

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

November 17, 2019

**Welcome** ~ The Rev. Paul V. Stunkel

**Prelude** ~ Karen Danke, guest

**Opening Sentences** - a prayer by Howard Thurman ~ *responsive*

Leader: Lord, open unto me...

**People: light for my darkness, courage for my fear, hope for my despair.**

Leader: Open unto me -

**People: peace for my turmoil, joy for my sorrow, strength for my weakness.**

Leader: Open unto me-

**People: wisdom for my confusion, forgiveness for my sins, love for my hates.**

Leader: Open unto me-Thy self for my self.

**People: Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.**

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

**\*Hymn #551** ~ "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

**\*Confession and Pardon**

Pastor: Friends in Christ, God knows our needs before we ask, and in our asking prepares us to receive the gift of grace. Let us confess to God whatever has wounded us or brought injury to others.

**People: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed.**

Pastor: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ prays for us. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**People: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

**\*Passing the Peace** ~ *You are invited to greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*

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

**Breathing Prayer**

**Response** ~ "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.*

**Gospel** ~ Luke 21:5-19 ~ p. 85 N.T. ~ Don Tulley, liturgist

**Anthem** ~ “*For the Beauty of the Earth*” (B. Red) ~ St. Paul’s Singers

**Hebrew Scripture** ~ Isaiah 65:17-25 ~ p. 696 O.T.

**Message** ~ “God’s New Thing, unlike the Old Thing”

**\*Hymn** ~ “*My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*”

**Prayers of Community**

**Offering Witness**

**Offering and Offertory**

**\*Doxology #593** ~ “*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 #332** ~ “*Live Into Hope*”

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**The flowers are presented today by...**

**♥ Wanda and Bob Seymour in honor of the birthday of their daughter,  
Jennifer Penix**

Your 2020 Stewardship Commitment Card should have arrived in your mailbox,  
along with the annual calendar gift from the Manns Family Funeral Home.

Please place your card in the basket on the communion table or  
ask someone to place it in the basket for you.

Thank you!

**Sign up TODAY! “It’s a Wonderful Life” Dinner/Movie Night**



**Wednesday, November 20 at 5:45PM in Genesis Hall**

Sponsored by the Fellowship/Hospitality Committee, Stefanie Borysiak, chair



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.



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, including our own Food Pantry. 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!

**Adult Sunday Forums:** The *Christian Century* class and video series *Letters to the Church* by Francis Chan have resumed on Sundays at 9:00AM in rooms 9 and 11, respectively. Please consider stopping in to either of these engaging and relevant classes addressing the church and our role in the world today. *The Christian Century* class discusses current events as presented in the magazine of the same name. *Letters to the Church* looks at the church today in light of the church of the biblical church.

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: **Prayer Gatherings** to pray for our church community, ministries, members, and leadership take  
: place at 6:30PM in the Parlor prior to committee meetings (generally on the first Tuesday of  
: each month). (**NOTE:** No gatherings on the third Tuesday). **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](mailto: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.**  
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Our Annual *Cookies for Crossroads* ROMANS 12:4 event is just around the corner! As usual, **180 dozen homemade Christmas Cookies** have been requested to add some joy to the at-risk rural youth of western Michigan served by Crossroads! That's a lot of cookies!! **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> following worship**, we will gather for a meal, a brief carol sing and decorating and boxing of the Christmas cookies you provide! **Please sign up** in the lobby indicating attendance and cookie donation details. The event needs advance planning and coordination, so please sign up early!! All are encouraged to participate! We will have activities for all mobility levels!! It's a time of festivity and fellowship! See you there!

*Kathy Potter*, Coordinator of Christian Education





**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.

**Westminster Presbyterian Church will host their 37th annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner on November 28 from 11:00AM until 3:00PM.**

If you would like to volunteer for this outreach opportunity, please email [wcodthanksgiving@gmail.com](mailto:wcodthanksgiving@gmail.com) or call the dedicated line at 313.341.2697 x 314 for more information. Volunteers are needed Monday-Wednesday for set-up, and Thursday to serve, deliver meals and help clean up. Monetary donations to help purchase turkeys may be sent to Westminster Church of Detroit with "Thanksgiving" in the memo line and mailed to the church at 17567 Hubbell, Detroit 48235.




In addition, reservations to share in the meal, which is open to all, may be made by calling the dedicated line referenced above no later than Monday, November 18.

**POINSETTIAS FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT**

The Board of Deacons will once again decorate the sanctuary with their silk poinsettias. For a donation of \$10.00, you may memorialize or honor someone with this **symbolic gift**, and your donation will support the many ongoing ministries of the Board of Deacons. Envelopes for ordering are in the office and will be accepted through December 15. Acknowledgements will be in the bulletin on the 4th Sunday of Advent and on Christmas Eve.

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 \* From the Board of Deacons: \*  
 \* The dates for 2019 are filled. Watch for \*  
 \* the new flower chart with 2020 dates! \*  
 \* The flower chart in the lobby is \*  
 \* available to reference availability only. \*  
 \* Please DO NOT write on the chart! \*  
 \* Food Baskets may be \*  
 \* designated for any Sunday. \*  
 \* Donations for food baskets support the \*  
 \* outreach ministries of the Deacons. \*  
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**FEED THE HUNGRY**

**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.

## ***Stewardship***

### **Weekly Stewardship**

November 10, 2019  
General Fund: \$2,251.00

Building Improvement Fund: \$200.00

Where some of your tithes and offerings go:  
DTE-September: \$587.96

**FYI**

For Your Information

The Personnel Committee continues seek a part time sexton. If you know of someone who may be interested, please see John DeSautel or call the office.

- ◆ Regular office hours are now Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00AM to 5:00PM. The office is also open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00PM until 9:00PM. Pastor Paul's day off continues to be Friday and the office is now closed on Friday.
- ◆ Mondays continue to be reserved as "prep" day **in the office** for Pastor Paul and Wanda.

## *In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

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, Lucille Ladouceur  
Susan Grant, Grace Campbell  
Bruce Phillips, Barbara Kett  
Katie Potter ~ granddaughter of Kathy Potter  
Christine Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright  
Frank Stasa, Jr. ~ friend of Don & Meta Tulley  
Janet Kusahara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley  
John Barclay ~ uncle of Steve Boyak  
Dorothy Farquhar ~ aunt of Eric  
Eli Nicholas ~ father of Allen  
Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham  
Mark Osborne ~ son of Janet  
Henry Alexander ~ friend of Ron & Janet Frank  
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  
Marcy Hare ~ daughter of Lucille Ladouceur  
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  
Eric Schilling ~ grandson of Ron & Janet Frank  
Dottie Kinville ~ mother of Jeff Kinville  
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.**

## Calendar for November 17 - November 24, 2019

### Sunday, November 17

9:00AM *Christian Century Forum*.....9  
9:00AM *Letters to the Church Forum*.....11  
10:15AM Worship.....Sanctuary

### Monday, November 18

### Tuesday, November 19

5:30PM PNC.....9  
6:00PM Girl Scout Training.....Social Hall  
6:00PM Production Ministry.....7  
7:00PM Deacons (rescheduled).....11  
7:00PM Council.....16  
7:30PM NA.....J/K

### Wednesday, November 20

10:30AM Moving with the Spirit.....Parlor  
11:00AM Moving with the Spirit.....Parlor  
5:45PM Movie Night.....Genesis Hall

### Thursday, November 21

9:30AM Bridge.....Genesis Lobby  
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, November 22

### Saturday, November 23

### Sunday, November 24

9:00AM *Christian Century Forum*.....9  
9:00AM *Letters to the Church Forum*.....11

10:15AM Worship.....Sanctuary

St. Paul's will be closed on  
Thanksgiving Day, Thursday,  
November 28 and on Friday,  
November 29.

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Pastor

Presbytery of Detroit: [www.PbyDetroit.org](http://www.PbyDetroit.org)  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)

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

*Unified in Christ, our mission is to bring people to  
Jesus by practicing God's will for our lives through  
worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and  
mission!*

*SPPC Mission Statement*

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