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 Marian Kirlin.
Please sign the card on the stand by the greeters

Serving Today

Scripture Reader:	Tess Ulrich
Greeters:	John & Doris Johnson
Acolyte:	Bennett Boyer
Crucifer:	Susan Newland
Tech:	Josh Geckle

Last Sunday
Attendance: 132
Giving: $5,156

BIRTHDAYS ~ this week

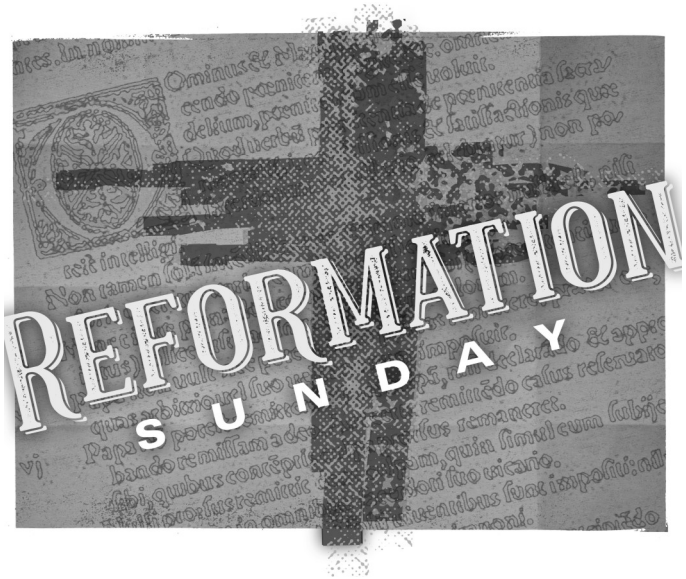
October 27: Anna Miller
October 28: Beverly Breitenstein, Steve Tomaszewski
October 29: Sharon Haller, Grace Kulakowsky
October 30: Tanya Weller
October 31: Joel Conrad

ANNIVERSARIES ~ this week

October 28: Mark & Nadine Hummel, John & Diana Yarrish
October 30: Chad & Alyssa Geist, Brett & Beth Krause

As the offering plates are passed, we invite you to offer yourself again to God in prayer. If you give online, have already given, are visiting, or are unable to give today, simply let the plate pass without concern. This is a moment for all of us to thank God and reflect on how we may take part in Christ's work.

Forgot your envelope?
Scan the QR code to make a contribution or use the Pew Envelope in the pew rack.



St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Amityville, Pennsylvania

October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday

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.**

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude — *How Firm a Foundation* -traditional American/arr. Dale Wood
Processional on "St. Anne" -Croft/Gordon Young

Welcome & Announcements

Trinity Chimes

* Processional Hymn — *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* — Hymnal #151

* 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

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.
The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
Be still, and know that he is God.
Come, let us worship the Lord, our refuge, our strength, and the sure foundation of the church.
A mighty fortress is our God. Amen.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing the Peace

* Gloria Patri — Hymnal #813

WORD

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

Children's Sermon

Choir Anthem — *I Will Call Upon the Lord* -O'Shields/Holck

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading — *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

Second Reading — *Romans 3:19-28*

* Gospel Reading — The Holy Gospel According to John chapter 8
Glory to you, oh Lord.

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

Sermon — *Free Indeed*

* Responsive Hymn — *The Solid Rock* — Hymnal #526

Sacrament of Holy Baptism — 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory — *I Lay My Sins on Jesus* -"Crucifix"/arr. Broughton

* Doxology — Hymnal #815

* Prayer of Dedication

* Holy Communion — see insert

* Benediction

* Recessional Hymn — *The Church's One Foundation* — Hymnal #401

SENDING

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

* Dismissal & Threefold Amen

Postlude — *Classical Postlude* -Hughes

TURKEY SUPPER

Mark your calendars! St. Paul's Fall Turkey Supper is Saturday, November 7. Help is needed throughout the week to prepare everything. A schedule of chores will be listed in the November newsletter and the November 1 bulletin.

SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS

St. John's Lutheran Church, Boyertown invites the brave individuals who served our nation a special event sponsored by Boyertown Rotary. The program will feature inspiring performances by talented Boyertown Middle School singers. Highlighting the afternoon will be a powerful keynote address from distinguished Bronze Star recipient, Commander John Greason, U.S. Coast Guard (Retired), offering reflections on service, sacrifice, and patriotism. Come together with our community to pay tribute to our heroes and celebrate the enduring spirit of those who protect our freedom. Join us Sunday, November 8 at 3 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church, Boyertown 45 North Reading Avenue.

GULDIN TRUST

Just a friendly reminder that Guldin Trust Scholarship Applications are due by November 15, at the latest. Applications and Requirements can be found in the church office or digitally on the church website. Completed applications can be placed in the Guldin Trust Committee mailbox in the office. If you have any questions, please email Wendy Elser at wendy.elser87@gmail.com

CEMETERY WORK PARTY

Please join us for our fall cemetery workday on October 31. We will meet at the cemetery by River Rock Academy at 9AM.

FELLOWSHIP / SAFETY PRESENTATION

Join us TODAY before the safety presentations. Also mark your calendar for November 15 for our Annual Luncheon following the Annual Meeting. A wonderful meal is planned. Please bring a hot or cold side dish and/or a dessert to share. Everyone is invited. We look forward to you joining us.

Today Civilian Response to Active Shooters (CRASE)
Focus: Preparedness, situational awareness, and life-saving survival strategies during a critical incident.
Key Topics: Understanding the anatomy of active shooter events and historical lessons learned. The Avoid, Deny, Defend strategy (or equivalent situational response frameworks) detailing how to evacuate, barricade, or take action if avoidance is impossible. What to expect when law enforcement arrives (how to interact safely with responding officers). Basic principles of immediate trauma care (such as severe bleeding control).

Presentations take place in Fellowship Hall following worship and last between 45-60 minutes followed by Q and A.

ST. PAUL'S ACTIVITIES—this week

Sunday 10/25	Adult Sunday School	8:30 AM
	Worship & Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Safety Presentation	11:00 AM
	Covenant Assoc. Fall Gathering	3:00 PM
	Youth Group	4:00 PM
	Cub Scouts	6:00 PM
	Girl Scouts 1709	6:00 PM
Monday 10/26	Deacons meeting	6:30 PM
	Scouts 597	7:00 PM
Tuesday 10/27	CE Committee	6:30 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
	The Chosen Bible Study	7:00 PM
Wednesday 10/28	Mid-Week Communion	5:30 PM
	Choir	7:00 PM
Thursday 10/29		
Friday 10/30	Chess Club	7:00 PM
Saturday 10/31	Clergy Prayer Group	8:00 AM

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Sexton: Julia Leady

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Invitation
Address
Questions of Parents and Godparents
Assent of the Congregation
Brothers and sister…family in the life and faith
With God's help, we will. We will love, encourage, and pray for you, and we will walk beside you, that together we may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Affirmation of Faith
Let us together profess the faith in which we baptize and in which we live.
Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God the Father almighty.
Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Thanksgiving at the Font
Act of Baptism
Welcome of the Congregation
Let us welcome the newly baptized.
Let us welcome the newly baptized.
Logan, by baptism you are made a member of Christ's church. We receive you in the name of the Lord, and we rejoice that you are one of us. We will walk beside you in the way of Jesus Christ, share with you in the work of His kingdom, and with you give thanks to the God who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
Prayer of Baptism
Hymn *Baptized in Water* (v 3) Hymnal #465

Baptized Today:

Logan David Schlotzhauer born December 17, 2025

Parents: Alexandra (Dunning) and Brenden Schlotzhauer

Godparents: Emily Dunning and Nate Schlotzhauer

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.