

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Red Lion
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 11, 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

Let us rejoice at the coming of the Lord.

Let us rejoice with joy and singing.

The Mighty One has done great things for us.

Holy is the name of the Lord.

*Opening Hymn #211: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

(Ushers will collect Prayer Requests during this time)

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – *The Andrew Winter Family*

Hymn #218: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" – **verse 2**

Children's Message: The Best Gift Ever!

The Giving of God's Tithes and Offerings-

Offertory: "There's a Song in the Air" *Bill Ritz & Amy Glock*

*The Doxology #94 (UMH)

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lessons: Old Testament: Isaiah 35:1-10

Epistle: James 5:7-10

*Gloria Patri #70

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:2-11

*Congregational Response

*Hymn #219 "What Child Is This"

Sermon: "Awaiting..."

*Closing Hymn #240: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Today's Scripture reader is Joni Horne.

Today's altar flowers

are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joyce E. Seitz.

May 14th would have been her 87th birthday. She is missed every day. Presented by Joni Horne.

Those who serve this morning:

Amy Glock, *Piano Accompaniment*

Rick Jensen, *Minister of Music*

Matt Maskaly & Timothy Nauta, *Sound/Video*

Andrea Rider & Joni Horne, *Children's Time*

Bill Ritz, *Head Usher & Euphonium Solo*

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 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.

Next Sunday is our “Sounds of the Season”

service. In addition to the music, there will be a brief message and scripture. Afterwards you are all invited to Fellowship Hall to enjoy cookies, hot drinks and punch. Jodi Sprenkle and Ronda Vasellas will be conducting a Holiday Craft Workshop at the same time. It is for children AND ADULTS! It is not necessary for you to bring **anything**, but if you would like to contribute one dozen cookies (homemade or purchased) we will welcome them. Please bring them to the kitchen prior to the service in a container/tray labeled with your name. We hope that you will join us in the Holiday Tradition! *The Worship Team*

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 and come join us for a good meal to start off the New Year right!

Christmas Day and New Year’s Day Sundays – we will be offering a very casual and brief service each of these days at 10 AM in the sanctuary.

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.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

45 First Avenue, P.O. Box 250

Red Lion, PA 17356-0250

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 11, 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 15, 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 each week, 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.

Location change to note— Frayer Jamison—has moved to Promedica 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.

Scripture Readers for 2023— There is a new sign-up sheet on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for the New Year. Please consider signing up for this important portion of our weekly worship service. Any questions can be addressed to Pastor Chris or to the church office. Thank you for your participation!

Recycling continues— we are still collecting used printer & copier cartridges to turn in to local office supply stores for credit. We in turn use that credit towards office supplies used within the church, saving on paper, printer cartridges, pens reducing our expenses. For your convenience, there is a box on the table at the rear of the sanctuary where these can be placed. Thank you for not only helping our church, but for keeping these items out of our landfills.

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 — 3rd Sunday of Advent
Brenneman Family Party 11 AM-8 PM (FH)

Monday, Dec. 12th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Organ Tuning 8:30 AM (sanctuary)
Community Meal 5:00 PM / 5:15 PM

Tuesday, Dec. 13th: Preschool 9 AM
Joyful Vibrations 7 PM (downstairs)
Cub Scouts (F. H.)

Wednesday, Dec. 14th : Preschool 9:00 AM
Joy-El Kids 1:30 PM (adult SS)
Praise Team 6:30PM (sanctuary)
Boy Scouts 6:30 PM (downstairs)
Cub Committee 6:30 PM (lounge)

Thursday, Dec. 15th : Preschool 9:00 AM

Friday, Dec. 16th: Preschool 9:00 AM
Poinsettia Delivery (between 9 AM & Noon)

Saturday, Dec. 17th: Women In the Word 9:00 AM (adult SS)

Sunday, Dec. 18th: Adult Sunday School 9 AM (lounge)
Coffee available 9-10 AM (rear adult SS)
Worship 10AM **"Sounds of the Season"**

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!*** Thank you.

Tree of Giving– 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 at andreastpaulsumc@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. 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 from the pews. 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!

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. We will be roasting the pork on Friday, December 30th and could use some help pulling it apart starting at 3 PM. Won't you consider helping out with this outreach program to make it a great come-back event? Many hands make quick work! 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
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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)