

# St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

January 12, 2020 ~ Baptism of the Lord

**Welcome and Announcements** ~ The Rev. Paul V. Stunkel

**Prelude** ~ Leigh Emmett

**Focus Moment** ~ Hymn Writer: Carl P. Daw, Jr.

**Call to Worship** (from Isaiah 42) ~ *responsive* ~ Judy McGregor, liturgist

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; let God's praise circle the earth!

**Men: Let the sea roar and all that fills it. Let coastlands praise the Creator God!**

**Women: Let the desert sing. And towns lift up voice. Praise.**

Leader: Let them give glory to the Lord. And declare the Lord's praise.

*\*you are invited to stand as you are able*

**\*Hymn #53** ~ "O God, Who Gives Us Life"

**\*Psalm Prayer** ~ *in unison*

**Lord God Almighty, by the power of your Spirit we can sing "Glory!" with the angels and praise you with all of creation.**

**Holy God, receive the worship of those for whom you sent your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Passing the Peace** ~ *You are invited to greet one another with signs of peace.*

**Children's Message** ~ *All children are invited. At the conclusion, children ages 3 and above have the option to participate in supervised Sunday School.*

**Breathing Prayer**

**Response** ~ "*Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken*"

*Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that began creation, listen even if you don't understand.*

**New Testament** ~ Acts 10:34-48 ~ in dialogue

**Anthem** ~ "Here I Am, Lord" (T. Ayers) ~ St. Paul's Singers

**Gospel** ~ Matthew 3:13-17 ~ as translated in The Message

**Message** ~ The Rev. Jo Morgan, Parish Associate

**\*Hymn #303** ~ "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian"

**Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons**

Leader: There are different gifts,

**All: but it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

Leader: There are different ways of serving God,

**All: but it is the same Lord who is served.**

Leader: God works through different people in different ways,

**All: but it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.**

Leader: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

**All: to use it for the common good.**

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,

**All: and individually members of him.**

### **Presentation and Constitutional Questions**

#### **Laying on of Hands and Prayer**

Leader: Will we who witness these promises of service do all in our power to support these persons as they lead us?

**\*Affirmation of our Common Faith ~ The Apostles' Creed (traditional)~ p. 35**

#### **Welcome to Shared Ministry**

**Hymn #303 ~ "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian" ~ verse 4**

#### **Recognition of Trustees**

**Commitment of Tithes and Offerings** ~ *If you are seated on the center aisle, please sign the friendship pad, include your email address, and pass it down the pew so that all have the opportunity to sign and learn the names of others.*

#### **Offertory**

**\*Doxology** ~ *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

#### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*The Lord's Prayer** ~ *in unison*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #163 ~ "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"**

#### **\*Benediction**

#### **\*Postlude**

**Next week's scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7, John 1:29-42**

The flowers are presented today by...  
†Joyce MacLennan in memory of Dave MacLennan

*Glory to God* hymn preference on Sunday, January 5:  
#506 - *“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table!”*

**To be ordained, installed and recognized today:**

**Jeff Velis**—ordained and installed as Ruling Elder, Class of 2022

**Chery Nicholas and Suzanne Tabaka**—installed as Ruling Elders, Class of 2022

**Mike Graham**—installed as Ruling Elder, Class of 2021

**Jan Lapenta**—installed as Ruling Elder, Class of 2020

**Gary Pritchard**—ordained and installed as Deacon, Class of 2022

**Mike Weber**—installed as Deacon, Class of 2022

**Karen Bright**—ordained and installed as Deacon, Class of 2020

**To be recognized:**

**Trustees** - Class of 2022: Cameron Barsy, Allen Nicholas, and Steve Smith

**Foundation Trustee** - Class of 2024: Rich Sherby

Upcoming calendar dates to note:

Sunday, January 19 - ROMANS 12:4

Monday, January 20 - Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**ALL Annual Reports are due NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, JANUARY 21!!!**

Sunday, February 2 - Annual Meeting of the Congregation and “Souper Bowl” Sunday!  
You may make a donation in support of your favorite team and the proceeds will support Crossroads Soup Kitchen in Detroit.





Our next **ROMANS** event will take place next Sunday, January 19th following worship. We will be making necklaces to donate to the Deacons for BINGO prizes. This was a creative time of fellowship and service last year. The necklaces were so popular last year that the residents have been clamoring for more! We need lots of hands for this sit down, simple craft project! **Please mark your calendar, plan to join us, and sign up in the lobby!**

*Kathy Potter, Coordinator of Christian Education*

**Adult Sunday Forums:** The *Christian Century* class meets on Sundays at 9:00AM in room 9. Please consider stopping in to this engaging and relevant class addressing the church and our role in the world today. The class discusses current events as presented in the magazine of the same name.

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: **Prayer Gatherings** to pray for our church community, ministries, members, and leadership take :  
: place at 6:30PM in the Parlor prior to committee meetings (generally on the first Tuesday of :  
: each month). (**NOTE:** No gatherings on the third Tuesday). **All** are encouraged to attend, :  
: especially anyone who is coming to meetings that night. We are praying through the :  
: directory as well as accepting prayer requests which can be left in Kathy Potter's mailbox or :  
: emailed to [christianeducator@stpaulspresbyterian.church](mailto:christianeducator@stpaulspresbyterian.church). If you are unable to attend, :  
: consider setting aside this or another time to pray for your church family and ministries. :  
: **"For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them." Matthew 18:20.** :  
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The **Pulpit Nominating Committee** thanks you for your patience and prayers as we seek to find St. Paul's next pastor. As this is a **confidential process**, **we ask that you respect our privacy as the committee works through the process.** We understand you are anxious, however, we seek to maintain the integrity of this search. We will provide details once they are available to be shared with everyone. Thank you again for your patience.



**St. Paul's Policy:** If Livonia Public Schools are closed for a weather-related reason, St. Paul's is closed and **ALL meetings and/or events for the day and evening are cancelled. NO exceptions.** Please watch for closing information on the news early in the day or go to the Livonia Public Schools website.



St. Paul's participates in the "2 cents per meal" Presbyterian Hunger Program. Each time we have a community meal, banks are placed on the tables and all are encouraged to contribute. The money collected supports local hunger programs, including our own Food Pantry. If you would like to participate at home, please pick up a bank in the office.

This is an ongoing ministry, so if you fill a bank, you are always welcome to start a new one!

**St. Paul's Per Capita assessment obligation for 2020 is \$5,101.85 which translates to approximately \$32.00 per member listed on the official roll.** Requesting each member to voluntarily donate their portion of this assessment lessens the impact on the General Fund. An envelope was included in your January packet. The envelope also lists a voluntary opportunity to donate the same amount to our Shared Mission obligation. Thank you!

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 \* From the Board of Deacons: \*  
 \* Chancel Flowers and \*  
 \* Food Baskets \*  
 \* Envelopes for ordering are in the office. \*  
 \* Payment of \$20.00 is required at the time \*  
 \* the order is placed. \*  
 \* The flower chart in the lobby is \*  
 \* available to reference availability only. \*  
 \* Please DO NOT write on the chart, \*  
 \* but check for available dates \*  
 \* BEFORE ordering. \*  
 \* Flowers may be placed from February 9 \*  
 \* through November 22, 2020 \*  
 \* Food Baskets may be \*  
 \* designated for any Sunday. \*  
 \* Donations for food baskets support the \*  
 \* outreach ministries of the Deacons. \*  
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**BOARD OF DEACONS FOOD PANTRY**  
 Donations of the following items are always gratefully accepted!

Each bag contains: a roll of paper towels, a large roll of toilet tissue, 1 large or 2 small cans of tuna, 1 can of meat (SPAM, etc.), 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese, 2 cans of soup, 2 cans of vegetables, 1 can of fruit, 1 box of gelatin, 1 package of pasta, 1 can of pasta sauce, 1 can of pasta (ravioli, etc.), 1 package of a side dish (potatoes, rice dishes, tuna helper, etc.), 1 sleeve of crackers (saltines or graham), 1 box of cereal, 1 jar of peanut butter, 1 jar of jelly or jam, and sample sized toiletries.

**Here are some things we need, please:**



**SEALED WRAPPED** plastic ware to donate to Crossroads Soup Kitchen. A collection box is in the office.

**SWIVEL-STYLE PLASTIC HANGERS** for the dresses. Please place in the **smallest** lobby shopping cart.



**NEWSPAPER** - just the printed pages - no inserts - for the community garden project. A box is under the lobby sign-up table.



## ***Stewardship***

### **Weekly Stewardship**

January 5, 2020  
General Fund: \$4,779.00

Building Improvement Fund: \$1,160.00

Where some of your tithes and offerings go:  
Consumers Energy: \$1,976.56

**2020 Pledge update as of December 31, 2019**

**General Fund**  
**49 pledging units: \$137,437.00**

**Building Improvement Fund**  
**27 pledging units: \$32,114.00**



### **THE WEEKLY OFFICE SCHEDULE IS:**

**Monday - Work day for Pastor Paul and Wanda IN THE OFFICE.**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday -  
Regular Office hours - 9:00AM - 5:00PM.**

**Tuesday and Thursday Evening  
Office hours - 6:00PM – 9:00PM**

**Friday-Closed.**

## *In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

Carol Townsend, Joyce Barton, Pam Phillips  
Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Bill Dust  
Nola Bonandrini, Tamar Duthie  
Frank & Nancy Saunders, Janet Pridgeon  
Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth  
Anita Falk, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz  
Lila Hindmarsh, Susan Grant, Grace Campbell  
Bruce Phillips, Barbara Kett  
Katie Potter ~ granddaughter of Kathy Potter  
Christine Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright  
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley  
John Barclay ~ uncle of Steve Boyak  
Dorothy Farquhar ~ aunt of Eric  
Eli Nicholas ~ father of Allen  
Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham  
Mark Osborne ~ son of Janet  
Sarah & Mason Young ~ cousins of Judy McGregor  
Tony S. ~ cousin of Gail Artinian  
Diane Calloway ~ cousin of Gail Artinian  
MaryAnn Tabaka ~ mother of Suzanne  
Eric Tabaka ~ nephew of Suzanne  
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris  
Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour  
David Bonandrini ~ son of Nola & Ben  
Zoe Marcus ~ friend of Karen Erwin  
Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook  
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips  
Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo  
Leslie Benoit ~ daughter of Tamar Duthie  
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison  
Adam Schilling ~ grandson of Ron & Janet Frank  
Eric Schilling ~ grandson of Ron & Janet Frank  
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta  
Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis  
Jill Haddox ~ friend of Connie Shoup

**Please review the prayer list and report any changes to the office as soon as possible.**

## Calendar for January 12 - January 19, 2020

### Sunday, January 12

9:00AM *Christian Century Forum*.....9

10:15AM Worship.....Sanctuary

### Monday, January 13

### Tuesday, January 14

5:30PM PNC.....

6:00PM Foundation.....9

7:00PM Deacons.....16

7:30PM NA.....J/K

### Wednesday, January 15

### Thursday, January 16

9:30AM Bridge.....Genesis Lobby

6:00PM Ringers Rehearsal.....F

6:30PM Singers Rehearsal.....F

7:30PM NA.....J/K

7:30PM AA/Alanon.....Genesis Lobby/9/22

### Friday, January 17

### Saturday, January 18

### Sunday, January 19

9:00AM *Christian Century Forum*.....9

10:15AM Worship.....Sanctuary



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current St. Paul's information, now  
including the weekly bulletin!

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**The Rev. Joanne Morgan**

Parish Associate

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**feeding people- body, mind, and spirit.**

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