

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion
1st Sunday in Advent
November 27, 2022 – Pastor Chris Nauta
***standing as able**

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

Prelude

*Greeting: The Lord be with you!

And also with you

I was glad when they said to me

“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

For the sake of all who call upon the Lord,

“Let us say, “Peace be with you”.

*Opening Hymn #196: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
(*Ushers will collect Prayer Requests during this time*)

Prayers of the People of God / The Lord's Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – *The Tim Howell Family*
Hymn # 218: It Came upon the Midnight Clear – verse 4

Children's Message: What Is Advent?

The Giving of God's Tithes and Offerings-
Offertory: “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” *The Howell Family*

*The Doxology #94 (UMH)

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lessons: Old Testament: Isaiah 2:1-5

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

*Gloria Patri #70

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 24:36-44

*Congregational Response

*Hymn #389: Freely, Freely

Sermon: “Getting Ready For Christ”

*Closing Hymn #569: We've A Story to Tell to the Nations

*Benediction

Postlude

Children's Worship/Activities today- Children may go with Andrea Rider & Joni Horne following the children's message.

Today's altar flowers

are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles and Dora Loyer, presented by Mary & Jim Loyer.

Today's Scripture Reader is Sherry Chubb.

Those who serve this morning: Carol Gillmen, *Head Usher*
Rick Jensen, *Minister of Music*
Matt Maskaly & Timothy Nauta, *Sound/Video*
Andrea Rider & Joni Horne, *Children's Time*
Bob Strickler, *Organ*

This morning, there will be coffee available at the rear of the adult Sunday school room from 9 AM until the start of the 10 AM worship. This is on a “help yourself” basis. Snacks may be available at this time through donations.

Just a reminder that you can submit prayer requests online through our website (www.saintpauls-um.com). On the home page you will find a link to submit an online prayer request. When you fill out and submit it, the office and pastor will be notified about it. This is open to all, even those who are not a part of our church family.

Ladies Bible Study-will be held the 3rd Saturday of the month, from 9-10 AM in the adult Sunday school room. We will be studying “Jesus: Experiencing His Touch” (a study of Mark 1-6) by Kay & David Arthur. This is a no homework Bible study. During the sessions, we will answer and discuss the supplied questions together. Each session is designed to last about 40 minutes. It would be helpful if each participant had the book. Invite a friend! Questions? Call Mary Loyer at 717-424-8507.

Adult Sunday School- Join us this morning for our Adult Sunday School class, from 9:00 to 9:40 AM which meets in the Lounge (unless we're too big and then we'll move to the Sunday school area). Our study is on the Book of James and there is a study book

to accompany it. Please let Pastor Chris know if you are interested or if you have any questions or concerns.

As our Christmas Giving Project, we have decided to have our Tree of Giving again. Once we have our Christmas tree decorated in the sanctuary, Christmas Wish Lists for community children will be placed on the tree for the congregation to choose from. There will be more information closer to the time, but the most important detail is that this project will replace the Operation Christmas Child Project.

Please Note- Bob & Wanda Strickler will be out of town from Thurs., December 1st thru Tues., December 6th. The church office will be closed during this time. Regular office hours will resume on Wednesday, December 7th. Please have all announcements that you wish to have included in the December 4th bulletin in to the church office by Monday AM, November 28th. Thank you.

Join us for *Sounds of Christmas*, featuring St. Paul's special musical groups, on Sunday, December 18 at 10 AM in the sanctuary. A "*Craft & Cookie Social*", along with hot cider, coffee, tea & punch will be available in Fellowship Hall after the worship service. There will be make and take Christmas crafts for all ages. Any questions, contact Jodi Sprenkle at 717-757-3341.

Christmas Eve- St. Paul's will be offering two services this year. One at 7:00 PM, and one at 11:00 PM. Offerings received at both of these services will go to Community Reach to aid in their outreach mission to the Red Lion area.

Don't Forget – New Year's Eve Pork & Sauerkraut Supper, 5-7 PM in Fellowship Hall. Spread the word!

Christmas Day and New Year's Day Sunday's – we will be offering a very casual and brief service each of these days.

Special Note - Communion will be offered on Epiphany Sunday, January 8, 2023 rather than on January 1st as has been our custom recently. We look forward to seeing you for this service.

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