

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

February 2, 2020 ~ 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements ~ The Rev. Paul V. Stunkel

Prelude ~ "All Glory Laud and Honor" (D. McIntyre) ~ St. Paul's Ringers

Focus of the Day ~ Finding our Heart Song. Raquel Mora Martinez.
A musician with a Latin flavor. Died November 7, 2019

Hymn #594 ~ "Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy"

Procession of the Symbols of Worship and the Elements of Communion

Call to Worship (from Psalm 15) ~ *responsive* ~ Mike Weber, liturgist

Leader: Well, who is welcome to gather in God's place?

Men: The Psalm writer says: those who walk blamelessly, and who do what is right.

Women: They speak the truth from their heart. No slander and no evil talk.

Leader: Well, can any of us stand up in God's place?

Women: Perhaps we must bow down!

Men: At least bend our hearts to the Holy God.

**you are invited to stand as you are able*

***Prayer of Confession** ~ *in unison*

Holy and Merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

***Hymn #622** ~ "I Will Exalt My God, My King"

***Passing the Peace** ~ *You are invited to greet one another with signs of peace.*

Children's Message ~ *All children are invited. At the conclusion, children ages 3 and above have the option to participate in supervised Sunday School.*

Breathing Prayer

Response #455 ~ "Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken"

Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that began creation, listen even if you don't understand. (repeat once)

Hebrew Scripture ~ Micah 6:1-8 ~ p.866 O.T.

Anthem ~ "Gratitude" (N. Nordeman) ~ St. Paul's Singers

Gospel ~ Matthew 5:1-12 ~ p. 4 N.T.

Message ~ The Rev. Joanne Morgan

***Hymn #738** ~ "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Commitment of Tithes and Offerings ~ *If you are seated on the center aisle, please sign the friendship pad, include your email address, and pass it down the pew so that all have the opportunity to sign and learn the names of others.*

Offertory ~ "Let All Things Now Living" (arr. Berry)

***Doxology** ~ "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer ~ *in 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.

Words of Institution

At God's Kitchen Table all are fed: Bread and Cup.

Note: round communion wafers that are gluten free, wheat free, corn free, soy free, and dairy free are available on the serving tray.

Prayer

***Hymn #669** ~ "Let's Sing unto the Lord"

***Benediction**

***Postlude** ~ "Blessed Assurance" (arr. Hayes)

Glory to God hymn preference on Sunday, January 26:

#10 - "Sing Glory to the Name of God"

The flowers are presented today by...

†Joyce MacLennan in memory of Mildred McLennan

TODAY is the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION!!

We will meet for lunch in Genesis Hall following the worship service.

AND...



Annual “Souper Bowl” Sunday! You may make a donation in support of your favorite Super Bowl team and the proceeds will support our annual day of service at the Crossroads Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

Pulpit Exchange

Once again, St. Paul’s will welcome the Rev. Dr. Louis Forsythe II to the pulpit next Sunday, February 9. Dr. Forsythe is the pastor at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church at 13651 Dequindre in Detroit. Pastor Paul will be the guest in their pulpit. Please note the following information regarding important upcoming events that Pleasant Grove is sponsoring.

Saturday, February 8 from noon until 3PM ~ “Response to Critical Incidents”

presented at Pleasant Grove by the 11th Precinct of the Detroit Police Department.

Questions? HILLE869@DETROITMI.GOV or ROBINSOND921@DETROITMI.GOV.

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Our Mother of Perpetual Help Peace and Justice Committee, and University of Detroit Mercy Library present...

“An Open Conversation on Race in America.” The PBS series **“Race: The Power of an Illusion”** will be presented over three evenings. Each session will include a panel response and audience discussion.



Monday, February 3: The Differences Between Us. Everyone can tell a Norwegian from a Nubian, so why doesn’t it make sense to sort people into biological races? Examine the contemporary science—including genetics.

Monday, February 10: The Story We Tell. Hasn’t race always been with us? Explore the roots of the race concept and how it has gained such a hold over us.

Monday, February 17: The House We Live In. Race may not be due to a single gene, but racism gives different groups vastly different life chances. Fifty years after the Civil Rights Movement, the playing field is still not level and “colorblind” policies perpetuate inequality.

When: The three Mondays from 6:30PM-8:30PM.

Where: University of Detroit Mercy, 4001 W. McNichols, Detroit. Bargman Room, 2nd floor Library. Free parking-enter the McNichols gate.

Questions? Call 412-334-7690.

Adult Sunday Forums: The *Christian Century* class meets on Sundays at 9:00AM in room 9. Please consider stopping in to this engaging and relevant class addressing the church and our role in the world today. The class discusses current events as presented in the magazine of the same name.

Psalms is the focus of the Bible Study which began today and continues through February 16th in Room 11 at 9:00AM. All are welcome to dig deeper into the “songbook” of scripture in the season of discovering the new songbook in our pews!

Prayer Gatherings to pray for our church community, ministries, members, and leadership take place at **6:30PM in the Parlor prior to committee meetings on the first Tuesday of each month.** All are encouraged to attend, especially anyone who is coming to meetings that night. We are praying through the directory as well as accepting prayer requests which can be left in Kathy Potter’s mailbox or emailed to christianeducator@stpaulspresbyterian.church. If you are unable to attend, consider setting aside this or another time to pray for your church family and ministries.

“For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them.” Matthew 18:20.



Highlights from the January 21 Council Meeting...

- ◆ Preliminary budget was approved. A comment was made that it is the “best budget in years!”
- ◆ Committee chairs for 2020:
Karen Barsy - Faith Formation; Ric Barsy - Board of Trustees and Mission/Outreach; Stefanie Borysiak - Fellowship/Hospitality; Mike Graham - Mission/Outreach; Jan Lapenta - Administration; Chery Nicholas - Worship; Suzanne Tabaka - Prayer and Spirituality; Kathy VanEck - Production Ministry; Jeff Velis - Nominations
- ◆ The Presbytery of Detroit has been motivated to begin racism training for all leadership within the Presbytery. The training will involve 5 half-day sessions.



The **Pulpit Nominating Committee** thanks you for your patience and prayers as we seek to find St. Paul’s next pastor. As this is a **confidential process**, we ask that you respect our privacy as the committee works through the process. We understand you are anxious, however, we seek to maintain the integrity of this search. We will provide details once they are available to be shared with everyone. Thank you again for your patience.

From Pam Phillips... **A HUGE THANK YOU SHOUT OUT** to everyone who has done a herculean job helping with the dress room and unbelievable sales! Thank you, Ric, Allen, and Jim for taking down old bulletin boards, vacuuming, organizing shelves and the sales table, and replacing lights— you almost need sunglasses now! Thank you Jan, Georgia, and Charlotte for helping move racks and for organizing (and reorganizing) the dresses. Thank you, Charlotte for coming in all those nights and meeting YOUR goal of selling \$100 each time! Thank you Sandi and Jan for pitching in to help make more great sales. You all have kept the main purpose alive—making young and adult ladies so happy!! There is more to be done, especially with prom just around the corner. If you would like to help, please give me a call or send an email. 734.634.2445 or pamphillip@sbcglobal.net.



St. Paul's Policy: If Livonia Public Schools are closed for a **weather-related reason**, St. Paul's is closed and **ALL meetings and/or events for the day and evening are cancelled. NO exceptions.** Please watch for closing information on the news early in the day or go to the Livonia Public Schools website.



St. Paul's participates in the "2 cents per meal" Presbyterian Hunger Program. Each time we have a community meal, banks are placed on the tables and all are encouraged to contribute. The money collected supports local hunger programs. If you would like to participate at home, please pick up a bank in the office. This is an ongoing ministry, so if you fill a bank, you are always welcome to start a new one!

Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care will meet on March 9 at 6:15PM at First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St., Plymouth.



Supreme Court Justice Megan Cavanagh will address Developments in Child Welfare from the Michigan Supreme Court's perspective. Arielle Duncan will share her musical talent.

Donations to be gathered: New and gently used suitcases, new children's underwear, twin XL bed linens, personal care items for aging out students at Wayne State.

Questions? Sheila Henderson - rjsah@sbcglobal.net
Peggy Fisher-Kmieciak - pfk75@hotmail.com


St. Paul's Per Capita assessment obligation for 2020 is \$5,101.85 which translates to approximately \$32.00 per member listed on the official roll. Requesting each member to voluntarily donate their portion of this assessment lessens the impact on the General Fund. An envelope was included in your January packet. The envelope also lists a voluntary opportunity to donate the same amount to our Shared Mission obligation. Thank you!



OOPS! We miscalculated! So... we have ordered 30 more **Glory to God** hymnals! If you missed the previous opportunity to donate, now is your chance! \$20.00 per hymnal! Order forms are in the office.

 * From the Board of Deacons: *
 * Chancel Flowers and *
 * Food Baskets *
 * Envelopes for ordering are in the office. *
 * Payment of \$20.00 is required at the time *
 * the order is placed. *
 * The flower chart in the lobby is *
 * available to reference availability only. *
 * Please DO NOT write on the chart, *
 * but check for available dates *
 * BEFORE ordering. *
 * Flowers may be placed on available *
 * dates through November 22, 2020 *
 * Food Baskets may be *
 * designated for any Sunday. *
 * Donations for food baskets support the *
 * outreach ministries of the Deacons. *





BOARD OF DEACONS FOOD PANTRY

Donations of the following items are always gratefully accepted!

Each bag contains: a roll of paper towels, a large roll of toilet tissue, 1 large or 2 small cans of tuna, 1 can of meat (SPAM, etc.), 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese, 2 cans of soup, 2 cans of vegetables, 1 can of fruit, 1 box of gelatin, 1 package of pasta, 1 can of pasta sauce, 1 can of pasta (ravioli, etc.), 1 package of a side dish (potatoes, rice dishes, tuna helper, etc.), 1 sleeve of crackers (saltines or graham), 1 box of cereal, 1 jar of peanut butter, 1 jar of jelly or jam, and sample sized toiletries.

Here are some things we need, please:

SEALED WRAPPED plastic ware to donate to Crossroads Soup Kitchen. A collection box is in the office.

SWIVEL-STYLE PLASTIC HANGERS AND CLIP STYLE SKIRT HANGERS for the dresses. Please place in the **smallest** lobby shopping cart in the lobby.

NEWSPAPER - just the printed pages - **NO** colored pages or inserts, **PLEASE!** - for the community garden project. A basket is under the lobby sign-up table.



Please stop by the display board just past the office to see the latest creative display from Kathy VanEck!
 Thanks, Kathy!

Stewardship

Weekly Stewardship

January 26, 2020
General Fund: \$1,403.00

Building Improvement Fund: \$255.00

Where some of your tithes and offerings go:
Consumers Energy-Dec 15-Jan 15: \$2,579.46

2020 Pledge update as of January 15, 2020

General Fund
50 pledging units: \$138,037.00

Building Improvement Fund
27 pledging units: \$32,114.00



Ash Wednesday Worship Service
February 26 at 7:00PM

St. Timothy Presbyterian Church
16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia 48154



THE WEEKLY OFFICE SCHEDULE IS:

Monday - Work day for Pastor Paul and Wanda IN THE OFFICE.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday - Regular Office hours - 9:00AM - 5:00PM.

Tuesday and Thursday Evening Office hours - 6:00PM – 9:00PM

Friday-Closed.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sheldon Davis, Carol Townsend, Joyce Barton
Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye
Bill Dust, Nola Bonandrini, Tamar Duthie
Frank & Nancy Saunders, Janet Pridgeon
Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth
Anita Falk, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz
Lila Hindmarsh, Susan Grant, Grace Campbell
Bruce Phillips, Barbara Kett
Katie Potter ~ granddaughter of Kathy Potter
Christine Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley
John Barclay ~ uncle of Steve Boyak
Eli Nicholas ~ father of Allen
Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham
Mark Osborne ~ son of Janet
Sarah & Mason Young ~ cousins of Judy McGregor
Tony S. ~ cousin of Gail Artinian
Diane Calloway ~ cousin of Gail Artinian
MaryAnn Tabaka ~ mother of Suzanne
Eric Tabaka ~ nephew of Suzanne
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris
Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Nola & Ben
Zoe Marcus ~ friend of Karen Erwin
Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips
Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo
Leslie Benoit ~ daughter of Tamar Duthie
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison
Adam Schilling ~ grandson of Ron & Janet Frank
Eric Schilling ~ grandson of Ron & Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta
Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis
Jill Haddox ~ friend of Connie Shoup

Please review the prayer list and report any changes to the office as soon as possible.

Ladies... there is a necklace in the office with a magnetic clasp and it is looking for its owner! Found in the sanctuary during the worship service a few Sundays ago.

Calendar for February 2 - February 9, 2020

Sunday, February 2 "Souper" Bowl Sunday!

9:00AM *Christian Century Forum*.....9
 9:00AM *Psalms*.....11
10:15AM Worship.....Sanctuary

**Annual Meeting with lunch in Genesis Hall
 following the Worship Service**

Monday, February 3

Tuesday, February 4

5:30PM PNC.....
 6:30PM Prayer.....Parlor
 6:45PM Trustees.....Genesis Lobby
 7:00PM Faith Formation Committee.....11
 7:30PM Mission/Outreach.....16
 7:30PM Administration.....9
 7:30PM NA.....J/K

Wednesday, February 5

Thursday, February 6

3:30PM Worship Committee.....16
 6:00PM Ringers Rehearsal.....F
 6:30PM Singers Rehearsal.....F
 6:45PM Girl Scouts.....Social Hall
 7:30PM NA.....J/K
 7:30PM AA/Alanon.....Genesis Lobby/9/22

Friday, February 7

Saturday, February 8

Sunday, February 9

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10:15AM Worship.....Sanctuary



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St. Paul's Presbyterian Church...
feeding people- body, mind, and spirit.

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