

March 27, 2022 ~ 4th Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude ~ *“Were You There”* ~ Karen Danke

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: We are welcomed into worship as the children of God.

People: Praise to the Lord that we have been adopted into the family of God.

Leader: When we are faithful and when we stray, God’s love for us remains.

People: We thank and praise you, Jesus our Lord, for your steadfast love and care.

*\*you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

*\*Hymn #442 ~ “Just as I Am, without One Plea”*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Lord, you are Father who has led us throughout our lives with love. Yet Lord, we confess that we stray from your guidance and care and seek things that will not satisfy. Forgive us Lord. In your mercy welcome us back into your loving arms. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer)

Responsive Chorus #551 ~ *“Lord, Have Mercy”*

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

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Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Offering Prayer

*\*Doxology #606 ~ “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (Traditional)*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Psalm 32

Special Music ~ “*Shout to the Lord*” (D. Zschech) and “*Battle Belongs*” (P. Wickham) ~ Committed

Christian Scripture ~ Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Message ~ “Wayward Sons”

\*Hymn #658 ~ “*God is So Good*”

Community at Prayer

Prayer Preparation #184 ~ “*Calm to the Waves*”

*Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Jesus whispers, “Peace, be still.”  
Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In stillness, hear his voice.*

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 #435 ~ “*There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*”

\*Benediction

\*Response #458 ~ “*Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*”

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

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*When I feel afraid, and I think I’ve lost my way, still you’re there right beside me.*

*Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.*

Postlude ~ “*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*”

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**A Meeting of the Congregation is called for Sunday, April 3, 2022, immediately following the worship service, for the purpose of presenting amended bylaws for approval.**

**Highlights from the March 15 Session Meeting:**

- 1- There will be a congregational meeting Sunday, April 3, 2022 to approve the amended St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church Bylaws.
- 2- The church will be closed the day after Easter, Monday, April 18, 2022
- 3- St. Paul’s has proper Liability Insurance coverage of \$1M

The final **Lenten Study** will be Wednesday, April 6 (**NO** study on March 30) with a soup and bread supper beginning at 6:00PM. The study will begin at 6:30PM and will also be offered virtually. Please sign up in the lobby for in person attendance. The goggle meet link will be in the ebranch and the website.

**An important update from your Board of Deacons**...As a result of a very significant decline in participation as well as many more opportunities in the local community for more enhanced food assistance, the Board of Deacons Food Pantry has closed. The board will now distribute donations received to local agencies that serve the community, and will continue to support any ongoing needs of this congregation. You may continue to make celebratory or memorial donations or your donation can simply be a gift to the Deacons Ministries. Information as to how the funds are distributed will be made available to the St. Paul's congregation. Donation acknowledgements will be published in the weekly bulletin and ebranch. To donate, please:

**Make your check payable to: St. Paul's Board of Deacons and enclose a note with:** Donor(s) Name(s) and the dedication. (Dedication examples: In honor of the first responders. In honor of our grandchildren. In memory of my parents).

Send the donation with your check and note to St. Paul's, drop it in the secure mailbox outside the entrance, or bring it to the church for Sunday worship or during office hours. The Board of Deacons appreciates the congregation's generous spirit. May the peace of Christ be with us all.



August Kornowicz, Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Joyce Barton  
Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone  
Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips  
Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff  
Ray & Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don & Meta Tulley  
Mark Feely, Phil Decker, & Vickie McVeigh ~ friends of Judy McGregor  
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August & Faith Kornowicz  
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie Whitlock  
Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen  
Glenn Ellan Rubright ~ sister of Mike Graham; Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck  
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit  
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright  
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham  
Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet  
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 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; Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison  
Adam Schilling & Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank  
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis

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

