

SAINT PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Fleetwood, Pennsylvania
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 2017

GATHERING PRAYER

Today, O God, help me receive your revelation that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. It is in his name I pray. Amen.

INTROIT

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "More Love to You, O Christ" No. 456

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) "All Good Gifts" from Godspell ... Stephen Schwartz

PRELUDE (10:25) "Be Still My Soul" K. Jobe and J. Ingram vocal solo, Linda Young
(Congregation Standing)

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

All: (singing) Amen!

Pastor: Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

People: Who can proclaim the mighty acts of God or fully declare his praise?

Pastor: Blessed are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right. Come, let us greet this great God with our hymn of praise!

*All (singing) O worship the King, all glorious above,
 O gratefully sing His power and His love;
 Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
 Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.*

*O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
 Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
 His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
 And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.*

Pastor: Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

People: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us.

Pastor: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.

During the singing of this hymn, families will bring forward the children to be baptized.

*All (singing) Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
 And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
 Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.*

(The Congregation may be seated.)

Pastor: As we come to this font of living water, let us recall the meaning of baptism. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

People: For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, Jews or Greeks, slaves or free and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Pastor: Baptism is the sacrament through which we are united to Jesus Christ and given part in Christ's ministry of reconciliation. Baptism is the visible sign of an invisible event: the reconciliation of people to God. It shows the death of self and the rising to a life of obedience and praise. It shows also

the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on those whom God has chosen. In baptism, God works in us the power of forgiveness, the renewal of the Spirit, and the knowledge of the call to be God's people always.

People: **This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.**

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS AND SPONSORS

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as *he/she* lives and grows in Christ?

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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

People: **I believe in God.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray
Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water. By your Holy Spirit save those who confess the name of Jesus Christ that sin may have no power over them. Create new life in the one baptized this day that *she/he* may rise in Christ. Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was, and is, and shall always be, world without end. Amen.

ACT OF BAPTISM

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:55) *"Be Still My Soul"* K. Jobe and J. Ingram vocal solo, Linda young
SPECIAL MUSIC (10:25) *"All Good Gifts"* from Godspell ... Stephen Schwartz

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT **Romans 12:1-8**

CHORAL RESPONSE

Bless, O Lord we pray Thee, This Thy Holy Word. Help our hearts remember what our ears have heard. Amen.

SERMON

"Be The Church"
(Congregation Stands)

RESPONSIVE HYMN

"Jesus, I Live to You" NO. 457
(Congregation May Be Seated)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our Prayer, O Lord. Incline your ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY *"Offertory on Amazing Grace"* D. Burton
(Congregation Stands)

DOXOLOGY *(singing)*

*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

"I Would Be True"

No. 492

THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL SENDING

"Hallelujah"

CHIMES

THE POSTLUDE

"Built on a Rock"

L. Lindeman



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

Theodore Brooks Campbell

Oliver Michael Campbell

Sons of Stephen and Caroline Campbell

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:25 A.M.)

Blake Christopher Boyer

Son of Laura Boyer and Elizabeth Teeters

Deegan Eric Zook

Son of Nathaniel and Jennifer Zook

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 August 27, 2017)

The **Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Laura Walizer in honor of Seth’s birthday.

The **Bulletins** are sponsored by Kathi and Jim Fry in honor of Zachariah's 13th birthday.

The **Upper Room Publication** for this month is sponsored by Michael and Joan Richards in memory of Dale J. Richards.

Coffee Time Sponsor: Barb and Mike Werner

Ushers: 8:55 a.m. – Stephen Maurek, Linda Schaeffer, Dennis Wanner, Steve Wentz

10:25 a.m. – Allen Crockett, Ian McKinney, Heidi Pierce, Chris Vojtasek

Readers: 8:55 a.m. – Ro Wolf 10:25 a.m. – Sue Creswell

Acolytes: 8:55 a.m. – Herbert Dunkelberger and Jaiden Valick

10:25 a.m. – Parker Milyo and Emma Ertel

Attendance: August 20, 2017 8:55 a.m. – 127 10:25 a.m. – 59

July	Income	Expense	Difference
General Acct	\$42,036.52	\$37,851.88	\$ 4,184.64
Other Accts	\$ 1,897.67	\$ 4,468.51	-\$ 2,570.84
Year to date			
General Acct	\$240,367.51	\$276,212.69	-\$35,845.18
Other Accts	\$ 69,120.72	\$ 61,875.42	\$ 7,245.30