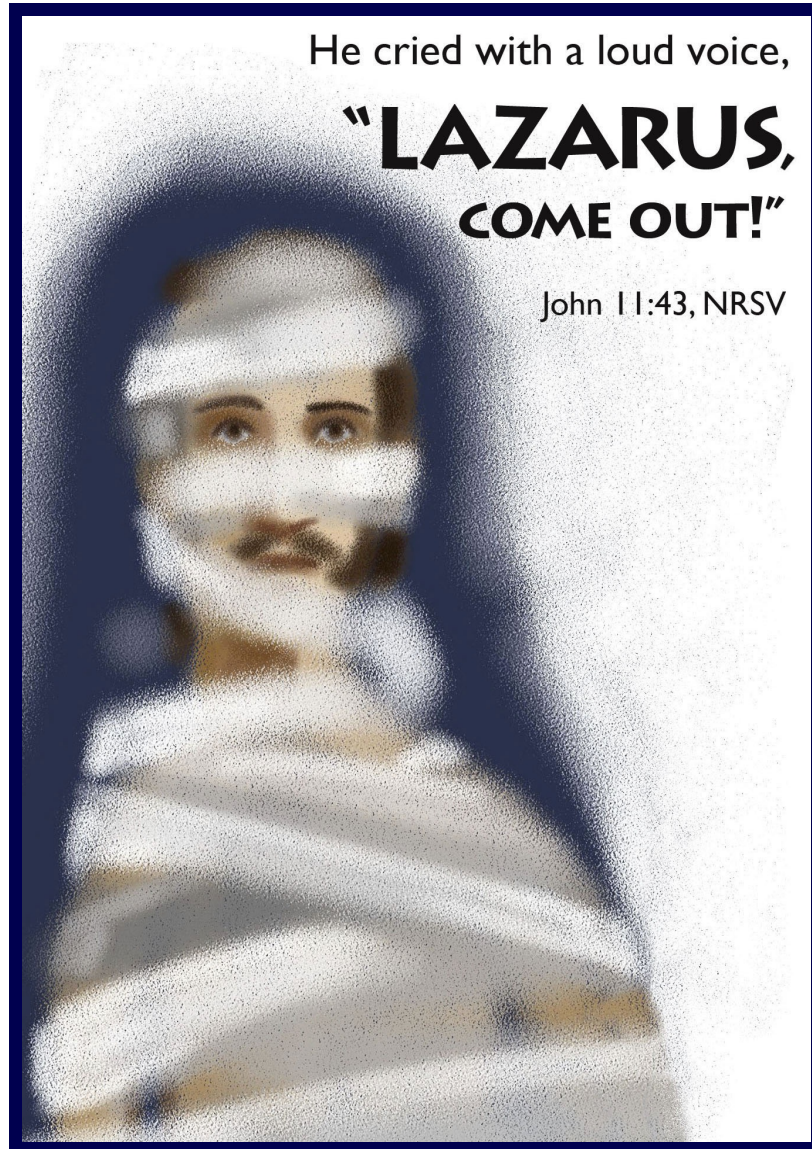


**St. Paul's United Church of Christ**

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Worship 10:15am

*No matter who you are,  
or where you are on life's journey,  
you're welcome here.*



He cried with a loud voice,

**"LAZARUS,  
COME OUT!"**

John 11:43, NRSV

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**Sunday, November 7, 2021**

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**All Saints Day**

***Welcome to  
St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Online Streaming Worship Service***

*May God's loving presence be very real to you,  
and may you receive strength and guidance today  
that will enable you to handle life's challenges.*

**Children's Bulletins**

Crayons and activity bulletins are available in the narthex. The activities match today's Bible readings and are designed for 3-6 & 7-12 year olds.

**Restrooms**

Restrooms are located both on the first and second floors to the left of the elevator.

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Sunday Worship is held at 10:15am September through May, 9:30am Memorial Day through Labor Day.

**Prayer and Care**

If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list, or request a pastoral call, please speak with the pastor following the service, or contact the church office. You are welcome to take home with you a copy of *Our Daily Bread* daily devotional booklet, located on a table in the narthex hallway.

**Looking for a Church to Call Home**

If you are looking for a new church family home, we would be happy for you to consider St. Paul's United Church of Christ. For more information about St. Paul's and the UCC, we invite you to talk with our pastor, an usher, a greeter, or any member of our church.

**More Information...**

Additional literature about our missions, ministries, and fellowship opportunities is located on the Blue Visitor Table in the narthex hallway, including our monthly newsletter *The Herald*. You can also visit us on the web at: [www.SPRUCC.org](http://www.SPRUCC.org).

Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you or if there is any way in which we can help make your worship experience more meaningful.

*Symbol used in this bulletin: \*= if able please stand*



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# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

## We Gather

*We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God,  
and provide for one another our love, support, and care.*

*Please Do Not move the red ribbons or sit where they are placed.  
They are there for your safety and the safety of those around you to help designate social distancing.*

### A TIME OF GATHERING

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### PRELUDE

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*{To center your hearts and minds,  
you are invited to individually offer this prayer silently  
during or before the Prelude}*

### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP <sup>®</sup>

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

*{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}*

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*"For All the Saints"*

vs 1, 2, & 4

♩ Red #418

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### \*INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP <sup>®</sup>

Leader: Come, all who are anxious or burdened.

This is a time to experience good news.

People: **This is God's house, and we can meet God here.**

**We are brought together in the family of God.**

Leader: Come with expectancy and anticipation.

God is present to greet you and change your life.

People: **We are here to remember the ministry of Jesus.**

**We have come to be equipped for our ministry.**

ALL: Amen.

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[Phone Stream](#) at 1-888-649-5770 - Live or Listen Later

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## We Repent

*This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.*

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION<sup>®</sup> (Leader)

At our best, we long to be whole people whose words and deeds are a reflection of the truth within us. We want to be free of pretense and alive to the wonders that we encounter in other people and in all of God's creation. God is ready to cleanse and heal us as we confess our sin.

### \*CONFESSION OF SIN<sup>®</sup> (Unison)

**All-wise God, you know how much we enjoy being honored above others, and how often we resent the special respect others receive. You are aware of the shortcuts we take for our own advantage. You see the ways we pretend to be more than we are. You observe not only our actions but our motives as well. We need your help to put away all that is false and to discover our true identity as your children. Lift us up in your forgiving love, we pray. Amen.**

### \*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

*{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}*

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### \*PRAYER FOR MERCY

*"Kyrie"*

*♪ Red #518*

Leader (*spoken*): Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**People (*sung*): Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
Leader (*spoken*): Christ, have mercy upon us.  
**People (*sung*): Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Leader (*spoken*): Lord have mercy upon us.  
**People (*sung*): Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON<sup>®</sup> (Leader)

Those who truly repent of the lies they have lived are welcomed as next of kin by Jesus Christ. The authentic, self-giving spirit of one who was fully human is ours to embrace. The witness of a life lived for the common good inspires us to rise up to the best we can be. We are forgiven, freed from the burden of our sin. **Amen.**

### \*CALL TO PRAISE<sup>®</sup>

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the world.  
**People: We give God praise, for our souls are in the hand of the Lord.**

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### \*PRAISE RESPONSE

*"Take My Life, and Let It Be"*

vs 3

*♪ Red #253*

**Take my voice, and let me sing,  
Always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.**

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*{Please be seated}*

## We Hear the Word of God

We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings.  
We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God."  
Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.

### PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

First Lesson: [1 Kings 17:8-16](#)  
Second Lesson: [Hebrews 9:24-28](#)  
Gospel Lesson: [John 11:32-44](#)

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### HYMN

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

vs 1 & 4

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### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

## Service of Honored Remembrance

*November 1 is All Saints Day, which is celebrated annually on the first Sunday of November.*

*The custom of commemorating all of the martyrs of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. Our All Saints Day celebration commemorates not only all the martyrs but all the people of God, living and dead, who form the mystical body of Christ. Today we like many congregations remember our members who have died during the past year, and we celebrate their entrance into the Church Triumphant.*

*All Saints Sunday celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. With thanksgiving we remember all the faithful departed, especially those most dear to us who have died. Even in the midst of loss and grief God wipes away the tears from our eyes and makes all things new.*

### In Honored Remembrance

*Elizabeth M. Phillips --- April 16, 1926 to December 25, 2020*

*Sara J. Walker --- September 27, 1936 to December 26, 2020*

*Barbara A. Blatt --- April 20, 1940 to February 24, 2021*

*Marilyn L. Wyckoff --- November 12, 1942 to March 3, 2021*

*Sarah A. Morris-Starr --- December 17, 1927 to June 11, 2021*

#### CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray....

#### READING OF THE NAMES

#### SILENT PRAYER

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### LORD'S PRAYER *(Unison)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power,**

**and the glory forever. Amen.**

#### SUNG RESPONSE

*"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

♪ Red # 501

Hear our prayer, O Lord;

Hear our prayer, O Lord;

Hear our prayer, O Lord,

And grant us Thy peace. Amen.

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## We Respond with Thanks

*We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped,  
we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we  
have learned more about God's grace and God's will. We now respond  
by  
re-affirming our faith in God,  
praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our  
world, and giving of ourselves for the sake of the mission and ministry  
of Jesus Christ.*

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH <sup>①</sup> (Unison)

*Adapted from Romans 8:1-39*

**We believe that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,  
and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.**

**We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height,  
nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

*{please be seated}*

**STEWARDSHIP WITNESS OR READING:**        *"Money Follows Values"*

### OFFERTORY INVITATION <sup>②</sup>

**Leader:** We are privileged to contribute out of our abundance that the Christian message might be proclaimed among us and to our children.

**People:** **We are challenged to give all that we have—our time, our talents, our work, and our leisure as witness to the love of God.**

**Leader:** The extent to which we invest ourselves is a measure of our commitment.

**People:** **Our generosity helps bring forth the future of hope God seeks for our community.**

### RETURNING GOD'S TITHES AND PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

Online Giving

*{As we share in hybrid worship, there is no passing of the plate in person.  
A plate is placed in the rear of the sanctuary for offerings to be placed  
when arriving or departing from the sanctuary.*

*Whether worshiping in person or online,  
the safest way to offer your tithe and offering to God through his church  
is through our secure [Online Giving](#) option on our website at [sprucc.org](#). [Click Here](#)  
Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul's UCC; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551}.*

### OFFERTORY

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

*{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}*

### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE        *"Take My Life, and Let It Be"*        vs 4

♪ Red #253

**Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as Thou shalt choose.**

*Text: Samuel Longfellow  
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**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** <sup>2</sup> (Leader)

Gracious God, we give the spirit of Jesus, whose life was committed to proclaiming your love. May our lives give evidence that we understand the care and compassion you have for all people, near and far, attractive and offensive, rich and poor. Our tithes and offerings today are a token of all the gifts we now invest in the work of your realm that is forever, with beginnings among us now. **Amen.**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion** <sup>1</sup><sup>2</sup>

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion is the central act of Christian worship, bringing us more fully together with one another and the Triune God, through the sacrifice of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 26:20-30, Mark 14:17-26, Luke 22:14-23, John 13:21-30)*

**\*INVITATION**

Leader: Dearly beloved in the Lord: Our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ instituted the Holy Communion of his Body and Blood, that it might be the abiding memorial of his atoning death; the seal of his perpetual presence in the Church through the Holy Spirit; the mystical representation of the sacrifice of himself on the cross; the pledge of his undying love for his people; and the bond of his living union and fellowship with them to the end of time.

**ALL: The celebration of the Lord's Supper has ever been regarded by the Church as the innermost sanctuary of the whole Christian worship. What we do here is not merely with signs, but with the realities these signs represent. We seek to approach the Lord's Table rightly, striving to be devout and repentant, with a believing mind.**

Leader: We cordially invite to partake of this Sacrament all who are truly grieved and penitent for their sins, who look to the Lord Jesus Christ for righteousness and salvation, who abide in the fellowship of his Church, and who desire to possess his Spirit and walk in his ways. To all such the compassionate Redeemer himself says: Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

**\*COMMUNION PRAYER**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader:

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, who created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, who made humankind in your own image, and whose tender mercies are over all your works.

We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the earth and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none.

We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere and that you remain faithful to your covenant even when we are faithless.

We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory. We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ, whom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good news. Born of Mary, our sister in faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your Word, to suffer and die on the cross for us, to be raised from death on the third day, and then to live in glory.

We give thanks to you, gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy and sing....

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*{Sanctus is Latin for “Holy.” Seraphic Hymn refers to the song of the Seraphim Angels. Sabaoth is a Hebrew name for God, referring to God as both creator and ruler of the world}.*

**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!**

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*{Please be seated}*

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Leader:

Lord, we remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: “This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes again.

Leader: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**ALL: Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Ordained Minister:

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ’s suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ’s resurrection, and awaiting Christ’s return in victory. We offer you our gifts of the earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people.

Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and grape juice, the fruit of the vine, both here at this table in this sanctuary and the bread, wine, and grape juice set before those communing in their homes, as together we gather as the church in Christ’s name. Even though separated by physical distance, we are one in your Spirit, and bless us that as we receive them, we may offer you our faith and praise, especially on this All Saints Sunday, may we be united as one, with one another and all the saints of today, all of the saints who have gone before, all the saints who are yet to come, and with you the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Refreshed and renewed by this communal meal, may we continue faithful in all things.

**ALL: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.**

**LAMB OF GOD**

Leader: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

**People: have mercy on us.**

Leader: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

**People: have mercy on us.**

Leader: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

**People: grant us peace.**

**CALL TO THE SUPPER**

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come, for all things are ready.

## BREAKING THE BREAD, RAISING THE CUP, AND SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*{For those who have the pre-filled cups:  
open the first seal - unleavened bread wafer}*

**Pastor:** The Body of Christ broken for you. Take and eat.  
**People:** **Amen.**

*{You may eat the bread}*

*{For those who have the pre-filled cups:  
open the second seal - the fruit of the vine - grape juice}*

**Pastor:** The Blood of Christ shed for you. Take and drink.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

*{You may drink the wine or grape juice}*

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Leader:** Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

## We Are Sent Out

*In response to God's love and grace,  
we go out into the world to share God's Good News  
through our words and actions.*

### \*COMMISSION <sup>2</sup>

**Leader:** What God builds among us is of lasting value.  
Give your best with joy, with Christ as your partner.

**People:** **Our prayers keep strong our connection with God.  
They are not empty words for the sake of appearance.**

**Leader:** Salvation is here for those who are eager to receive it.  
Forgiveness and healing are freely given to us.

**People:** **We are thankful for the days God gives us.  
We rejoice in the good things we are receiving,  
and we go forth to share God's grace with others.**

**ALL:** **Amen.**

### \*BENEDICTION

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### \*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN

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### \*SENDING HYMN

*"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"*

all 3 verses

♩ NCH #295

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*{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us,  
as we now go to carry God's light and love back into the world.}*



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## The Flow of the Worship Service

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

- (1) God welcomes us and invites us
- (2) We respond to God's call by worshipping Him
- (3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace
- (4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace
- (5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon
- (6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer
- (7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure
- (8) We experience greater oneness with God and each another through Communion
- (9) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others

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Upcoming Events

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 Thank you to all who have made this worship experience possible.

	<u>Today</u> <b>November 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<u>Next Sunday</u> <b>November 14<sup>th</sup></b>
Usher Captain	Georgi H.	Sue H.
Usher Co-Captain	Nevin K.	Barb O.
Usher/Greeter	-	-
Usher/Greeter	-	-
Acolyte	Geri G.	Geri G.
Welcome/Lector	Elsa W.	Robin H.
Cantor	Sheri R.	Terry P.
Sermon	Pastor Ben	Pastor Ben
Children's Message	Geri G.	Pastor Ben
AV Tech	Kirk A.	Kirk A.
Koffee Klatch	Geri G.	Robin H.
Koffee Klatch	Elsa W.	Jon H.
Flowers	-	-
Bulletins	-	-

**† Prayer List †**

*Please lift up those listed here in your prayers this week.  
 "Pray for one another, so that you may be healed.  
 The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." ~ James 5:16b*

**Medical Concerns & Healing:**

Terry B.  
 Sam B.  
 Lori & Ryan B.  
 Deb D.  
 Rich D.  
 Jacob E.  
 Andy G.  
 Jaden G.  
 Ann H.  
 Leigh H.  
 Richard H.  
 Rev. David K.  
 Jim & Donna K.  
 Janice L.  
 Ella L.  
 Edmund L.

**Medical Concerns & Healing:**

Amy M.  
 Diane M.  
 George M.  
 Nate, Jenny, Luke & Teddy M.  
 Gary N.  
 Terry P.  
 Paul P.  
 Fred R.  
 Earl S.  
 Jim S.  
 Rob & Jodi S.  
 Spencer Family  
 Kathy S.  
 Martha W.

**Celebration:**

Wedding of Kayla A. (daughter of Kirk & Geneva A.)

**Mourning:**

Family & Friends of Robert G. Jr.  
 Family & Friends of R. Lynn H.  
 Family & Friends of Starr M.  
 Family & Friends of Chick M.  
 Family & Friends of Sharon R.  
 Family & Friends of Bruce W.  
 Stephanie W. & Family with the passing of her father

**Social Concerns:**

Those impacted by COVID-19  
 Those working on a vaccine for COVID-19  
 Those who serve in the armed forces

*Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you.  
 All are welcome to add names to the prayer list.*

*Names are generally left on the list for about four weeks.  
 Please let us know if you would like a name to remain longer or shorter.  
 If you would like someone's name added to the prayer list,  
 please contact the church office at 610-621-5770 or [office@sprucc.org](mailto:office@sprucc.org).*

**Visitation Care Team**

Our Visitation Care Team (VCT) is composed of lay members who have been trained for visitation. If you are in need of prayer, a visit, or just a listening ear, they are here to be of support to you. To contact the Visitation Care Team with a visitation request or to share information about a potential care need email the VCT at [CareTeam@sprucc.org](mailto:CareTeam@sprucc.org). For more information, go to our "[Visitation Care Ministries](#)" page at [www.sprucc.org](http://www.sprucc.org) under the "ministries" tab.

## ††† General Announcements †††

### Welcome!

We are glad that you are here to worship with us. May you find the worship and message meaningful and satisfying to your soul. May your week be blessed.

### Sunday School

Sunday school for adults and youth has resumed. Both adult and youth classes will be shared with Zion UCC. Please join us to learn more about God's Word each Sunday at 9:00am.

### All Saints Day

Today is All Saints Day. We will be remembering and honoring members that have passed away since the last All Saints Day. Those that will be remembered and honored are *Elizabeth M. Phillips, Sara J. Walker, Barbara A. Blatt, Marilyn L. Wyckoff, and Sarah A. Morris-Starr.*

### Following Worship Service

After worship, there will be a fellowship time in the upstairs hallway. Zion will not be able to join us as they are having their congregational meeting downstairs.

### Halloween Treats

Thank you to those who donated Halloween treats and helped hand it out to trick or treaters. We had a good group of helpers. Candy was handed out until it was gone. There were about 70 trick or treaters that stopped by the church.

### Christmas Candy

The Women's Group will be making candy today, November 7 starting at 2:00pm. Candy making will continue during the week, Monday to Wednesday (possibly Thursday) starting at 8:30am each day. Help is needed (both male & female) to mix, roll, coat, box, etc. Please contact the church office with any questions.

### Women's Monthly Luncheon

On the second Thursday of each month, the women of Zion get together to share a meal at the Country Fare Restaurant (Myerstown) at noon. The next luncheon is scheduled for **Thursday, November 11**, and they would like to invite St. Paul's women to join them. If you would like to attend, please let Pastor Mary Etta know by Tuesday (11/9) of that week. She may be reached at [mestme@aol.com](mailto:mestme@aol.com) or 610-659-2775.

### Upcoming Virtual Choir

The next virtual choir will be on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 6:30pm. Our virtual choir will include members of St. Paul's UCC, Zion UCC, Phoebe-Berks Ministeries, and more. We are looking for both singers and instrumentalists.

For the sheet music, submission instructions, and more information, please contact Pastor Bob or the church office at 610-621-5770 or [office@sprucc.org](mailto:office@sprucc.org). **Submissions are due Sunday, November 14, 2021.**

Click on this [Thanksgiving Virtual Choir Piano Accompaniment Recording](#) link to hear the music so that you may begin practicing, or go to the church website, click on the piano found about midway down the "Home" page, then look for "Virtual Upcoming Choir" and the "Thanksgiving Virtual Choir Piano Accompaniment" link.

### Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Join us as we give thanks to God at our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. God is our great gift-giver and source of all bounty who delights in hearing our responses.

This year there will be a combined hybrid worship service with Zion UCC and St. Paul's UCC. Please invite family and friends to join us in giving thanks. We will stream the virtual choir into our live stream, and we will have a large television set up in the sanctuary for those who are in person to view during worship.

### Christmas Bazaar

The Bazaar will be here soon! It's scheduled for Saturday, November 20 from 9:00am-1:00pm. There will be candy, baked goods, attic treasures, basket raffle, and more!! If you would like to donate a basket full of goodies, make baked goods, or help in some way, please contact the church office.

### **Weekly Morning Bible Study**

Every Tuesday morning at 9:00am, Zion UCC offers a Zoom Bible Study based on the scripture passages for the coming Sunday. The study goes from 9:00-9:45am. All are invited! The same Zoom numbers are used each week.

To join the Zoom meeting use the following:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87452124156?pwd=RzI3dTI4Uy8vWGpBQnRzOGV2bnlrdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 5212 4156

Passcode: 783249

For people joining with telephone, choose one of these numbers:

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

### **Evening Bible Study - All are invited!**

The evening Bible Study has begun. You may participate from home using the Zoom information found below, or you may participate in person by coming to the church. A large screen will be set up in the Miller Fellowship Hall. The schedule will be as follows:

~~October 20~~

~~October 27~~

November 17 (Not November 24)

December 15 (Not December 22 or December 29)

January 19

January 26

February 16

February 23

We will meet a total of 8 times from 6:30-7:30pm. During each meeting we will cover 2 sessions found in the Bible Study book. The book is entitled, *Acts 1-12: God Moves in the Early Church*, and written by Chuck and Winnie Christensen. Although it would be nice to have the book, it is not necessary to participate. However, a Bible will be needed (any version). If you do not have a Bible, come to the church and a Bible will be supplied. Pastor Mary Etta will be our study leader. **All are invited!** The same Zoom numbers will be used each week.

To join the Zoom meeting use the following (they are the same as the Weekly Morning Bible Study):

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### **Telephone Live Streaming & Playback Worship**

This service is being offered to those who do not have internet access. You may call us at our toll free number **1-888-649-5770** and listen to the worship service live using a landline or cell phone. (No internet, smartphone, tablet, or computer is necessary - this works with a standard corded phone, cell phone, or even with a rotary phone). You also have the option for the church to automatically call you when the live stream worship begins (rather than you calling the church); which you can sign up for at the above toll free number, or you can call the church office, and we can add you to the call list. If you have any questions, difficulties, or issues, please let us know by calling the office at 610-621-5770. There is no charge to you for this service. If you know of someone who does not have internet access, please let them know of this feature.

## About Today

**Church Season: Pentecost** -which is the season of the church in mission. It is the time between the ascension of Christ and his second coming, which is the time we are presently living in today, and as such is the longest season of the church year. The day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian church.

**Color of the Paraments** (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

**White** - symbolizing the defeat of death and the darkness of sin with the resurrection to eternal life.

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year B**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Mark.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ's birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church).

**This Sunday, November 7, 2021, Lectionary Reading for 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 *and* Psalm 127; 1 Kings 17:8-16 *and* Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

**Additional scripture selected for All Saints Day** - John 11:31-44

### **Psalm 127**

Psalms 120-134 are a part of the collection known as "A Song of Ascents." These OT songs were most likely sung by people on religious pilgrimages. King Solomon is known as Israel's master builder, building both houses and cities.

### **The Book of First Kings**

During the Middle Ages, the Book of Kings was divided into two parts. The first book provides a history of the Israelite people and their theological struggles from the death of King David (970 B.C.), through the reign of King Solomon, to the division of Israel into the two kingdoms of Israel and Judah, to the death of King Ahab, to the rule of his son Ahaziah (850 B.C.).

### **Psalm 146**

This OT song gives praise to God for God's help.

### **Hebrews**

The Epistle (letter) to the Hebrews (NT) is attributed to the Apostle Paul, believed to be written between 60-95 A.D. (C.E.). Paul was a Christian, Jew, Pharisee, Roman citizen, and leader in the Christian church, who had a direct encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus after Jesus' ascension into heaven. He wrote more of the NT than any other person. The title of this letter "Hebrews" presumably refers to the original audience of this letter as primarily Jewish-Christian.

### **The Gospel According to Mark**

Mark's Gospel is the oldest and shortest of the four Gospels, written between 65-75 A.D. Papias, a church leader in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century, reported that this Gospel's author is Mark, a follower of Peter who wrote this Gospel after Peter's death.

### **The Gospel According to John**

John is the latest of the four Gospels, written around 80-90 A.D. probably in Ephesus, and attributed to John the son of Zebedee, the beloved disciple of Jesus. This Gospel was "written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and through believing you may have life in his name" (20:31).

**Next Sunday, November 14, 2021, Lectionary Reading for 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Samuel 1:4-20 *and* 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Daniel 12:1-3 *and* Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8



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# Eternal Life

WILLIAM WALSHAM HOW, 1864

10. 10. 10. 4.  
Second Tune

SINE NOMINE  
R. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS, 1906

*Voices in unison. In moderate time*



1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, Who Thee by faith be -
2. Thou wast their Rock, their For-tress, and their Might; Thou, Lord, their Cap-tain
3. O may Thy sol - diers, faith-ful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who
4. O blest com-mun - ion, fel-low-ship di - vine! We fee-bly strug-ple,
5. From earth's wide bounds, from o-ccean's far-thest coast, Through gates of pearl streams



- fore the world con - fessed, Thy Name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true Light.  
 no - bly fought of old, And win with them the vic-tor's crown of gold.  
 they in glo - ry shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
 in the count-less host, Sing-ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - MEN.



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## The Christian Life

WASHINGTON GLADDEN, 1880

L.M.

MARYTON  
HENRY PERCY SMITH, 1874*In moderate time*

1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with Thee In low - ly  
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,  
 3. Teach me Thy pa - tience; still with Thee In clos - er,  
 4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the

paths of serv - ice free; Tell me Thy se - cret,  
 win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pan - y, In work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, In peace that on - ly

help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.  
 sweet and strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.  
 Thou canst give, With Thee, O Mas - ter, let me live. A-MEN.

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I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Unison

Lesbia Scott, 1929; alt.

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, . . . . faith-ful their whole lives  
 2 They loved their God and they lived that love. It was lov - ing that made them  
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are hun-dreds of thou - sands

through, who brave - ly la - bored, lived, and died for the God they  
 strong. They did what was right, for Je - sus' sake, lived just - ly their  
 still. The world is filled with liv - ing saints who choose to

loved and knew. And one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and an -  
 whole lives long. And one was a proph - et, and one was a priest, and an -  
 do God's will. You can meet them in school, on the road, or at sea, in a

oth - er a shep-herd in pas - tures green: they were saints of God, if you  
 oth - er was slain by a fierce wild beast: there is no earth-ly rea - son,  
 church, in a train, in a shop, or at tea: for the saints are folk like

know what I mean. God, help me to be one, too.  
none in the least, why I should-n't be one, too.  
you and like me, and I mean to be one, too.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The treble staff contains a melody line with notes and rests. The bass staff contains a bass line with notes and rests. The lyrics are written in the center, between the two staves, and are aligned with the notes of the melody. The lyrics are: "know what I mean. God, help me to be one, too. none in the least, why I should-n't be one, too. you and like me, and I mean to be one, too."

*This text was included in Lesbia Scott's Everyday Hymns for Little Children with her original words, music, and illustrations. A native of Britain, Scott was also the author of six published plays and enjoyed painting until her death in 1986.*

Tune: GRAND ISLE Irr.  
John H. Hopkins, 1940