

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

February 23, 2020 ~ Transfiguration of the Lord

Welcome and Announcements ~ The Rev. Paul V. Stunkel

Prelude ~ Steve Olsen, guest

Theme ~ *Glory to God*

This we hope: ~ in unison

We hope the cover imprint fades from greasy fingers.

We hope the pages become wrinkled and torn from constant use.

We hope our children will sing from this hymnal -

we hope our grandchildren will too.

Call to Worship ~ *responsive* ~ Ric Barsy, liturgist

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into his presence with singing! Lead-

er: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us worship God.

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

***Hymn #10** ~ "Sing Glory to the Name of God"

***Prayer** ~ *in unison*

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires, known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Invitation to Confession**

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

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**

**By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

***Declaration of God's Mercy**

***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 ~ Psalm 96 ~ *responsive*

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all peoples.

Leader: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

People: Honor and majesty are before him;

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

People: Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

Leader: Say among the nations, "The Lord is King! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."

People: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

Anthem ~ *"Praise Him Praise Him"* (C. G. Allen/F. J. Crosby) ~ St. Paul's Singers

Epistle ~ Colossians 3:12-17 ~ p. 201 N.T.

Response #458 refrain ~ *"Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"*

Message ~ "Glorifying God from the Heart"

***Hymn #303** ~ *"God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian"*

Dedication of the Glory to God hymnals ~ *responsive*

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: We give thanks to God. And offer to God honor and praise.

Leader: Holy Lord, receive these hymnals as instruments of your praise.

People: May you, God, be glorified in our singing and in our praying.

Prayer of Dedication ~ *in unison*

O God, you who create vocal cords and inspire the making of hymns and songs, bless this hymn book to our use. We, in turn, will sing Glory to you. Hear our feeble praise and multiply the strength of our gratitude, till the roof shakes and the earth quakes and our praise echoes in the sanctuary above. May the tunes and songs, by the Holy Spirit, surprise us; give new life to us. We praise you, Triune God, Father, Son, Spirit. Blessed by your name. Amen.

***Hymn #641** ~ *“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”*

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

***Doxology** ~ *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

***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.

***Hymn #751** ~ *“From the Nets of Our Labors”*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Glory to God hymn preference on Sunday, February 16:

#751 - “From the Nets of Our Labors”



Ash Wednesday Worship Service
February 26 at 7:00PM

St. Timothy Presbyterian Church
16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia 48154

**All women are cordially invited to Sarah
Circle on Wednesday, February 26**

at noon in Room 9

Please bring a lunch and the study book
Beatitudes from the Back Side

Questions? Please contact Georgia Hunt at
734.427.3493.

The flowers are presented today by...

Sue Rakay in honor of the birthdays of her son, Rich, his wife, Susan, and her granddaughter, Carol



All are invited to this FREE event!!
"Miniature Motors Demolition Derby!"
Next Sunday, March 1 at 3:00PM
Pizza and beverages will be provided!
Please sign up!!

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- **Moving With The Spirit** will resume on •
- Tuesday, March 3 at 4:00PM and •
- continue through April 14. •
- **Please note the change of day and time!** •
- Questions? Please contact Karen Barsy •
- at 734.729.0688 or •
- dancinklmb@comcast.net. •
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**You are invited to Explore Matthew 7 Together
Lent 2020**

**Wednesday Soup Suppers
March 4-April 1 - 6:00PM-7:30PM**

Each Wednesday we will gather for soup and conversation. This year we will include communion around tables in Genesis Hall. Short vignettes have been chosen to stir conversations as we explore Jesus' words towards the end of the Sermon on the Mount.

- March 4: Matthew 7:7-8. Video - "Escalator"
- March 11: Matthew 7:1-2. Video - "Signs of Forgiveness"
- March 18: Matthew 7:15-17. Video - "A Moment in Time"
- March 25: Matthew 7:13-14. Video - "Stories Behind the Face"
- April 1: Matthew 7:21. Video - "Forgiveness Bridge"

Please sign up each week!!!

ROMANS 4:12 ~ Sunday, March 8 in Genesis Hall. **Please sign up!**

Project: Bird feeders for nursing facilities.

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.


"A Journey Through Lent" is the video study at 9:00AM on Sundays through the season of Lent. Join us in room 11 for viewing and discussion through April 5. Each week will focus on a Psalm with the emphasis changing: A Prayer of Confession, of Seeking, of Thirst, of Rest, for the World, for the King and for Security. Mark this season with us.



Highlights from the February 18 Council Meeting...

- ◆ Thanks to Kasco Construction for the donation of 7 laptop computers
- ◆ Approved May 31, 2020 as the retirement date for Pastor Paul
- ◆ Council is grateful for 3 more pledges and would welcome more members doing the same

Next Sunday, March 1, is the annual **Blue Out Sunday!** In support of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance theme of **OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**, all are encouraged to wear something blue! The work of the PDA is made possible by our gifts to the **One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering** which will be received on Palm Sunday, April 5.

MISSION  **World Medical Relief - Tuesday, March 10 from 9AM-Noon.**
Carpool from the church at 8:30AM. Please sign up!!

Save the date! A Mission Trip is being planned for April 25-May 2 to Taylorville, Illinois, in the south central part of the state where a tornado struck on December 1, 2019. Details will follow. If you have questions, please see Gary Earnley.

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 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!




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

Happy Birthday!

All are invited to the 70th Birthday Party for Pastor Paul! Saturday, March 7 from 5-8PM at 1091 Burns St., Detroit 48214. Please RSVP to Karen Stunkel at 815-219-0180. NO gifts, please, your presence is the gift!!

 * 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. *
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BOARD OF DEACONS FOOD PANTRY

Donations of the following items are always gratefully accepted!

Current needs: canned green beans, canned corn, canned pasta!

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.

Thank you for your ongoing support!!

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 current creative display from Kathy VanEck!
Thanks, Kathy!

Stewardship

Weekly Stewardship

February 16, 2020
General Fund: \$1,826.00

Building Improvement Fund: \$60.00

Where some of your tithes and offerings go:
Employee Payroll for January: \$8,270.45

2020 Pledge update as of February 16, 2020

General Fund
53 pledging units: \$145,837.00

Building Improvement Fund
30 pledging units: \$33,674.00

If we have not yet received your donation for the annual **St. Paul's Per Capita** obligation for 2020, please consider sending it as soon as possible. St. Paul's assessment is **\$5,101.85** which translates to approximately **\$32.00 per member** listed on the official roll. Asking the membership to donate their portion lessens the impact on the General Fund. **Thank you! And a special thanks to those of you who have already participated!!**



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
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt
Katie Potter ~ granddaughter of Kathy Potter
Christine Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley
John Barclay ~ uncle of Steve Boyak
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 a worship service.

Calendar for February 23 - March 1, 2020

Sunday, February 23

9:00AM *Christian Century Forum*.....9

9:00AM *A Journey Through Lent*.....11

10:15AM Worship.....Sanctuary

Monday, February 24

Tuesday, February 25

5:30PM PNC.....

6:00PM SOLARSocial Hall

7:30PM NA.....J/K

Wednesday, February 26

10:00AM BINGO at Heartland Health Care

Noon Sarah Circle.....9

**7:00PM Ash Wednesday Worship
at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church
16700 Newburgh Rd. Livonia 48154**

Thursday, February 27

6:00PM Ringers Rehearsal.....F

6:30PM Singers Rehearsal.....F

7:30PM NA.....J/K

7:30PM AA/Alanon.....Genesis Lobby/9/22

Friday, February 28

Saturday, February 29

Sunday, March 1

The first Sunday in Lent

9:00AM *Christian Century Forum*.....9

9:00AM *A Journey Through Lent*.....11

10:15AM Worship.....Sanctuary

3:00PM Slot Car Demolition Derby!

Reminder!

PLEASE check our website:
www.stpaulspresbyterian.church for
current St. Paul's information, now
including the weekly bulletin!



**on March 8
don't forget to set your
clocks FORWARD one hour!**

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feeding people- body, mind, and spirit.**

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