

United Church of Christ

301 West Penn Avenue, Robesonia, PA 19551

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



*Welcome to our Combined
10:15am Worship Service
In-Person & Streaming Online*



July 31, 2022
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
10:15 a.m.

Welcome

*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.

Biblias en Español

Biblias Bilingües en Español y Inglés están disponible en el vestíbulo narthex en la mesa de visitantes azul.

(Bilingual Bibles in Spanish & English are available in the narthex hallway on the blue visitors' table).

Nursery

Persons of all ages (including children) are very welcome to participate in the entire worship service. For safety, during the COVID pandemic we temporarily ceased having supervised nursery for 0-8 year olds, on Sunday, September 11, 2022. In the meantime, parents who would like to do so, are welcome to watch their own children in the nursery, where a closed circuit TV is located, so that you can still see and hear the worship service.

Junior Worship

For safety, during the pandemic we temporarily ceased offering Junior Worship. We will resume Junior Worship on Sunday, September 11, 2022. The option of Junior Worship is offered downstairs, on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month, following the children's sermon, for elementary age children to learn about today's scripture lessons.

Restrooms

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

Changing Tables

All four of our restrooms have changing tables. Each restroom has two "child care protection seats" to keep toddlers safe and secure while their parents use the restroom.

Water Fountains

For the safety of all, our water fountains are disabled during the pandemic.

Sunday School & Adult Faith Formation Classes

Classes for all ages are held at 9:00am.

Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship is held at 10:15am.

Prayer and Care

If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list, or request a pastoral call, please call or email 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 or Zion United Church of Christ. For more information about St. Paul's, Zion, and the UCC, we invite you to talk with our pastors, an usher, a greeter, or any member of our churches.

More Information....

Additional literature about our missions, ministries, and fellowship opportunities is located on the **Blue Visitor Table** in the narthex hallway, or contact us using the contact information on the front page of this bulletin.

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.

*{Symbols used in this bulletin: * = if able please stand; ♯ = Red Hymnal Page; ♯ = Blue Hymnal Page}*



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Virtual Worship Service

Online: **Live Stream** at sprucc.org - Live or Watch & Listen Later on **St. Paul's UCC YouTube Channel**
Facebook Live (St. Paul's) at <https://www.facebook.com/www.sprucc.org/> - Live or Watch & Listen Later
Phone Stream at 1-888-649-5770 - Live or Listen Later

If you have any access problems, please let us know at 610-621-5770 or Office@sprucc.org

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP[®] *(Unison)*

Lord God, we come before you in unity of the Holy Spirit. Gather us in your arms, inspire us, grant us your wisdom, fill us with trust for your power and love. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE “*Open My Eyes*” a hymn by Clara H. Scott, arr. for organ by Robert J. Hughes

{Those who are able, please rise}

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*”

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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

Leader: Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

People: you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

Leader: My mouth shall speak of wisdom,

People: and my heart shall meditate on understanding. (Psalm 49:1-3 NRSV)

Leader: The Law of the Lord is perfect; it gives us new life.

People: His teachings last forever, and they give wisdom to ordinary people.
(Psalm 19:7 CEV)

Leader: Respect and obey the Lord!

People: This is the first step to wisdom and good sense. God will always be respected. (Psalm 111:10 CEV)

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 (Leader)

God of love and protection and forgiveness, hear now our confession of sins which separate us from you.

*CONFESSION OF SIN ⑩ (Unison)

Lord God of mercy, forgive us when we roll into our own wisdom instead of staying in your wisdom. What do we know? We are human. You are holy and almighty. Even though our understanding and knowledge, our wisdom and our self-control increase as we age, we can never have the insight to match your creating and over-seeing wisdom and love. Increase our trust in you.

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

*PRAYER FOR MERCY

"Kyrie"

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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.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON ⑩ (Leader)

People, as we embrace the wisdom and love that flows after we confess our many and varied weaknesses, we are free to grow in understanding of how God designed us to be in relation to the world God created, including ourselves and each other.

*CALL TO PRAISE ⑩

Leader: May you be filled with the Holy Spirit.
People: May we continually gather and sing praise to God.

*CHORUS OF PRAISE *"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"*

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**He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

**He's got you and me, brother, in his hands,
He's got you and me, sister, in his hands,
He's got you and me, brother, in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

(Please be seated)

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

HYMN *"I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"*

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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: [Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; and 2:18-23](#)

Second Lesson: [Colossians 3:1-11](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: [Luke 12:13-21](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN *"Be Still and Know"*

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATION SINGS *"Jesus Loves Me"*

Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.

Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

SERMON *"Wisdom and Wealth"*

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** The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith
(Section Five: The Promise)

**You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and
rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and
honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Merciful God,

People: receive our 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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

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**Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION ⑩

Leader: God provides his presence for us.

People: Yes, God was present and active in Ash's baptism.

Leader: God is present in our fearful moments.

People: God is present in our celebrations and other joyful times.

Leader: We can thank God in many ways.

People: Yes, our offerings are one of those ways.

Leader: May we give them with happy hearts.

OFFERTORY MUSIC “In His Time” by Diane Ball soloist Brian Keppley

{Those who are able, please rise}

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Sung by Congregation) “Take My Life and Let It Be”

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**Take my lips and let them be filled with messages for thee;
take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold,
not a mite would I withhold.**

*{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 worshipping in person or online,
the safest way to offer your tithe and offering to God through his church
is through St. Paul's UCC secure [Online Giving](https://www.sprucc.org) option on our website at [sprucc.org](https://www.sprucc.org). [St. Paul's UCC Click Here](https://www.sprucc.org)
Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul's UCC; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551
or Zion UCC; PO Box 97; Womelsdorf, PA 19567}.*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (Leader) ⑩

God of all provision, bless these gifts we have brought for your kingdom on earth. In your wisdom, direct us in their use. Help us to find the poorest of the poor; help us to know their genuine needs. May the work of your kingdom on earth here in Robesonia be blessed and enriched by these gifts. In the name of your Son, we pray.

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 ⑩

Leader: May wisdom and grace be walking with us.

People: Straight into a need.

Leader: Send the rain, nourish the crops.

People: May the climate feel your healing power.

Leader: May you prod us into doing our part.

People: May the poor be lifted by your wisdom

Leader: and our caring!

*BENEDICTION

*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN

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*SENDING HYMN “Day by Day”

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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.}*

POSTLUDE

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP



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 worshiping 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) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others



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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. During this season we focus on how we, as disciples of Jesus Christ, are called by God to go out into the world and share his Good News through both our deeds and words.

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

Green – symbolizing the growth of the Christian church, as we go out into the world and share God’s Good News with both our words and actions, and invite others into the church of Jesus Christ.

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 C**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Luke.

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). The first four books of the NT are called the “Gospels,” which Christians consider the most central books of the Bible; the rest of the NT takes place after his ascension into heaven.

This Sunday, July 31, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21

Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes shows that certain paths in life lead to emptiness. This profound book also helps us discover true purpose in life. Such wisdom can spare us from the emptiness that results from a life without God. Solomon teaches that people will not find meaning in life in knowledge, money, pleasure, work, or popularity. True satisfaction comes from knowing that what we are doing is part of God’s purpose for our lives. This is a book that can help free us from our scramble for power, approval, and money, and draw us closer to God.

Psalm 49:1-12

Trusting in worldly possessions is futile. You cannot take possessions with you when you die, and they cannot buy forgiveness from sin.

The Letter of Paul to the Colossians

This NT Epistle (letter) was written to the gentile church in Colossae, was perhaps written in the mid-60s A.D. to deal with a controversy within this church and to support the teaching and leadership of Epaphras as their minister, who is also the founder of this congregation. Persons were drifting away from being centered in the word of truth of the gospel, and instead were following deceitful philosophy, familiar traditions, and Greco-Roman notions of celestial powers. This letter reasserts the importance of turning to Christ, who is the sole head of the church, which is his body, and the need for the members of the congregation to devote themselves more fully to prayer. Paul was a Christian, Jew, Pharisee, Roman citizen, and church leader, who had a direct encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus after Jesus’ ascension into heaven. Paul wrote more of the NT than any other person.

The Gospel According to Luke

The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles is attributed to Luke “the beloved physician,” written around 59-90 A.D. (C.E.). Not having met Jesus personally, Luke undertook the task of “investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write and orderly account” of Jesus Christ, “so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.”

Next Sunday, August 7, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:32-40 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40



July 31, 2022

From the Addiction & Recovery Taskforce:

Step Seven

We humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

Shortcomings bring us to a state of desperation and we're ready to make the decision to have God remove these destructive aspects of our personalities. Humility is the spiritual principle of Step Seven and is a result of getting honest with ourselves. Accepting ourselves as we are is what it means to be truly humble.

We take action by asking God for help and relief. Relief comes not only from God, but by accepting feedback and direction from other addicts. We are sick of what we have been doing and how we are feeling. A variety of different methods are used to show willingness while working this Step. Some pray quietly, while others share openly about their process.

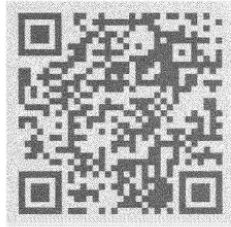
Action and prayer help us to not focus on ourselves, but rather on the will of our Higher Power. Accepting the defects of others paves the way for relief from our own defects. God works through those in recovery to bring light to our individual shortcomings. We become ready to let go and let God. We have begun our road to spiritual growth and continue with Step Eight.

Open Positions on PSEC Committees

Are YOU Interested ?

Click on the qr code at right to be connected to the PSEC website and open positions, and their descriptions, on PSEC Committees.

The web page will tell you whom to contact if interested in any of the open positions.



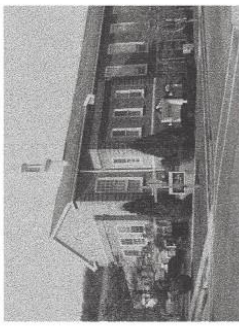
Lifting Up Our 2022 Anniversary Churches Celebrating 125 Years of "Being Church"

Trinity UCC, Reading

Pastor since 2008—Rev. Debbie A. Derby

Trinity UCC is a caring community of Christ's followers helping people come to know Jesus through the word of God!

Our aim is to be a congregation where all of God's people feel welcomed and receive God's care through God's people. Our desire is to follow the Great Commission given to us by our Lord, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20a) We seek to follow and teach the Word of God, the Bible, in all our church activities and ministries.



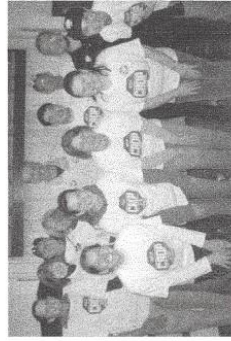
Celebrating 25 Years of "Being Church"

Olivet-Schwenkfelder UCC, East Norriton

Pastor since 2009—Rev. Leslie Mamas

At Olivet-Schwenkfelder you will find an Open and Affirming community of faith, welcoming all people into the full life and ministry of the church—without regard to race, gender, or sexual orientation. We strive to proclaim God's love as shown to us through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, while growing in faith, fellowship and humble service to others.

We gather together as a Christian community to glorify God, to pray and praise God, to learn and nurture our faith, and to support and love one another. To listen to others and be aware of the moment and the events of the day, so we do not miss the opportunity to serve God!



48 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

G C Am D Em $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

G C Am D Em $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G Em $\frac{G}{B}$ D

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all praise we would ren - der, O help us to see

G C Am D Em $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

John Ylvisaker, 1985; alt

Unison

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 2 When you found the won - der of the Word, I was
 3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
 4 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. *St. 4, end*

I was there when you were but a child, with a
 Should you find some-one to share your time and you
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

John Ylvisaker is the composer of a number of collections of music in the "contemporary" or "folk" idiom, as well as soundtracks for various media productions. This is perhaps his best-known song.

Tune: BORNING CRY 9.7.9.6.D.
John Ylvisaker, 1985

CONFIRMATION

Am D G G/B C

faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

G A7 D *to beginning*

wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

E_b **F_m7** **F7** **B_b**
A_b **A**

1 Day by day and with each pass-ing mo - ment, strength I find to
 2 Ev - ery day the Lord him - self is near me with a spe - cial
 3 Help me then in ev - ery trib - u - la - tion so to trust your

B_b7 **E_b** **F_m7**
A_b

meet my tri - als here; trust-ing in my Fa - ther's wise be - stow - ment,
 mer - cy for each hour; all my cares he fain would bear, and cheer me,
 prom - is - es, O Lord, that I lose not faith's sweet con - so - la - tion

F_m **F7** **B_b** **B_b7** **E_b** **E_b**
A_b **A** **G**

I've no cause for wor - ry or for fear. He whose heart is kind be - yond all
 he whose name is Coun - sel - or and Power. The pro - tec - tion of his child and
 of - fered me with - in your ho - ly Word. Help me, Lord, when toil and trou - ble

A_b(#2) **A_b** **B_b** **E_b** **B_b7** **B_b7** **B_b9** **C_m7** **B_b7** **E_b**
A_b **G** **F** **D** **D**

mea - sure gives un - to each day what he deems best—lov - ing - ly, its
 trea - sure is a charge that on him - self he laid: "As your days, your
 meet - ing, e'er to take, as from a fa - ther's hand, one by one, the

E \flat Fm7 A \flat F7 A B \flat B \flat 7 E \flat



part of pain and pleasure, mingling toil with peace and rest.
 strength shall be in measure," this the pledge to me he made.
 days, the moments fleet-ing, till I reach the promised land.

Be Still and Know

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C F/C C G G7/B C



1 Be still and know that I am God,
 2 The Lord Al - mighty - y is our God,
 3 In you, O Lord, we put our trust.

C C7 C7/E F Am7(b5) D7 D7/F# G



be the still Lord and know that I am God,
 the Lord Al - mighty - y is our God,
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