

**St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion  
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
October 31, 2021 - Pastor Tim Funk**

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Welcome & Life at St. Paul's (announcements)

Opening Scripture: Revelation 5:11-13

Chorus of Praise led by Praise Team  
"Now Is the Time"

Affirmation of Faith # 889 (from 1 Timothy)

Chorus of Praise led by Praise Team  
"Sanctuary"

Prayers of the People of God & The Lord's Prayer ("debts")

Scripture Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:7-11, 16-18

Sermon: "Following Jesus? Persecution Will Follow!" Part 2

Chorus of Praise led by Praise Team  
"In Your Hands"

Benediction

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**Through the end of the year** there will be one, streamlined worship service at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary to minimize contact and the spread of COVID.

**Masking policy statement:** *"We hope that you will wear a mask indoors if you are not fully vaccinated. Please respect others choices to wear a mask or not." The Worship/ Leadership Council*

During worship we offer children's activities. Children will be dismissed after the opening announcements.

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**Today's Scripture reader is Eric Grove.**

**Today's altar flowers**

are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. J. M. Hyson, who bequeathed gifts to our church as well as other community institutions.

**Our Church Conference** is set for Sunday, November 7, 11 AM in the Sunday school room immediately following worship. Since our District Superintendent, Cathy Boileau led the conference last year, she has asked Pastor Tim to lead it this year. All members of St. Paul's are eligible to attend and vote on the issues presented.

**Bible Study** continues on Tuesday at 7 PM in the Sunday school room. Pastor Tim leads the group each Tuesday evening during the fall, winter and spring. The Book of Jeremiah is the focus, starting at chapter 5. All are welcome to attend.

**Leadership Council-** our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 18 at 7 PM in the Lounge.

**Preschool openings** are still available for the 2021-2022 School Year! St. Paul's offers the 2-day and 3-day classes. This year, eligible 3 day students may also choose to participate in a 5-day program. Additional information can be obtained by calling the church office at 717-244-2355 or on our website at [www.saintpauls-um.com](http://www.saintpauls-um.com).

**Dear Church Members-**for the past 5 years, the congregations of the Red Lion Area have supported The Den program. Once again, The Den Program will meet at Mazie Gable Elementary School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 3:30-5:00 PM. The program will begin on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 and end on Thursday, May 19, 2022. There are 2 ways that you can help to make the program a continued success. First, you can volunteer your time and help a child with their homework, or you could donate one of the following items for the students: an individually packaged snack or 8 oz. bottles of water. Please contact The Den Coordinator, Andrea Rider at [thedenforkids@gmail.com](mailto:thedenforkids@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer to be a part of this successful program or if you have any questions. Thank you! Andrea Rider, Den Coordinator

**"Great News!!!"** The Red Lion and Dallastown School Districts have agreed to begin a **Fellowship of Christian Athletes Chapter** at their respective high schools. The chapters are now in their planning stage with Mr. Bryant Holtzapple as representative and leader. Mr. Holtzapple is a Dallastown High and George Washington University graduate. Funds will be needed for FCA to begin this ministry, as all FCA staff fundraise the support to cover ministry expenses. Bryant is searching for monthly funding

amounting to \$3,600. Giving can be completed online at [my.fca.org/BHoltzapple](http://my.fca.org/BHoltzapple). Bryant can be reached at [bholtzapple@fca.org](mailto:bholtzapple@fca.org) or 717-881-9876. Our hope is that many Christians will realize the importance of this valuable ministry and decide to enlist their support! Many Blessings!!!

#### Attention Ladies!

**Author, Speaker Lysa Terkeurst is coming to our area on Saturday, November 13 at 7 PM!** She will be at Genesis Church (formerly Grace Fellowship) in Seven Valleys. I read her book "It's Not Supposed To Be This Way" and it is FANTASTIC!! Tickets are \$35 and all seats are general admission. If you would like to go, you can purchase a ticket off of the Genesis Church website or let me know. If there are enough women interested, we can carpool from our church and head over. If you purchase a ticket but find you are unable to go, you will have to find someone to take your spot. Let me know as quickly as you can. I imagine the tickets are going quickly. Sharon Funk

**Scripture readers-** a sign-up sheet has been placed on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for now through the end of December. Please consider signing up for this important part of the worship service. If you have questions, please call the church office at 717-244-2355. Thank you.

**POINSETTIA ORDERS** can be placed using the envelopes on the tables at the rear of the sanctuary. The cost this year for a 6" potted plant will be \$10.00 each. Orders can be placed in the offering plates or dropped by the church office. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul's U.M. Church. **Deadline for placing an order is Sunday, November 21, 2021.** We are hoping to fill our "tree" again this year to add to the beauty of our sanctuary, which takes 35 plants. Please consider purchasing some to help "shape out" our tree!

**TREE of LIGHTS** is again being offered for this Christmas season. This is an opportunity to honor or memorialize loved ones and important people in your life or in that of St. Paul's Church life. It also provides an opportunity to give a year-end gift to St. Paul's. Please see the enclosed form in today's bulletin for more details. **Deadline to have yours included in the Christmas Eve bulletin is December 15<sup>th</sup>.** Additional forms are available on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience. Thank you.

**Found-** a light blue and chrome Zak! travel mug was left here in the sanctuary last weekend. **Also found-** a Sam's Club membership card with the member number ending in 0074 was found in the parking lot. If either of these belong to you, please contact the church office. Thank you.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
45 First Avenue, PO BOX 250  
Red Lion, PA 17356  
October 31, 2021, 10:00 AM

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost  
"Following Jesus? Persecution Will Follow!"



Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
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## **Additional Announcements**

A **special thank you** is spoken to Madalene Sheeley and her family for the donation of her sheet music to St. Paul's Church to be used for the continuation of piano and organ music here in Madalenes' honor.

**Hanging of the Greens** will be Saturday, November 27th at 9 AM. Volunteers are needed, no need to mask if fully vaccinated.

Our **"Sounds of Christmas" program**, featuring St. Paul's musicians will be on Sunday, December 19th at 10 AM in the sanctuary.

A **special craft project** is planned for Dec. 19th right after the 10 AM Worship service in the adult Sunday school room. More information on this will follow in the near future.

Our **Christmas Eve Candlelight service** will be at 8 PM in the sanctuary. Only one service is planned.

**Norma Vasellas and family** would like to thank everyone for their cards and kind thoughts in honor of her 95th birthday.

**It's time for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.** We still have plastic Operation Christmas Child plastic shoeboxes left over from last year. Therefore, you have two choices for your donations. First choice is to get one of the plastic shoeboxes and fill it for one child or you can bring in a donation of multiple items to be used to fill a shoebox. Gifts should be for girls or boys between the ages of 3 and 12 years of age. Items that could be donated are socks, stuffed animals, hair items like ribbons and barrettes, toothbrushes, small board games (etc.) NO food or liquids. Remember everything needs to fit into a container the size of a shoebox. Any donations can be given to Andrea or Bob in the church office by Sunday, November 14, 2021.

**Altar flowers and bulletin sponsorship spots** are still available for the balance of this year. See or call the church office for Sundays that are still open. Please consider signing up to honor or memorialize a loved one while helping to beautify our sanctuary. Thank you.

## **This Week's Activities at St. Paul's**

Today: Worship 10:00 AM (sanctuary)

Monday, Nov. 1st: Preschool 9:00 AM  
Preschool Committee 6:00 PM (Lounge)  
Handbells 7:00 PM (adult SS)

Tuesday, Nov. 2nd: Preschool 9:00 AM  
Cub Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)  
Bible Study 7:00 PM (adult SS)

Wednesday, Nov. 3rd: Preschool 9:00 AM  
Praise Team 6:00 PM (sanctuary)  
Boy Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)

Thursday, Nov. 4th: Preschool 9:00 AM

Friday, Nov. 5th: Preschool 9:00 AM

Saturday, Nov. 6th: Bob Blouse Memorial Svc. 10 AM (sanctuary)  
Masonic Hall Luncheon 10 AM-1:30 PM  
(Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)

**Update on Upcoming Maintenance Projects giving**— to date, a total of \$52,936.47 has been received towards the list of projects totaling over \$150,000. We thank you for your stewardship in this on-going project to keep the Lord's house maintained!

**Gift Cards still available for purchase**— Order forms for these are at the rear of the sanctuary. Completed orders can either be left in the church office, placed in the offering plate or given directly to Wanda Strickler. Card orders normally will be available in the church office after Wednesday of the following week unless otherwise noted. All of these can be used like any other gift card, the full face value of the card is what's available for spending and a percentage of the purchase of each card comes back to St. Paul's! Won't you consider purchasing some of these as a way of helping out our church? Thank you.

**The November-December Upper Rooms** are out at the rear of the sanctuary and in the center tower entrance for your convenience.

Tree Lighting Service  
Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.  
Christmas Eve Service  
St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
45 First Avenue  
Red Lion, PA

# Tree of Lights 2021

*Proceeds benefit the Current Expense Budget of  
St. Paul's United Methodist Church*

- You may sponsor a light on the Christmas Tree:
- In memory of a loved one
- To honor a family member, mentor or friend
- As a gift to help support church programs

**Please join us on Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
at 8:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary**

**Please Note!** - All light sponsorships received by December 15<sup>th</sup> will be displayed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.  
All light sponsorships received by December 31<sup>st</sup> will still be included in the final printing of the Scroll of Honor.

**\$500 = Red Light**

**\$100 = Blue Light**

**\$ 50 = Green Light**

**\$ 25 = Gold Light**

**\$ 10 = White Light**

(Sponsorship form on back)

## Registration Form

Person giving the Light \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF GIFT:

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

(list name as you would like it displayed on the Scroll of Honor)

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

(list name as you would like it displayed on the Scroll of Honor)

YEAR-END GIFT to St. Paul's United Methodist Church \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF LIGHT:                    \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 **Red** Light  
   \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 **Blue** Light  
   \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 50 **Green** Light  
   \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 25 **Gold** Light  
   \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 10 **White** Light

If you would also like to have an **Acknowledgement Letter** sent to the family of the person you are honoring, please tell us who you would like the Acknowledgement Letter sent to: (please supply complete mailing information as you know it so we can direct it to this person or family correctly. Thank you).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send your completed form & check to: St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
P O Box 250  
Red Lion PA 17356-0250

Forms must be received no later than December 15<sup>th</sup> to be included in the provisional Scroll of Honor, to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin. December 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline in the final printing of the Scroll of Honor, which will be included in the Memorial book in the Narthex.

**Questions? Please call the church office @ 717-244-2355.**