through those things that we've done and those things that we've failed to do. Renew us and help us to accept Your gift of grace for our lives. Amen**

*Silent prayers of confession*

Pastor: Trust in the grace and love of our living God. Through Jesus Christ, you have been forgiven and renewed!

**All (singing):** *For thy Church which evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our grateful hymn of praise.*

*For the love of Christ, God's Son  
Love poured out as sacrifice.  
Grace to all our victory won,*



**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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:55 A.M.)**

- 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**

**WELCOME** joyful Willing Workers class in the Conference Room. Also, Adult Bible Study is held Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings. See Announcement sheets in the bulletin for details.

**QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS**

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

**CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**  
Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, we call you 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 and grows in Christ?

- Activity bags for children can be found on a rack in the Narthex.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
(For the week of July 9, 2017)

**People:** The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Dennis and Nancy Boyer in loving memory of Charles and Carrie Breidegam and Raymond Boyer.  
**Pastor:** Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the true God. Do you believe in God?  
The **Bulletins** are sponsored by Michael and Joan Richards

**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.

**PRAYER OF BAPTISM**

**ACT OF BAPTISM**

**PRAYER FOR THE CHILD**

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