

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022 – Pastor Chris Nauta
***standing as able**

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

Prelude: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

*Greeting: The Lord be with you

And also with you

Blessed be the Lord.

Who alone does wondrous things.

Let us bless God's holy name,

Our God whose glory fills the earth.

*Opening Hymn #203: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"
(*Ushers will collect Prayer Requests during this time*)

Prayers of the People of God / Apostle's Creed #881

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – *Chris Nagle & Joni Horne*
Hymn #218: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" – **verse 3**

Children's Message: Advent: The Peace Candle

The Giving of God's Tithes and Offerings-

Offertory: "Breath of Heaven"

*The Doxology #94 (UMH)

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lessons: Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-10

Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

*Gloria Patri #70

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:1-12

*Congregational Response

*Hymn #63: "Blessed Be the Name" (sung twice)

Sermon: "An Angry Voice in the Wilderness"

Communion #890: Prayer of Confession
#9: Communion Liturgy

*Closing Hymn #234: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*Benediction

Postlude: "Angel's From the Realms of Glory"

Children's Worship/Activities today. Children may go with Andrea Rider & Sandy Brown following the children's message.

Today's Scripture reader is Bill Ritz.

Today's altar flowers

are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Emory & Clara Ritz and Richard Ritz by all of the family.

Those who serve this morning:

Susan Ferguson & Linda Howell, *Communion Stewards*

Amy Glock, *Piano*

Rick Jensen, *Minister of Music*

Matt Maskaly & Timothy Nauta, *Sound/Video*

Andrea Rider & Sandy Brown, *Children's Time*

Bill Ritz, *Head Usher*

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 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 will be 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. We meet in the Lounge. Our study is on the Book of James and there will be a study book to accompany it. Please let Pastor Chris know if you are interested or if you have any questions or concerns.

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 (Eat-In only). 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.

Many thanks to those who helped to **Hang the Greens** last Saturday, November 27th. Many hands made quick work! Amy & Tom Glock; Deb, Michael, Christopher & Matthew Maskaly; Natasha Maskaly & Robert Finch; Jean Helock; Sue & Bill Ritz; Rick Jensen; Chris Nagle; Sherry Chubb; Mike Smith; Pastor Chris, Becky, Tim and Jean Nauta.

Many thanks to the Worship Team and those who contributed to our luncheon last Sunday.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

45 First Avenue, P.O. Box 250

Red Lion, PA 17356-0250

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022, 10:00 AM



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This Week's Activities at St. Paul's

Christmas Poinsettias may be ordered using the envelopes on the tables at the rear of the sanctuary. The cost this year for a 6-1/2", 5+ bloom potted plant will be \$10.50 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 Thursday, December 8, 2022.

We are hoping to once again fill our "tree" up front, which takes at least 35 plants. Won't you consider helping to "shape up" our tree and beautify our sanctuary this Christmas season? Thank you!

The 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. The deadline to have yours included in the Christmas Eve bulletin is December 16th. Order forms will be included in your bulletins alternating weeks, as well as being available on the tables in the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience. Thank you!

Please note—There will be **NO** Children's Worship on the following Sundays due to the holidays and special programs: Sunday, December 18 and 25, 2022 and Sunday, January 1, 2023.

A Card Shower for Phyllis Frey has been requested by her family. She is turning 91 years young on December 6th. Please consider sending her a card or a note for her special day! Her address is:

**Mrs. Phyllis Frey
Amoroso Wellness Center
2830 Carol Rd., Rm 144
York, PA 17402**

Location change to note—Frayer Jamison—has moved to Pro-medica Care; 100 W. Queen St, Rm. 308A; Dallastown, PA 17313. Please consider sending Frayer a card or a note of encouragement as he settles into his new location.

Please Note—The church office continues to be closed until Wednesday, December 7th. Normal office hours will resume that day at 8:30 AM. For Pastoral emergencies, please call Pastor Chris' cell at 570-529-3466. Thank you.

Today: Adult Sunday School 9:00-9:40 AM (Lounge)
Coffee available 9:00—10 AM (rear of adult SS room)
Worship 10:00 AM — 2nd Sun. of Advent/Communion
Troop 28 COH/Christmas Party (FH)

Monday, Dec. 5th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Scoutmaster Meeting 6:30 PM (Scout Room)

Tuesday, Dec. 6th: Preschool 9 AM
Joyful Vibrations 7 PM (downstairs)
Cub Scouts (adult SS & F. H.)

Wednesday, Dec. 7th : Preschool 9:00 AM
Joy-El Kids 1:30 PM (adult SS)
Praise Team 6:30PM (sanctuary)
Boy Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)

Thursday, Dec. 8th : Preschool 9:00 AM
Troop Committee 6:30 PM (lounge)

Friday, Dec. 9th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Troop Lock-In Begins 6 PM-8 AM (FH)

Saturday, Dec. 10th: Smith Family Party 10AM-5PM (FH)

Sunday, Dec. 11th: Adult Sunday School 9 AM (lounge)
Coffee available 9-10 AM (rear adult SS)
Worship 10AM [3rd Sunday of Advent](#)
Brenneman Family Party 11AM-8PM (FH)

Gift Cards still available for purchase—This would be an easy way to do this year's Christmas shopping with little effort! 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. A percentage of the purchase of each card comes back to St. Paul's!* **No orders will be taken the week of December 4th. Any orders placed on November 27 will not be available for pick-up until December 11 due to Wanda being away. Please plan your purchases accordingly.** Thank you.

Tree of Giving— On the Christmas tree, at the front of the sanctuary, you will find Christmas wish lists for a number of community children. Each list includes the age and gender of each child along with some important information for gift ideas. Wrapped gifts should be turned in to Andrea or the church office by **Wednesday, December 21, 2022**. Please turn in the child's list from the tree with their gifts so we know who the gifts are for when they are taken to the families' homes. The gifts will be delivered to the families on Friday, December 23, 2022. Any questions contact Andrea at 717-449-9942 or andreast-paulsumc@gmail.com.

Tree of Giving—If you chose **GIRL # 19** from the Tree of Giving on Sunday, please notify Andrea at 717-449-9942 or andreast-paulsumc@gmail.com.

Prayer Requests Reminder—If you have a prayer request you would like to share with Pastor Chris and/or the congregation, please fill out one of the cards located in the pews and hand it to one of the ushers during the opening hymn. The card also has a side where you can indicate if you want the request spoken within the service, or kept for private prayer time. Please be sure to mark that as well.

St. Paul's Preschool continues to accept registrations for their 2, 3 & 5 Day classes for the 2022-2023 term. Pass the word around if you know someone looking for a reasonably-priced, church-based program for 3 to 4 year olds. Have them check it out on the church website (www.saintpauls-um.com), or call the church office for more information. There are informational brochures on the tables at the rear of the sanctuary and at the ramp door entrance. Registration Forms are available online, or from the church office as well. Thank you.

A note from the Postal Service— as you may be aware of, St. Paul's has a Post Office Box assigned to us (**P.O. Box 250**). **Please be advised that any mail received by the Red Lion Post Office without our P. O. Box 250 will be sent back to you, the sender, delaying receipt by the church.** This applies to packages coming in to the church by USPS as well. Here is an example of how our address should appear on your envelope or package:

**St Paul's U M Church
45 First Ave
P O Box 250
Red Lion, PA 17356-0250**

Thank you for keeping this in mind as you mail things to us.

Volunteer Opportunities for you.....

Extra help is needed for the Community Meal, which is now serving both inside, as well as take-out. Please consider helping out with this worthwhile outreach program. More hands make lighter (and less) work for all. See Wanda or Bob Strickler if interested or with additional questions. December 12 will be the last meal until March, 2023, as we shut down the months of Jan. & Feb. due to the weather.

Flower and Bulletin Sponsors for 2023— It's not too early to think about signing up for the New Year for altar flowers and/or bulletins. The 2023 sign-up register is in the church office on the desk. Thank you to all who sponsored these throughout 2022. If you signed up this year and want that similar spot in 2023, please let the office know. Otherwise, that spot may go to someone else, or not be filled without this information. Thank you!

Mission Central still needs your help for the flood and hurricane victims around the country! There are copies of an informational sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary which details what items they need for the Flood/Cleaning Buckets. Monetary donations are accepted. Thank you to all who have generously contributed to this cause thus far.

We have resumed traditional offering with the November 6th service. The Worship Team is happy to report that 5 people have agreed to serve as Head Ushers. *We thank them for their assistance!* They are: Carol Gillmen, Bill Ritz, Eric Grove and Dave/Missy Ehrhart and Nelson Cearfoss. The Head Usher at any given Sunday may ask members of the congregation to assist with ushering for offering and communion. Please consider helping them if you are able!

Looking ahead— **New Years Eve Pork & Sauerkraut dinner** is returning to St. Paul's. We will need helpers to seat & direct people, in the kitchen to cook and serve and for clean-up. Won't you consider helping out with this outreach program to make it a great come-back event? Let Wanda Strickler know if you are interested or have questions. Thank you!

Organizer Needed for the AMBA Wellness Testing Program held here at St. Paul's each April. After 13+ years of heading this, Kim Kopp is stepping down. This position involves contacts with AMBA, scheduling, advertising and scheduling volunteers to help that day. Kim will still avail herself as a helper. If you have questions, please give Kim a call at 717-244-7394 for more info.



Tree Lighting Service
Saturday, December 24th at 7:00 or 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Services
St. Paul's United Methodist Church
45 First Avenue, P.O. Box 250
Red Lion, PA 17356-0250

Tree of Lights 2022

*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 Saturday, December 24th
at either 7:00 or 11:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary**

Please Note! - All light sponsorships received by December 16th will be displayed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.
All light sponsorships received by December 31st 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)