



**ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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Sunday School: 9:30 A.M. Worship: 11:00 A.M.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 24, 2021

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain, Pastor

Come, Grow, Serve

*Indicates that the congregation stands

PRELUDE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Mussoud

(During the prelude, let us be in silence preparing our hearts for worship.)

SILENT PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

God of strength, in David you chose a king with a big heart. Create clean and willing hearts in us, and choose us to do your work. Amen.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Ever-calling God, We give thanks that you have gathered us into your church and graced us with your faithful presence.

**Many: We ponder our history, ancient and still developing,
and marvel at the many expressions of your church.**

One: Grant us the vision to be a part of this new moment in your Church that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world.

All: Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us, into Jesus' vision and dream that your faithful people may be one in you. Amen

* **OPENING MUSIC** #31 (1st verse) "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of love and power, we listen to the stories of miracles and doubt that these things can happen today. We look at the waves of misfortune, distress, misery, distrust, and anger and wonder how we can still those waves. We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives, threatening to drown us and wonder where you are. Forgive us for the littleness of our faith. Forgive us for our doubts. Help us to place out trust in you, Lord Jesus. Help us to fix our eyes on you and on the ministries to which you have called us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

* **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

* **GLORIA PATRI** #734

TIME FOR CHILDREN

David is Chosen

ANTHEM	“Autumn Blessings” Patty Snarr and Mary Catlett	Julia Ring Danley Lambert
SCRIPTURE	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Joe Lehnen
SERMON	“What’s On the Inside”	
MUSIC FOR REFLECTION	“This is My Father's World”	Massoud

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER (using “debts” and “debtors”)

***DOXOLOGY #34**

***OFFERING DEDICATION**

***CLOSING MUSIC** page #373

“Change My Heart, O God”

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Faith of Our Fathers”

Mussoud

Pianists: Patty Snarr and Mary Catlett

Music Director: Mary Catlett

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS/PRAYER LIST

WELCOME! Whether you are a guest or a member, we are thankful you are here today, and we welcome you in the name of Christ.

MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. PAUL'S UCC - To be a welcoming church that lives by faith, is known by love, and is a voice of hope to the world.

VISION STATEMENT OF ST. PAUL'S UCC – Helping people discover and live out God’s purpose for their lives, and sharing Christ’s love through inspiring music, engaging youth programming and meaningful outreach.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS Enjoy this wonderful autumn season!

LOOKING FOR NURSERY HELPERS - Beginning Oct. 24, St. Paul's will be reopening its nursery for children 5 and younger for each Sunday that there is not Junior Church. To do this means we need two (2) helpers - one needs to be 18 or over, and the other can be in middle or high school. If interested, please contact Rod Chamberlain at drodchamberlain@gmail.com or call or text 808-348-0013. Thanks for supporting these little ones - and their parents!



REMINDERS:

- October 25 – Newsletter articles for November are due
25 – 1:30 p.m. Repurposing Gathering Info – section #2
30 – Men’s Breakfast at the Brewhouse
30 – 1:00 a.m. Halloween on Main Street
31 – All Saints Sunday
- November 7 – Veteran’s Sunday, Junior Church, swag/poinsettia order forms go out, Daylight Saving Time ends
(clocks fall back)
14 – Food bags due for dedication
21 – Swag orders due
29 – Poinsettia orders due

BIRTHDAYS for this week:

- October 24 – Faye Cullers
24 – Annette Petrick Gentry
25 – Mary Payne
26 – Bobby Grubbs
27 – Micah Holland
30 – Ellie Overman
31 – Ellen Markel

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PRAYERS and CARDS

Donna Babcock	Nora Long
The family of Serena Click	Cheri May
Margie Cook	Spencer McIntosh
Martin Cullers	Bonnie Painter
Carol Czarneski	Jessie Payne
Dr. Jerry Germroth	Jack Sheetz
Randy and Valorie Hockman	Craig Smith
Wes Irvin	Jack Sullivan
Jake Johnson	Dee Tisinger
Daniel Rohne Kasten	Pete Wright
The family of Larry Lambert	