

Welcome! Whether you are worshipping with us in-person or virtually, we pray that you and your family are safe and healthy.

Serving Today

Scripture Reader: Jacqui Clauser

Greeters: Wendy Elser

Acolyte: Grant Pingitore

Last Sunday

In-person Attendance: 108
Virtual worship viewings: 47 (as of 11/24)
Giving: \$1675

BIRTHDAYS ~ this week

November 28: Marianne Fabry

December 1: Judy Harley, George Clauser, Jennifer Davidheiser

December 2: Joan Interrante

December 3: Pete Kunsch, Tiffany Dunning

December 4: Amanda Boyer

Next Sunday:

Message:

Texts:

Second Sunday of Advent/Communion

When He Comes

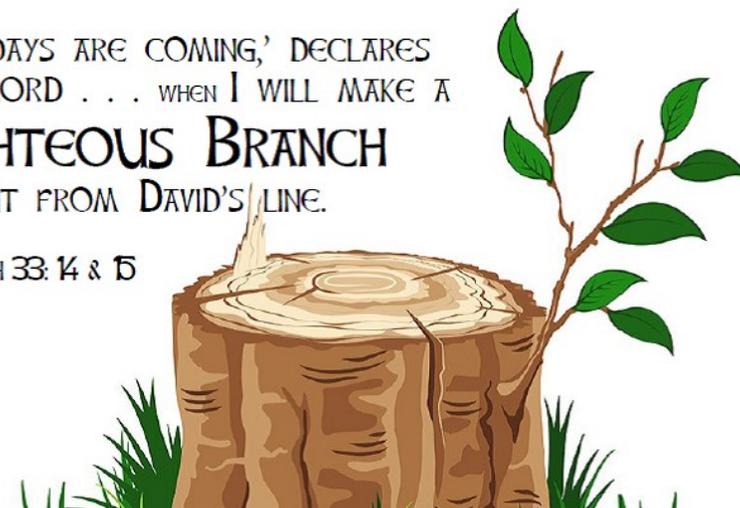
Luke 1:68-79, Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 3:1-6*

**next Sunday's sermon text*

For the Safety of All, we request those who are not fully vaccinated or are at risk to wear a mask when inside our facility. Children over the age of 2 are required to wear a mask. Children 12 and older who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a mask.

THE DAYS ARE COMING,' DECLARES
THE LORD . . . WHEN I WILL MAKE A
RIGHTEOUS BRANCH
SPROUT FROM DAVID'S LINE.

-JEREMIAH 33: 14 & 15



St. Paul's UCC, Amityville

1979 Weavertown Road, Douglassville, PA 19518

November 28, 2021

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The Rev. Dr. Steven Simpson, Pastor

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St. Paul's United Church of Christ Mission Statement

In its life and mission, St. Paul's UCC seeks to worship the triune God; proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ; practice loving service toward the needy; embody God's reign of peace and justice; establish a Christian community of faith; and be a faithful member of the church universal.



St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Amityville, Pennsylvania

November 28, 2021

9:30 A.M.

First Sunday of Advent/Communion

*First Sunday
of Advent*

* = Those who are able may stand

Prelude *How Beautiful are the Feet of Them* (from *Messiah*) - Handel
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence - French melody/Wilson

* Processional Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Hymnal #245

* Greeting The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Children to come forward for the Advent Ceremony

Advent Ceremony: The Candle of Hope Pingitore Family

Advent Introduction

The Solemn Declaration from Jeremiah 33:14-16. Sung response: **Amen!**

Call to Worship —based on Psalm 25:1-6

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
in you I trust, O my God.

**Show me your ways, O LORD,
teach me your paths;**

Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.

**Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.**

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Advent Prayer

Introit for Advent *Shine the Light of Your Love* -Patterson

**Shine the light of Your love
like a candle in the darkness of our lives.**

**Shine the light of Your love
In our hearts, Lord.**

**Come and shine the light of Your love .
Come and shine the light of Your love.**

Children are dismissed to Sunday School

* Call to Confession and Silent Prayer —based on Luke 21:25–36

* Prayer of Confession (in unison) —based on Psalm 25:4–6

**Lord, have mercy on us.
We are not ready for your coming.
We live in sin, as though there were no justice.
We live in fear, as though there were no grace.
Forgive us, Lord.
Show us your mercy and steadfast love.
Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths,
for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon —based on 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

Friends, believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
In your abundant mercy teach us what it means
to follow, even at the cost of our lives. Amen.

* Affirmation *The Apostle's Creed* (inside hymnal cover)

* Prayer of the Day

Prayer for Illumination —based on Psalm 25:1-10

Scripture Readings *Luke 21:25-36, Jeremiah 33:14-16*

Sermon *The Days are Coming...*

* Responsive Hymn *While We Are Waiting* Hymnal #760

Prayers of the People response: *In your mercy, Lord, save us.*

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Invitation to the Offering

* Doxology Hymnal #815

* Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion (see insert)

* Recessional Hymn *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending* Hymnal #754

* Benediction

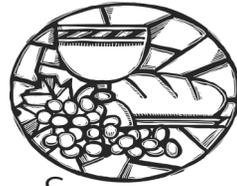
* Threefold Amen

Postlude *Lift Up Your Heads* -arr. Paxton

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right for us to give thanks and praise.



Sacrament
of Communion

Thanksgiving for the Work of God in Creation

Acclamation of Praise (The Sanctus)

—based on Psalm 118:26; Isaiah 6:3

. . . Now send us again your life-giving Spirit and recharge your promise within us, for we are eagerly awaiting our Savior to come again from heaven, as we sing . . .

† **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth,
 Heaven and earth are full; are full of the majesty of Thy glory.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
 Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

Thanksgiving for the Work of Christ and Words of Institution

Memorial Acclamation

Now, as we wait for him to come again, O God, stir up your power and restore us by sending your Holy Spirit to infuse us with hope in the great mystery of our faith:

† **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Prayer for the Work of the Spirit

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit . . .
 May we truly receive him and so believe in his name, that we have power to become children of God, united in ministry in every place..

† **Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all glory belongs to you, O God, full of grace and truth. Amen.**

Invitation to Share

† Please Note: Today communicants are invited to come forward to receive the Lord's Supper. An usher will direct you and those seated with you to come forward. Please let him know if you need to have communion brought to you. Please listen for additional instructions from Pastor Steven. Those who are worshipping at home may have bread and wine or juice on hand to share the Lord's Supper virtually.

Communion Anthem

Come to Jesus

-Rice/Hayes

Acclamation

—Revelation 5:12, NIV

† **Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
 to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
 and honor and glory and praise!**

ST. PAUL'S ACTIVITIES—this week

Sunday 11/28	Adult Sunday School	8:30 AM
	Worship/Sunday School	9:30 AM
	Pre-Conf./Conf./Connect	10:30 AM
Monday 11/29	Boy Scouts 597	7:00 PM
Tuesday 11/30	Girl Scouts 1156	6:00 PM
	CE Committee (virtual)	6:30 PM
	Women's Bible Study	7:00 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Wednesday 12/1	Girl Scouts 11142	6:00 PM
	Consistory	6:00 PM
	Youth Group 6-12	7:00 PM
Thursday 12/2	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Friday 12/3	Amity Chess Club	7:00 PM

TODAY'S SERMON TEXT

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

¹⁵“In those days and at that time

I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land.

¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.”

BLUE CHRISTMAS

An Ecumenical Blue Christmas service will be held in the Boone Area Library community room at **6 PM on Thursday, December 9.**

This service is prepared for those who are grieving, or are in some way “blue” during this season. A reception will follow.



POINSETTIAS / HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary and/or gifts to Heifer International are available for purchase this Christmas season. The cost is \$10 per poinsettia and \$10 per Heifer share. Use the pink envelope in your offering envelope box and return it by **December 1**. Be sure to check your choice (poinsettia or heifer). Poinsettias may be picked up after either of the Christmas Eve services or December 26.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Classes Our three adult classes meet Sunday mornings at 8:30. They are finished in time for the 9:30 service.

Sunday School for Preschool – Grade 6– takes place during the 9:30 service. Children attend the beginning of the service and are dismissed following the children’s message for activities in the Social Room. They finish by the end of the service.

NEW MEMBERS CLASSES

If you are interested in joining St. Paul’s contact Pastor Steven at [610.858.0921](tel:610.858.0921) or pastor@stpaulsuccamity.org. A series of 4 classes to learn more about our history, our beliefs, our ministries, and how you can fit in will be offered in the new year.

WISHTREE

We are getting closer, but could still use some additional funds. Our goal is to provide 102 children with \$75 worth of gift cards each. The Daniel Boone staff and numerous clubs have contributed as well. You may make a donation today or contact the church office if you will be mailing one this week.

Cookie Bakers Needed - We would like to include homemade cookies for each of the Christmas Wish Tree Gift Packages. Please place 6-8 cookies (nut free) in a sealed bag or tin. Drop them off at the church December 8 or 9, preferably between 8:30 and Noon. There is a sign-up sheet in the Library or contact Sara Trejo if you able to donate cookies.

Fresh Cut Christmas Tree available. Free of charge. Contact Dana Godfrey or Marlene Dadey for more information.

SHUT-IN CHRISTMAS CARD BAGS

The bags are on the pews! Christmas cards may be placed in the bags until Sunday, December 19 following the service. We will attempt to deliver as many in person as possible and mail the remainder. This is a wonderful way to tell those we don’t get to see that they are remembered and thought of during the Christmas season in particular.



Card recipients are: Millie Bani, Robert Bentley, Judy Emerich, Karen & David Haas, Joy Harner, Marie Hausman, Helen Heimel, Joan Interrante, Marian Kirlin, Alma Meitzler, Larry & Sandy Mensch, Bette Mooney, Ken & Joanie Moyer, Harold (Shorty) & Judy Peterson Chuck Reinert, Carol Sugalski, Sue Trace.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2022 offering envelopes are available in the Library. Please take all envelopes for your family. We would appreciate if you would also take envelopes for neighbors or friends that are not currently attending. If you are not attending please contact the church office at [610.689.9364](tel:610.689.9364) or office@stpaulsuccamity.org to pick up your envelopes.



BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, December 13 from 2:30-7:00 PM at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. Appointments are required. Contact Becki Kerper at [610.926.9773](tel:610.926.9773) to register. Sponsor code is 2050.



THANK YOU

Today’s anthem music was purchased in 2011 by Rachel Benzie in honor of Curt and Gail Clifford.