St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

A Community of Faith for 242 Years

Sunday, November 29, 2026



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November 29, 2026
First Sunday of Advent
*stand +kneel/ Lay Leader- Brian Staller

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER CONCERNS

PRELUDE……"Pastoral Symphony from Messiah"
by George F. Handel; arr. Mark L. Williams

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P - Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who calls out to the weary, whose word endures forever.

C - Amen.

P - A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord!" We are called to confess our sin and turn back toward God's love.

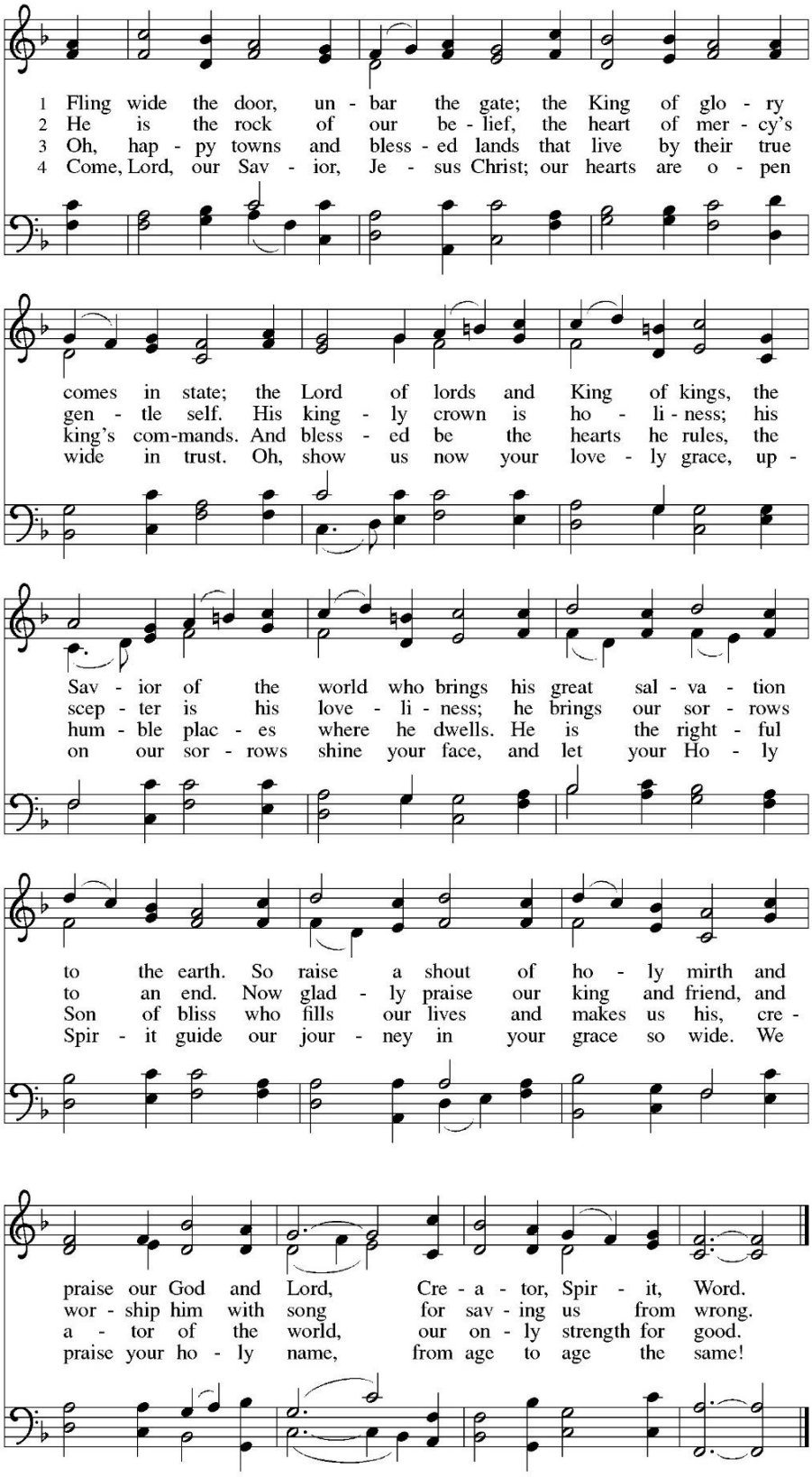
C - Comforting God, we are your people, but we have neglected to call on your name. We are your people, but we have not remembered your ways. We are your people, but we have forgotten your hold on us. We are your people, but now we fade like a leaf, and our sins, like the wind, take us away. Restore us as your people. Cleanse us from our sin, and clothe us in your righteousness. Amen.

P - "Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God, who has clothed you with the garments of salvation and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness. God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. In the name of ✝ Christ, your sins are forgiven: Rejoice in the Lord! Rejoice in the Lord!

C - Amen. [Thanks be to God!]

*GATHERING SONG……"Fling Wide the Door" (ELW 259)

Fling Wide the Door



*GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

P - The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C - And also with you.

*KYRIE (ELW p. 138)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 139)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P - Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C - Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,

who works for those who wait for him.
[5] You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
[6] We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
[7] There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you,
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
[8] Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
[9] Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

R - The word of the Lord.
C - Thanks be to God.

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

"Come, Now, O Prince of Peace (ELW 247)- **Verse 1**

1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (Read Responsively)

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.
2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,**
stir up your strength and | come to help us.
3 Restore | us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
4 **O LORD | God of hosts,**
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray? R
5 You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.
6 **You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,**
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.
7 Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
17 **Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,**
the one you have made so strong | for yourself. R
18 And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.
19 **Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;**
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved. R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every

kind—[6] just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—[7] so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8] He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

R - The word of the Lord.
C - Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

*GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

P - The holy gospel according to Mark.
C - Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] [24] "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
[25] and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
[26] "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. [27] Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

[28] "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is

near. [29] So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30] Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.
[31] Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

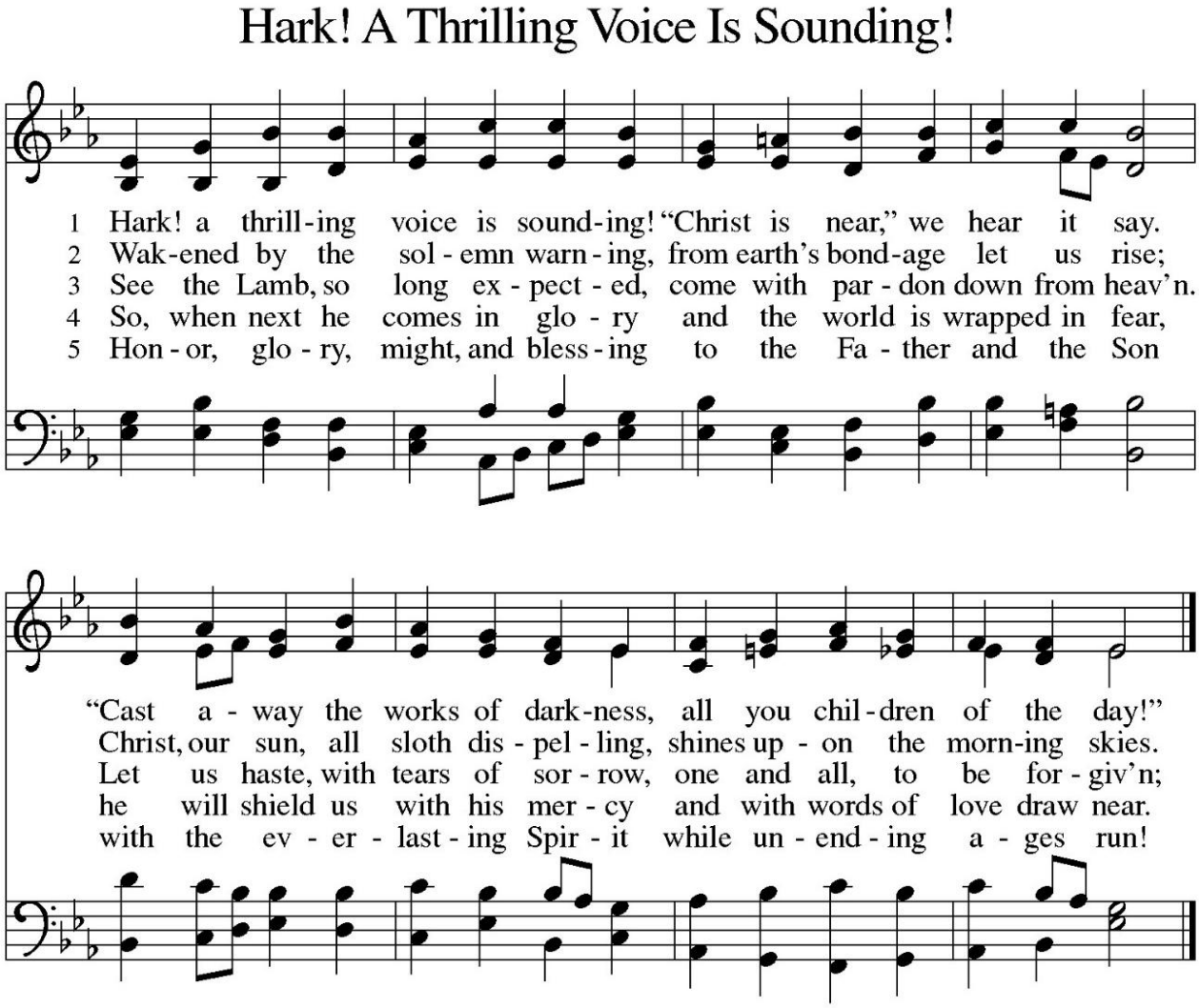
[32] "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. [33] Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. [34] It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. [35] Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, [36] or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37] And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

P - The gospel of the Lord.
C - Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY……**

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!" (ELW 246)



Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878
Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

***APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third

day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P - In hope and expectation, we bring to God our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need. Strengthen your church in this season of anticipation. Nourish all people who gather around word and water, bread and cup. Reassure any whose faith feels dry that you are always near. God, in your mercy,

C - receive our prayer.

P - Come and restore the earth. Give rest to weary lands and renewed life to species at risk. Make us wise stewards of the places we call home. God, in your mercy,

C - receive our prayer.

P - Bring peace among all nations and communities. Embolden leaders to seek creative and sustainable resolutions to war and conflict. Show us new possibilities in places where peace has been elusive. God, in your mercy,

C - receive our prayer.

P - Sustain all who are heavy with weariness, grief, illness, or worry (*especially*). Comfort families who are estranged from one another and any who are separated from loved ones. God, in your mercy,

C - receive our prayer.

P - Inspire liturgists, preachers, musicians, and all who lead our worship and prayer. May we be prepared as we await Christ's coming this Advent season. God, in your mercy,

C - receive our prayer.

P - You embrace all the saints from the far reaches of the earth. We remember with care all who have died and now abide in their eternal home. God, in your mercy,

C - receive our prayer.

P - We entrust these and the prayers of our hearts to you, most holy God, in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior.

C - Amen.

*PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P - The peace of Christ be with you always.

C - And also with you.

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (ELW 884)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERING PRAYER

P - Holy Creator, we are the clay and you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Receive these gifts shape them and our lives for your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C - Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

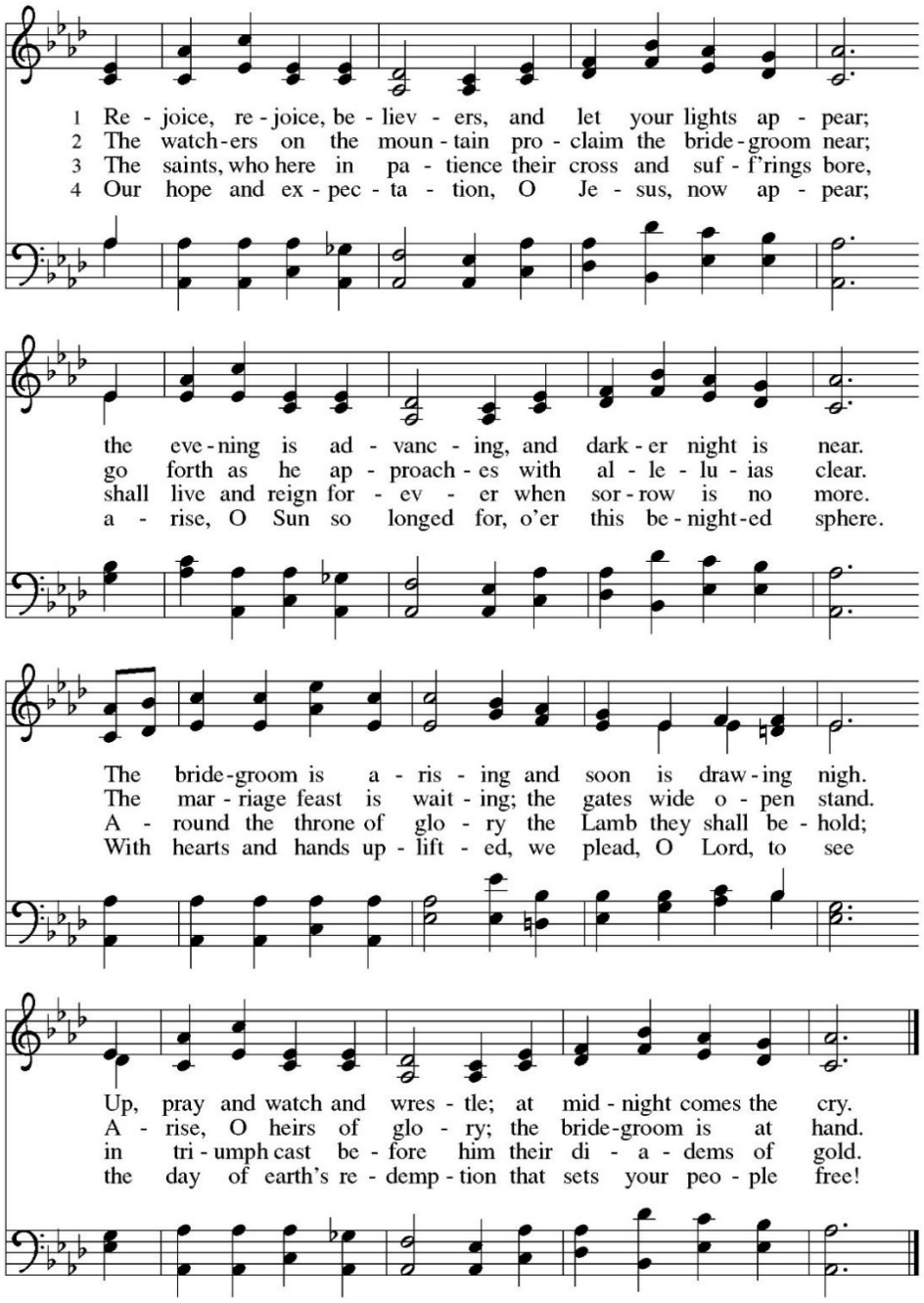
*BLESSING

P - God our provider, God our feast, God our companion, ✢ bless you now and forever.

C - Amen.

***SENDING SONG**……"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" (ELW 244)

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

*DISMISSAL

P - Go in peace. Bring good news the brokenhearted.

C - Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE…."Lo! He Comes With Clouds Depending"- arr. by David Willcocks

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One vase of flowers is in memory of Edith Sholl presented by Glenn & Helen Miller and Faye and Family.

The bulletins are in memory of Edith Sholl presented by Glenn & Helen Miller and Faye and Family.

Please sign the Friendship Register in your pew. Visitors, or members with a change of address, please complete the address section and telephone number. Visitors may also include the name and address of your home church so they can be notified that you have received communion.

Prayer Requests: Please email (stpaulsummerhill@gmail.com) or call (570-754-7225) the church office with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. You may also give names to the person leading service prior to the start of the worship service.

The Social Ministry's Angel Tree is in the narthex with ornaments with children's names from Schuylkill Children and Youth and some ideas for Christmas gifts for them. Please select an ornament and write your name on the paper at the appropriate place. Everything listed on the ornament does not have to be purchased for the child. Please have gifts wrapped or bagged, with the ornament attached to the gift, under the tree by next Sunday, December 6th.

The Mitten Tree will be in the narthex during the Advent and Christmas seasons to accept donations of mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, etc. After the Christmas season, these items will be donated to Schuylkill Women in Crisis and Servants to All.

The Church Council will have their monthly meeting this Wednesday, December 2 beginning at 7:00pm in the church Annex.

Summer Hill Youth Group – Disaster Relief Bucket Challenge: The Summer Hill Youth Group will gather this Friday, December 4 from 6:00–8:30 PM at St. Paul's Summer Hill UCC to assemble five-gallon Disaster Relief Buckets for people in need. Youth will learn about serving their neighbors while working together in a fun, friendly relay-race competition! Food will be provided. RSVP to Laura Carll at (484) 269-4405 is appreciated, but not required.

A Saturday Spoken Worship Service will be held this Saturday, December 5, beginning at 5:00pm.

Christmas trees will be decorated next Sunday, December 6 following the 10:30am worship service. Please come and lend a hand– get in the holiday spirit too!!

Caroling: Next Sunday, December 6th, our Social Ministry Committee will sponsor Christmas Caroling to the shut-ins and elderly. We will be joining our sister congregation, St. Paul's U.C.C. for this event. Everyone is invited to join us. We will be carpooling and leaving from St. Paul's U.C.C. at 2:00 pm.

Faithful Fellowship: A time of fun, fellowship and yummy treats will be held following the 10:30am worship service on Sunday, December 13. We would like our treats to be Christmas cookies. If anyone would like to donate two dozen cookies, it would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Sandy Wentz if you have any questions.

Christmas Eve Worship Service: Join us this Christmas Eve, December 24. There will be a 6:30pm musical prelude followed by the 7pm worship service. The service will feature candlelight and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Check Out Our YouTube Channel: We're livestreaming our worship services on our very own YouTube channel: @summerHillLutheran!!! We'll share the livestream link on Facebook every week. You can chat, comment, and worship together live just like always. Our website features a direct link to our YouTube channel, where you can already find recorded services beginning in February, our past livestreams, and our scheduled upcoming livestreams. So head on over, click Like, hit Subscribe, and ring that little bell 🔔 to be notified when livestreaming begins! 👉 Check us out here: https://www.youtube.com/@summerHillLutheran

Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship: There are many openings available throughout the year to sponsor the fresh altar flowers and bulletins on a Sunday morning. Sponsorships can be in honor of, or in memory of someone. There are sign-up sheets for a few months at a time on the bulletin board in the hallway. You can also call the church office and speak to Kelly to be added at any time throughout the year. The cost of altar flowers is: $17.50 to sponsor one vase, or $35 to sponsor both vases. The bulletins are $10 per sponsored Sunday.

Pastoral visits and home communions are available at any time. Please email (stpaulsummerhill@gmail.com) or call (570-754-7225) the church office.

Reminder for hospital visits: The church is not informed by the hospital when someone is admitted. Please email (stpaulsummerhill@gmail.com) or call (570-754-7225) the church office to let us know if a pastoral visit is desired.

Helping Harvest donations take place the first Sunday of each month. This organization has put food trucks in areas to help the needy in place of the closed Pottsville Soup Kitchen.

Attendance on Sunday, November 22, 2026 – 35 in person; 19 YouTube views; 1 Facebook share as of November 25

The 2026 Weekly giving needed for budget is $2,951.25

Week of November 15, 2026– November 20, 2026

Current	$1,721.87
Benevolence/Synod	$ 137.00
Local Benevolence	$ 237.75
Thanksgiving	$ 20.00
Initial	$ 3.00
Plate	$ 49.00
Total	**$2,168.62**

THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2026

Sunday, November 29 -First Sunday of Advent
9:15 AM -Sunday School
10:30 AM -Worship Service

Wednesday, December 2
7:00 PM -Council Meeting

Thursday, December 3
6:00 PM -Bell Choir

Friday, December 4
6:00 – 8:30 PM -Summer Hill Youth Group Event (meet at the UCC)

Saturday, December 5
5:00 PM -Spoken Worship Service

Sunday, December 6 -Angel Tree Deadline
9:15 AM -Sunday School
10:30 AM -Worship Service
-Christmas decorating following worship
2:00 PM -Christmas Caroling (meet at the UCC)
2:00 – 5:00 PM -Event hosted here

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, November 30: Psalm 79; Micah 4:1-5; Revelation 15:1-8
Tuesday, December 1: Psalm 79; Micah 4:6-13; Revelation 18:1-10
Wednesday, December 2: Psalm 79; Micah 5:1-5a; Luke 21:34-38
Thursday, December 3: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Hosea 6:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10
Friday, December 4: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 11:19-26
Saturday, December 5: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Ezekiel 36:24-28; Mark 11:27-33

Sunday November 29 - 10:30 AM

Greeter: Brian Staller
Acolyte: Lena Ferrance
Lector: Troy Hollenbach
Usher: Holly Maldonado
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Keep in your prayers: Richard Paxson, Irene Peiffer, Betty Freeman, Mark Fidler, Helen Runkle, Stephen Curtis, John & Betty Strauch, John Strauch, Jr., Greg Phillips, Jerry Heffleger, Harry Russell, Neida Hayes, Helen Miller, Sheila Tryon, Sallie Ann Sandler, Tonia McKague, Robert & Joyce Zeledonis, Earl & Grace Paxson, Betty Fromm Yarnell, Wayne Brensinger, Ralph Hueske, Shawnette Keller, Brittany Gallagher, Kay & Jerome Hayes, Debbie Toro, Pete and Stacy Smulligan, Terry Tryon, Carol Keesey, Nancy Sweitzer, Carol Boyer, Rev. Kathleen Ash-Flashner, Bob Ebling, Joan Axtt, Elizabeth Hand, Janet Pavlick, Diane Surdel, ***Harry Schwenk***

Those serving in the military: Jacob Edwards, Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Mark Weinus, Jr., Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, Mitchell Moore, Timothy Bast, Ryan Bast

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SUMMER HILL YOUTH GROUP EVENT

DISASTER RELIEF BUCKETS

We'll be building five gallon Disaster Relief Buckets packed with supplies to help people in need!

We'll build them in a team relay-race style!



RESCHEDULED!

New Date:
DECEMBER 4TH
6:00PM – 8:30PM

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FOOD
WILL BE PROVIDED!

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Make a difference. Together.