

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

November 24, 2019

Christ the King/Thanksgiving Sunday

Welcome ~ The Rev. Paul V. Stunkel

Prelude ~ "Give Thanks" (arr. Hayes) ~ Leigh Emmett

Opening Sentences - from Philippians ~ *responsive* ~ Ric Barsy, Liturgist

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

All: Celebrate God all day long. Revel in the Lord!

Leader: Do not worry about anything.

All: Instead of fretting, pray.

Let praise and petition shape your anxiety into prayer.

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

***Hymn #559** ~ "We Gather Together"

***Prayer** ~ *in unison*

**God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
you gave us your Son, the beloved one who was rejected,
the Savior who appeared defeated.**

Yet the mystery of his kinship illumines our lives.

**Show us in his death the victory that crowns the ages,
and in his broken body the love that unites heaven and earth.**

**We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

***Passing the Peace** ~ *You are invited to greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*

Children's Time ~ *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" ~ *sing twice*

***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.***

Hebrew Scripture ~ Jeremiah 23:5-8 ~ p. 725 O.T.

Anthem ~ "Simple Gifts" (Shaker traditional) ~ St. Paul's Singers

Epistle ~ Philippians 4:4-7 ~ p. 198 N.T.

Gospel ~ Luke 21:1-4 ~ p. 85 N.T.

Message ~ “Gratitude and Delight”

***Hymn #560** ~ “*We Plow the Fields and Scatter*”

Prayers of Community

Offering ~ **Bringing our gratitude in offering and pledge**

Offertory ~ “*Come, Ye Thankful People Come*”(arr. Smith)

***Doxology #593** ~ “*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** ~ “*Give Thanks*”

***Benediction**

***Postlude** ~ “*Lead On, O King Eternal*”(arr. Smith)

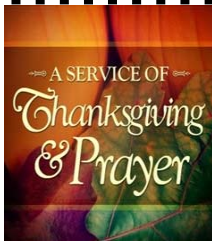
The flowers are presented today by...

**Livonia Community Theatre in honor of and with gratitude to
St. Paul’s for all they share with others. So thankful for their gifts.**



Highlights from the November 19 Council Meeting...

- ◆ Joanne Morgan will be the Parish Associate, preaching when Paul is not available
- ◆ Christmas Eve services are at 4:00PM and 10:00PM
- ◆ Congregational Meeting called for December 1 for the purpose of electing officers



All are invited to the Livonia Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Tuesday, November 26 from 7-8PM at the Felician Sisters Convent Chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft Rd. Please bring a non-perishable food item which will be donated to The Livonia Emergency Food Assistance Program.



Medium sized sturdy cardboard boxes are needed for transporting the packaged cookies on December 8. If you have some to donate, please bring them to Kathy Potter on or before December 8.



Our Annual **Cookies for Crossroads** ROMANS 12:4 event is just around the corner! As usual, **180 dozen homemade Christmas Cookies** have been requested to add some joy to the at-risk rural youth of western Michigan served by Crossroads! That's a lot of cookies!! **Sunday, December 8th following worship**, we will gather for a meal, a brief carol sing and

decorating and boxing of the Christmas cookies you provide! **Please sign up** in the lobby indicating attendance and cookie donation details. The event needs advance planning and coordination, so please sign up early!! All are encouraged to participate! We will have activities for all mobility levels!! It's a time of festivity and fellowship! See you there!

Kathy Potter, Coordinator of Christian Education



**Redford Civic
Symphony
Concert**

**Sunday, December 8 @3:00PM
Sanctuary**

Adult Sunday Forums: The *Christian Century* class and video series *Letters to the Church* by Francis Chan meet on Sundays at 9:00AM in rooms 9 and 11, respectively. Please consider stopping in to either of these engaging and relevant classes addressing the church and our role in the world today. *The Christian Century* class discusses current events as presented in the magazine of the same name. *Letters to the Church* looks at the church today in light of the church of the biblical church.

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. 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.**



CARES of Farmington Hills has been selected by the Faith Formation Committee to be the recipient of our **2019 Giving Tree** collection! CARES of Farmington Hills serves Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Redford and other surrounding communities in a variety of ways. Their food and clothing pantry are open Tuesday through Saturday by appointment. They offer, but do not receive funding for, **toiletry items** and so are usually very short on these items. Beginning **Sunday, December 1st** we will be collecting the following items: **soap, shampoo, conditioner, baby shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, feminine sanitary supplies, small hand sanitizers, small boxes of band-aids, etc.** Please consider making a donation. We will be accepting items **through Sunday, January 5th**. Your generosity will bring a bit of **JOY** to someone in need and, most likely to **you**, too!



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.

**All women are cordially invited to Sarah Circle
Wednesday, December 4**

at noon in Room 9

Please bring a lunch and the study book Beatitudes from the Back Side

Questions? Please contact Georgia Hunt at 734.427.3493.



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!



"Crack Open a Hymn

Book"

Sunday, January 5, 2020

A special time of opening the new hymnal "*Glory to God*," inserting the honor/memorial plates, and exploring the songs included.

Lunch will be provided!

Stewardship

Weekly Stewardship

November 17, 2019
General Fund: \$

Building Improvement Fund: \$

Where some of your tithes and offerings go:
DTE-October: \$694.95

FYI

For Your Information

Regular office hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00AM to 5:00PM. The office is also open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00PM until 9:00PM. Pastor Paul's day off is Friday and the office is closed on Friday.

Mondays continue to be reserved as "prep" day **in the office** for Pastor Paul and Wanda.

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, Lucille Ladouceur
Susan Grant, Grace Campbell
Bruce Phillips, Barbara Kett
Katie Potter ~ granddaughter of Kathy Potter
Christine Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Frank Stasa, Jr. ~ friend of Don & Meta Tulley
Janet Kusahara ~ 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
Henry Alexander ~ friend of Ron & Janet Frank
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
Marcy Hare ~ daughter of Lucille Ladouceur
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
Eric Schilling ~ grandson of Ron & Janet Frank
Dottie Kinville ~ mother of Jeff Kinville
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 November 24 - December 1, 2019

Sunday, November 24

9:00AM *Christian Century Forum*.....9
9:00AM *Letters to the Church Forum*.....11
10:15AM **Worship**.....Sanctuary

Monday, November 25

Tuesday, November 26

5:30PM PNC.....9
6:00PM SOLAR.....Social Hall
7:30PM NA.....J/K

Wednesday, November 27

Thursday, November 28

Friday, November 29

Saturday, November 30

Sunday,  **Advent** - December
1 9:00AM

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**Congregational Meeting following
worship to elect officers**

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Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): www.pcusa.org

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church...
feeding people- body, mind, and spirit.

*Unified in Christ, our mission is to bring people to
Jesus by practicing God's will for our lives through
worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and
mission!*

SPPC Mission Statement

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