**Welcome!** May this time of worship strengthen your faith and desire to serve the Creator who loves us with everlasting love in Christ Jesus.

**Visitors,** we are glad you are here! Please sign a Visitor Card in the pew rack and place it in the basket on the Chancel Rail at the front of the Sanctuary.

**This week our card** is for Judi Flickinger
Please sign the card on the stand by the greeters

**Serving Today**

Scripture Reader: Michele Ross

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| Greeters: | Paul & Lynn Eschbach |
| Acolyte: | Alex Falstich |
| Crucifer: | Carson Weller |
| Tech: | Josh Geckle |

**Last Sunday**

Attendance: 118
Virtual worship viewings: 335 (as of 10/1)
Giving: $2,916

## BIRTHDAYS ~ this week

**October 4:** Samantha Armstrong, Daniel Spotts
**October 5:** Bob Jones, Charlotte Trejo
**October 6:** Bill Stutzman
**October 8:** Sandy High
**October 10:** Jamie Haupt, June Pizzollo

## ANNIVERSARIES - this week

**October 5:** Billy & Kristi Harrison
**October 6:** Paul & Lynn Eschbach

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# St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Amityville, Pennsylvania

October 4, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Joshua W. Rau, Pastor

## 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.

# ORDER for WORSHIP

***Indicates congregation please stand if able.**
Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD type.**

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## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

Prelude — *O Jesus, Thou Art Standing* -J.H. Knect/Smith
*The Heavens Are Telling* -Beethoven/Wells

Welcome & Announcements

Trinity Chimes

* Processional Hymn — *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* — Hymnal #101

* Solemn Declaration

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
**And also with you.**

* Call to Worship

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
**Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.**
The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.
**The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.**
Come, let us worship the Lord, whose Word is more precious than gold and whose grace is sweeter than honey.
**We come to worship God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God,
**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing the Peace — The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

* Gloria Patri — Hymnal #813

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song.*

Children's Sermon

Choir Anthem — *As Bread That Is Broken* — -Baloche and Cloninger/Rouse

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading — *Isaiah 5:1-7*

Second Reading — *Philippians 3:4b-14*

* Gospel Reading — The Holy Gospel According to Matthew chapter 21
**Glory to you, oh Lord.**

The Gospel of our Lord.
**Praise to you, oh Christ.**

Sermon — *The Table Belongs to the Son*

* Responsive Hymn — *Come, Share the Lord* — Hymnal #462

* Affirmation — *The Nicene Creed* — see insert

Prayers of the People response: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

## MEAL

*God' feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Tithes & Offerings

* Doxology — Hymnal #815

* Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion — see insert

* Recessional Hymn — *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* — Hymnal #90

## SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

* Benediction & Threefold Amen

Postlude — *Trumpet Tune* — -Vivaldi/Wolfe

## FIRST RESPONDERS SUNDAY

**Sunday, October 11 -** We hope you will join us in showing our support and appreciation for all our first responders during our service and with a luncheon to follow in Fellowship Hall. You will notice some parking changes in order to allow for first responders equipment. There will be a short "Blessing of the Apparatus" at the of the service in the parking lot. Please go to the parking lot for this special event to show your support and then return to Fellowship Hall for the luncheon. If you have someone in your family or a friend who is a first responder, please invite them to the service and luncheon.

## WE'RE COLLECTING....

**Water and Gatorade** - We are collecting bottles of water and 12 oz. bottles of Gatorade for the fire companies. You can bring donations anytime and place them in the Library. John 15:"13 *Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

## FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

**Scout Troop 597** is participating in the Friends Helping Friends fundraiser at Boscov's. A $5 donation will provide you with a coupon for up to 25% off your purchase at any Boscov's store or online on **Wednesday, October 21.** 100% of the proceed of this fundraiser go directly to the Troop.
See Carson Weller or Alex Falstich for coupons.

## HOAGIES

**The Order of the Eastern Star** sponsors a Hoagie Sale each month. Hoagies are made by Oliviero's and cost $10. There is an order sheet on the table in the Library. Orders are due by Friday, October 16 for pick up in the Social Room on Tuesday, October 20. Thank you for your support.

## FELLOWSHIP UPDATES

**Fellowship** has changed the previous posted date of 10/4 to 10/18 AND 10/25 being held immediately after service & before the scheduled safety presentations. PLEASE join us for fun, food & fellowship. We welcome donations of snacks & treats! Contact Michelle at 484-256-5309.

## SAFETY PRESENTATIONS

**October 18 and October 25 -** Julio Trejo, a member of our congregation and a PA State Trooper has offered to bring two safety presentations to St. Paul's. **Scams and What to Do on October 18. Civilian Response to Active Shooters on October 25**. Both presentations will take place in Fellowship Hall following worship. Feel free to invite family, friends, and neighbors. In today's world it is important to feel and be safe.

## ST. PAUL'S ACTIVITIES—this week

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| Sunday 10/4 | Adult Sunday School | 8:30 AM |
| | Worship & Sunday School | 9:45 AM |
| | Confirmation Parent Meeting | 11:00 AM |
| | Youth Group | 4:00 PM |
| Monday 10/5 | Scouts 597 | 7:00 PM |
| | Youth Ministry Committee | 7:00 PM |
| Tuesday 10/6 | Girl Scouts 1079 | 6:30 PM |
| | Narcotics Anonymous | 7:00 PM |
| | The Chosen Bible Study | 7:00 PM |
| | Eagle BOR | 7:00 PM |
| Wednesday 10/7 | Ladies Aid | 9:00 AM |
| | Mid-Week Communion | 5:30 PM |
| | Girl Scouts 1689 | 6:30 PM |
| | Choir Practice | 7:00 PM |
| Thursday 10/8 | First Responders Committee | 5:30 PM |
| | Ladies Aid | 6:30 PM |
| | Facility Committee | 7:00 PM |
| Friday 10/9 | Event Set-Up | 6:00 PM |
| | Chess Club | 7:00 PM |
| Saturday 10/10 | Event | 8:00 AM |
| | First Responders Committee | 7:30 PM |

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**Minister of Music:** Martha Sitler
**Violinist:** Brad Richards
**Sexton:** Julia Leady

# ORDER for HOLY COMMUNION

* *The Great 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.**

*Eucharistic Prayer*

*Acclamation of Praise* (The Sanctus)

… joining our voices...who forever sing to the glory of your name

† **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!**

*Memorial Acclamation*

… we offer ourselves . . . as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*Invitation to Share*

* *Please Note: Those who are worshiping at home may have bread and wine or juice on hand to share the Lord's Supper virtually.*

*Distribution of the Elements*

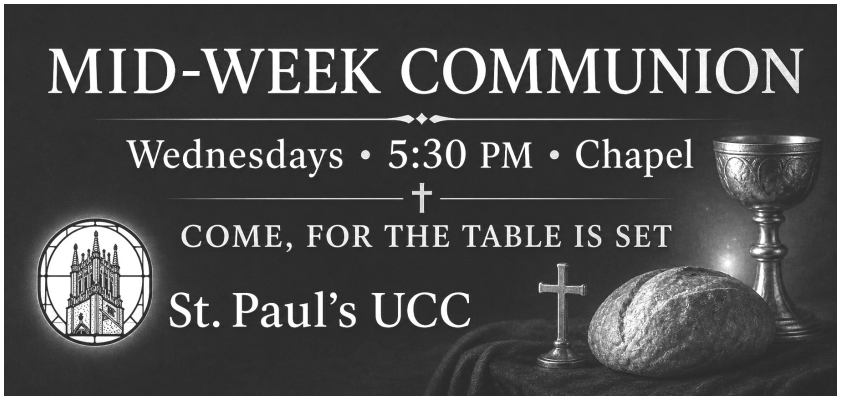
† Please Note: Communicants are invited to come forward to receive the Lord's Supper. Two lines will come forward to receive bread from Pastor Josh, continuing to one side or the other to receive wine or grape juice from one of the elders assisting this morning.

* *Prayer After Communion*

**Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us at your table and for strengthening us by your grace alone. Keep us steadfast in your Word, firm in faith, and faithful in service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

# NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was
crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.