

**16TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST:
WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY**

2 October 2011
11:00 am

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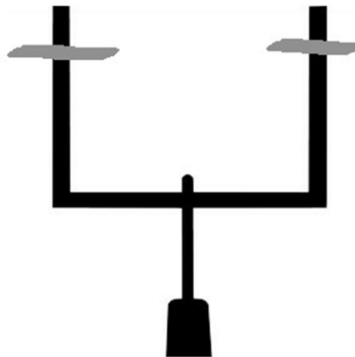
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Ushers:

Lori Evans
John Evans
Rebecca Roper
Elise Patterson

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Calvin Bostic
John Evans



MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Saint Paul United Methodist Church is to be the people of God who praise God in worship, celebrating God's love and healing presence in Jesus Christ. We are called to be signs of hope and healing to all people in our community and the world, reaching out in ministries of love, compassion and care as we seek to follow the example of Jesus Christ.

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The Order of Worship

Let the people be in silent meditation and prayer upon entering the Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*PRELUDE Meditation on “Beach Spring” ... Traditional American Melody

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP “Worthy of Worship” Choir and Congregation

“Worthy of worship, worthy of praise, Worthy of honor and glory;
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing, Worthy of all of the off-‘rings we bring.
You are worthy, Father, Creator, You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful; Worthy of worship and praise.”

*GREETING

Come to Christ, that living stone,
rejected by the world, but in God's sight chosen and precious.

**We have responded to Christ's call,
and seek to be built into a spiritual house,
a living reminder of God's presence on earth.**

Once we were no people, but now we are God's people,
called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light.

Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer.

**By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.²**

*INVOCATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us pray . . .

*HYMN NO. 368

“My Hope is Built”

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, Hymnal No. 881

“The Apostles’ Creed”

*THE GLORIA PATRI, Hymnal 70

“Glory Be to the Father

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Let us Pray: **Almighty God, you gave us your commandments and asked us to live according to your holy will. As part of your design for honorable living, we participate in this simple act of giving. We dedicate ourselves to living lives of honesty and peace. Amen.**³

OFFERTORY "Ave Maria" ... Jacob Arcadelt 1505-1560

*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymnal 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON *(responsive)*

. . . Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.⁴

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:33-46

THE ANTHEM "Communion" ... Douglas E. Wagner

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 3:4b-14

SERMON "Toward the Goal"

This is the Lord's Table. All are invited to partake of the Sacrament. Receive the bread as it is placed in the palm of your hand and hold it until the cup is presented to you. The bread is lightly dipped into the cup and eaten.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 618

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

*BENEDICTION "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Choir and Congregation

"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May his light be always in thee.
May he keep you safe from harm, Give shelter from the storm,
May he grant you, May he grant you, his peace, Amen."

*POSTLUDE

"Bel piacere"

... G. F. Handel

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MEMORIALS

*In Memory of Frank "Cotton" Jones
given by Nancy Smith*

In Your Prayers, Please Remember: Friends serving in the Armed Services: Michael Abowd, John Broom, and Dylan O'Neal, and Jeremy Graham, Michael Gravley, Travis Scott and Paul. (all deployed to Afghanistan), Carroll Anthony, Phillip Baskins, Cliff Belcher, Kiele Binsted, Calvin Bostic, Zonelle Boykin, Edith Branham, Bill and Joe-Ellen Brockman, Ann Brown, Randy and Linda Burchet, Connie Cox, Lilli Curry, *Bill Davis*, David Dolge, Virginia Dowis, Don Everett, Blaine Frazier, Eva Gillespie, Luke Gilliam, **Louise Gilstrap**, *Courtney Dobson Grass*, Walt Hawkins, Jimmy Head, Martha Jameson, Kristina Kimbrell, Pat Larson, Al Lupo, Dot and "Mac" MacMillan, Buddy Miller, Roy Patterson, Rhonda Pearson, Jimmy Senn, Nancy Sizemore, Nancy Smith, David and Madeline Snow, **Susan Snow**, Jane Snyder, Linda Terminato, Eric Thrasher, Belvin and Georgia Ware, Hazel Welborn, the victims of the earthquakes in Japan, those affected by the recent storms, floods and tornados, the people in all countries experiencing disasters and the United States of America and our leaders. Names are kept on the Prayer List for 4 weeks. If you wish to keep a name on the list after 4 weeks or to add a new name, please notify the office. **Bold** = New Addition, *Italics* = Currently in Hospital.