



St. Paul's
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rochester, Michigan

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Inspiring people to live and love like Jesus!

Welcome to St. Paul's United Methodist Church.
No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.

11 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude	Nimrod (E. Elgar)	
Chimes		
*Processional Hymn	Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty	#64
Word of Welcome & Announcements		
Opening Prayer		
	Silent Prayers of Confession and Intercession	
	Words of Assurance	
	The Lord's Prayer	#895
Children's Moment	Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (as children come forward)	#277 vs.1
	(Children may be escorted by their adult to room 125 for Sunday school)	
*Psalter	Psalm 72:1-8	#795
*Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version	#881
*Gloria Response	Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above	#126 vs. 1
Music	Let There Be Peace On Earth	Wesley Ringers
Pastoral Prayer		
	Response: This is our prayer, O Lord!	#487
Offering Invitation		
	Offertory Hallelujah (arr. Raney)	Wesley Ringers
	*Doxology	#95
	*Offering Prayer	
*Scripture Lesson	Micah 6:6-8; Isaiah 6:1-5	
Sermon	Way to Be: Humility Isn't Just for the Meek	Rev. Dr. April Gutierrez
*Recessional Hymn	I Am Thine, O Lord	#419
*Benediction		
	Choral Response Let Us Now Depart in Peace	#668
*Postlude	Now We Thank Our God (Bach) (You are welcome to stay seated for the Postlude)	

*Please stand as you are able

†All hymns are found in the red hymnal, unless otherwise stated.

Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Steve Klos, by his wife, Pat Klos.



Today at St. Paul's



We NEED your help!

Deck the Halls

Sunday, November 19; 12 p.m. Stay for Lunch, Decorate Church

Join us in decorating St. Paul's for the Advent season. We will gather for a light lunch after the 11 a.m. service. Afterwards, we will set up and decorate trees throughout the church. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Schultz at sacredrock1@yahoo.com.

United Women in Faith

That Takes the Cake Sale

Sunday, November 19th

9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in Narthex and cart in Hickey Hall

Homemade coffee cakes and other treats will be for sale with proceeds supporting UWF missions locally and around the world.



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Handmade Treasures items will also be available for purchase.

What's Happening at St. Paul's

Sign Up for Paperless Statements

Our new Breeze software allows accounting to send your quarterly statements to the profile email address. As the cost of postage continues to rise, accounting would like to offer you the option of receiving your statement(s) electronically instead of by mail. Please email accounting at: finance@stpaulsrochester.org to put your name on the electronic statement list.



Altar Flowers Sponsorship for 2024

Through your generous support, the sponsorship of altar flowers at St. Paul's has remained a loving tradition and a beautiful part of our worship experience. The office is in the process of accepting sponsors for 2024. You may contact Linda Jeffries at linda@stpaulsrochester.org or call the church office at 248-651-9361.

J.O.Y. Just Older Youth

Tuesday, November 21; 12 p.m. in Hickey Hall

Everyone 60+ is "just older youth", so please join us for as we write notes to the members of St. Paul's who are on our "Staying Connected" list. The fellowship is great and new friends soon become family. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Coffee, water and dessert will be provided.



Upcoming Baptism

Sunday, November 26

The sacrament of Holy Baptism is an important event in the life of a child and the Church. Baptism is open to children and adults. For more information, contact the office at 248-651-9361.



A Study of the Nativity Stories in Matthew & Luke Christmas in the Bible

November 27 and December 4; 6:30 - 8 p.m. in Room 132

Only two books in the Bible mention the birth of Jesus. Rev. Rick Kress leads an interactive Bible study that will help us encounter those accounts, found in Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2, two similar but also different versions of the story. Bring your Bible and be ready to consider Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, wise men, and more as they are described in the biblical text.

Advent Study An Unlike Advent

Tuesdays, November 28 - December 19; 6 p.m. in the Parlor

This Advent, our sermon series will be accompanied by a study in several of our small groups throughout the church. An Unlike Advent, by Rachel Billups, explores the stories of some of the extraordinary people of the Christmas story. We'll reflect on people like Zechariah, Elizabeth, Herod, the magi, and even the shepherds. Some of their stories might be a little bit more messy, but God still accomplishes great things through them or even in the face of the adversity that one of them brings. Join Pastor Elbert or one of our many others who are sharing this study in this holy season as we journey towards Christmas.



Christmas Basket Mission Project 2023

Again this year, St. Paul's has committed to help between 100 - 125 families with our partners at Rochester Area Neighborhood House. Our program has changed in the last few years, and clients report they prefer the newer system. Therefore, we will again provide Hollywood Market gift certificates to Neighborhood House clients as a way of making their Christmas a little brighter. To make a financial donation, please write "Christmas Baskets" on the envelope and on the memo line of your check made out to St. Paul's UMC or donate online at stpaulsrochester.org and click on Give Online tab.

Advent Concert Series

Fridays, December 1, 8 & 15; Noon in the Sanctuary

Add something special to your Advent Fridays by attending these 30-minute concerts. Free Admission.

December 1	Bret Hoag, guitar & Townes Miller, flute
December 8	Dr. Glenn Burdett, organ
December 15	Jason Branham, organ



United Methodist Men's Breakfast

Saturday, December 2; 8 a.m. in the Parlor

All men are invited to join us for a delicious breakfast, brotherhood and interesting program. No RSVP necessary. Contact Dave deSteiger at 248-376-0416.

Christmas and Candlelight

Tuesday, December 5 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

St. Paul's United Women in Faith invite you, your friends, spouses and neighbors to an evening of music and fellowship. It is UWF's holiday gift to you. Begin the holiday season with a program featuring Eun Park Lee on violin with Dr. Seung Hee Cho on piano/organ. Dessert and coffee will be served in the Narthex following the program. Free will offering collected for RANH.



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Please note St. Paul's worship services are livestreamed and recorded. They can be viewed through the website. Livestreaming is available in Room 118 for nursing mothers.



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Not Forgotten		Open Door Band
Personal Welcome		Worship Leader
His Kingdom Now is Come		Open Door Band
Statement of Values/Who We Are		Grace Walch
Offertory Invitation/Prayer		Rev. Judy May
Known		Open Door Band
Creative Element		
Scripture	Micah 6:6-8; Isaiah 6:1-5 CEB	Rev. Dr. April Gutierrez
Message	Way to Be: Humility Isn't Just for the Meek	Rev. Dr. April Gutierrez
Prayer After Sermon		Rev. Dr. April Gutierrez
Not Forgotten		Open Door Band
Get Connected		Grace Walch
Benediction/Blessing		Rev. Dr. April Gutierrez