

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- † Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- † Our congregation stands at various times throughout the service. If your mobility is limited, please do not feel that you have to stand. You are welcome to remain seated!
- † We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus!
- † Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- † If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- † For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

Worship Participants

Liturgist and PreacherPastor Brian Adams
PianistMrs. Rachel Manske

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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THE OPENING HYMN "The People that in Darkness Sat"

Christian Worship #90



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
2 To us a child of hope is born, To us a
3 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -
4 His right - eous gov - ern - ment and pow'r Shall o - ver
5 Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, And make us



light have seen; The light has shone on them who long In
son is giv'n, And on his shoul - ders ev - er rests All
last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The
all ex - tend; On judg - ment and on jus - tice based, His
yours a - lone, For you are with the Fa - ther and The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.
reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.
Spir - it ev - er one, The Spir - it ev - er one.

Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

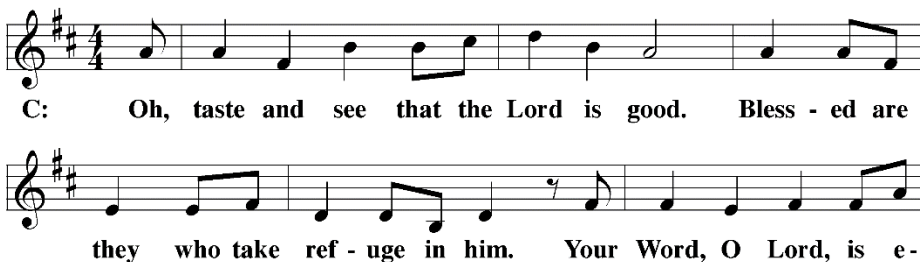
P: God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

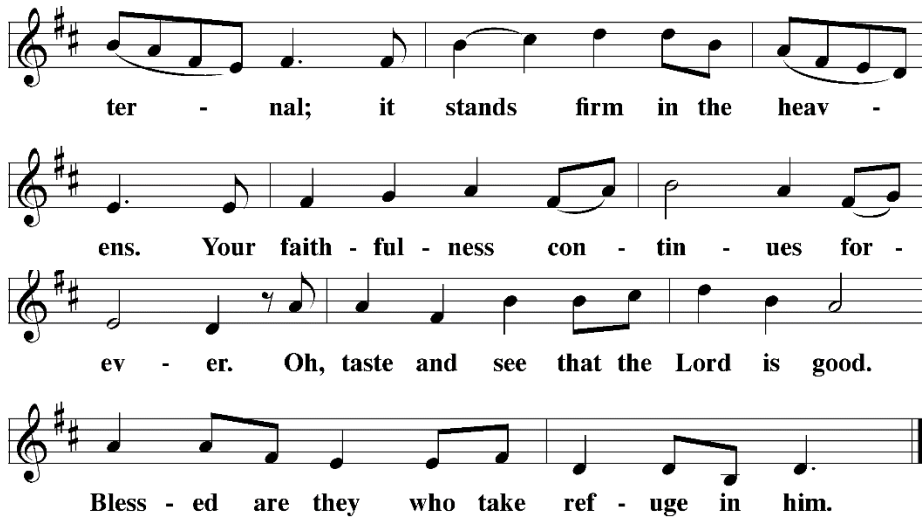
PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Oh, Taste and See'. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are: 'C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are'. The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes, including a quarter rest. Below it, the lyrics are: 'they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -'.



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
 ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Please be Seated

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 8:19-9:4

The prophet foretold that the people walking in darkness would see a great light.

¹⁹When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰Consult God's instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. ²¹Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. ²²Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.

^{9:1} Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

²The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

³You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.

⁴For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.

Refrain

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion — of whom shall I
 be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

Psalm tone

*

Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;*
 be merciful to me and answer me.

Do not hide your face from me,*
 do not turn your servant away in anger;
 you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,*
 O God my Savior.

Refrain

Though my father and mother forsake me,*
 the LORD will receive me.

I am still confident of this:*
 I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD;*
 be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

Psalm continues on next page

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion — of whom shall I
be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

THE SECOND LESSON..... 1 John 2:3-11

God's children are found walking in the light of Christ and reflecting that light by living in love for God and one another.

³We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. ⁴Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

⁷Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. ⁸Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

⁹Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. ¹⁰Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. ¹¹But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia. (*Matthew 4:23 cf. NIV*)

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON.....**Matthew 4:12-23**

As Jesus began his preaching ministry in a world filled with unbelief, the prophecy was fulfilled. A brilliant light shined through the darkness.

¹²When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²²and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

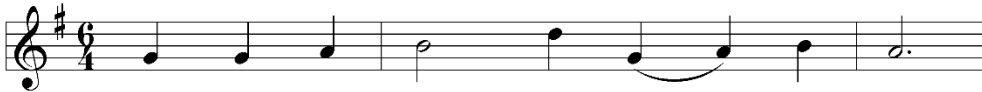


C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

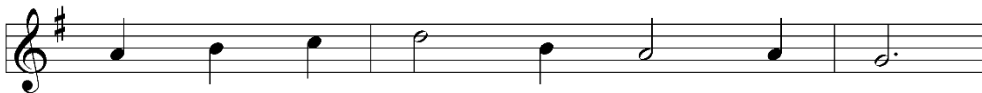
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THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

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1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light,
2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace
3 Oh, gent - ly call those gone a - stray
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold;
5 That they with us may ev - er - more



En - light - en those who sit in night;
The souls now lost in er - ror's maze
That they may find the sav - ing way!
Re - call the wan - d'ers to your fold.
Such grace with won - d'ring thanks a - dore



Let those a - far now hear your voice
And all whom in their se - cret minds
Let ev - 'ry con - science sore op - pressed
U - nite all those who walk a - part;
And end - less praise to you be giv'n



And in your fold with us re - joice.
Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
In you find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart
By all your Church in earth and heav'n.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Please Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please be Seated

CLOSING HYMN "The Only Son from Heaven"

Christian Worship #86



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by
2 Oh, time of God ap - point - ed, Oh, bright and
3 A - wak - en, Lord, our spir - it To know and
4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore you With God the



an - cient seers, By God the Fa - ther giv - en,
ho - ly morn! He comes, the King a - noint - ed,
love you more, In faith to stand un - shak - en,
Ho - ly Ghost And Je - sus, we a - dore you,



In hu - man form ap - pears. No sphere his
The Christ, the vir - gin - born, Grim death to
In spir - it to a - dore, That we, through
O Pride of an - gel host. Be - fore you

Hymn continues on next page



light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly
 con - quer for us, To o - pen heav'n be -
 this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en
 mor - tals low - ly Cry "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing As he, our Morn - ing Star.
 fore us And bring us life a - gain.
 prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.
 ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend’s altar flowers are given by Don & Kris Zimmer in memory of their daughter Maddie’s birthday in heaven.

THANK YOU: Thank you to John Prochnow for donating an additional couch to our narthex.

TEACHER CALL MEETING: Our next call meeting for a 1st grade teacher will be **Monday, January 23rd at 7:30 PM.** We will be calling a 1st Grade Teacher for the 2023-24 school year to fill the current staffing gap in the school when Mrs. Jensen moved from 1st Grade into the 4K classroom this school year. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to send them to the principal, Nathan Schulmeister at nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org or (414) 421-1930.

2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: The 2022 Contribution Statements are in your church mailboxes.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES: There is a delay on our 2023 offering envelopes due to printing press issues at the manufacturing company. As soon as they arrive we will distribute them. In the meantime, you can continue to use your 2022 envelope number. Thank you for your patience!

BUDGET UPDATE: Contributions in 2022 through December 31st continue to be below our budgeted fiscal 2023 needs. We are currently approximately \$50,000 behind our budget. Our operating cash continues to be tight since we have not met our 2023 budgeted needs. Currently our weekly average of contributions is \$12,230, with a total of \$317,967 contributed through December 31st.

Contribution budget to date: \$368,192

Actual contributions to date: \$317,967

Behind budget: \$50,224

NEWSPAPERS NEEDED: We need newspapers for a school project on Friday! Please bring them to the office this week!

YARN NEEDED: St. Paul's Girl Pioneers are looking for donations of yarn for a future project. If you have any that's taking up space in your house that you don't need anymore, we'd love to take it off your hands. Any quantity or length is fine. Thank you.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Next Sunday, January 29th our whole school will be singing at our 10:30 AM service, and from 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM we are having an Open House. Please take a yard sign home this weekend and help us spread the word!

BEDTIME BLESSINGS: On Wednesday, February 1st from 6:00-7:15 we are going on a Zoofari Adventure for Bedtime Blessings - a fun event geared towards our littlest students! Join us in the gym for a zoofari experience including stories, snacks, crafts, scavenger hunt and songs. Don't forget to wear your favorite pajamas! This event is recommended for children through 2nd grade. Bring your family and friends! Please register online [here](#) or scan the QR Code on the poster in the narthex. We look forward to seeing you!

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED: The refreshment committee (donut crew) is asking for your help. We are in need of one or two people to clean up the donut and coffee area after second service. We currently have two teams handling the clean up for the month. It would be great to add two more people so you would only have to do it once a month. More people would be even better! The task is not difficult; it just requires you to hang around a bit longer after service. Duties include: packing up left over donuts, dumping out left over coffee and rinsing out carafes, tidying up the area and taking out the trash.

We have six teams for set up before first service, which means they set up every six weeks. We would love to get more people to set up as well. Our current groups have been doing this for several years now. Please consider this simple opportunity for service to the church. Any help would be greatly appreciated! Contact Tony Tripoli at 414-232-5817 if you are interested in helping!

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Our Adult Bible Class looking at each Sunday's Scripture Readings continues today at 9:15 in the Bible classroom, led by retired Pastor Andy Backus. All are welcome, including young people! We'll be studying the Scripture Lessons in this Weekend's Worship Services. They are: Isaiah 8:19 - 9:4; 1 John 2:3-11; and Matthew 4:12-23. Obviously this is an overview of each lesson, not an in-depth study. They're printed in your bulletin and also on a handout if you want to take notes. You may bring your own Bible or use one off the shelf. Join us, won't you?

MARY & MARTHA SOCIETY GUEST SPEAKER: Please join us on Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30 PM for a crime/fraud awareness/prevention presentation by Franklin Police Community Resource Officer, Gary Wallace. All are invited to attend, both men and women!

SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible Camp is scheduled for Monday, June 26th – Friday, June 30th. Camp Phillip will be joining us again this year for full days of activities! Registration will take place later this spring.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND: St. Paul's has offered assistance to families through a "forgiveness program" in which the congregation has taken on the debt for part of their tuition. On average we have been able to help 10-12 families seek Christian Education here at St. Paul's through this method. What a great gift to share the love of Christ with

others using the gifts God has granted us. We have a need and an opportunity to help families and we are asking you to help financially. In addition to your offerings, these additional funds will help support the education for families that may not otherwise be able to afford it. We thank you for considering and remind you of the words recorded in Matthew 25:40 *“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”* If you would like to give, please fill out the envelopes provided on the narthex counter and place in the offering tower.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Children ages 3 – Grade 6 are invited to join our Sunday School class, which meets each Sunday at 9:15 AM! Class is located in the After School Care room of the school.

VIKING STEEL WINTER CONCERT: WLHS Viking Steel will present their winter concert on Saturday, January 28, at 7:00 p.m. featuring the high school’s three steelpan groups. The concert will be held in the auditorium with free general admission. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. A livestream link to the concert can be found at wlhs.org.

USHERS FOR JANUARY

8:00 AM – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Brandon Wirtz, Gary Boldt

10:30 AM – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz

6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

January 18-24 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer

January 25-31 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Renate Nazimek

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

January 22: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – *open*

January 29: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Beverly Garves

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 22

Worship Service.....	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Bible Information Class/Sunday School	9:15 AM
Worship Service.....	10:30 AM

Monday, January 23

Public School Confirmation Class	5:00 PM
Worship Service.....	6:30 PM
Teacher Call Meeting.....	7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 25

Board of Elders	5:30 PM
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Sunday, January 29

Worship Service.....	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Bible Information Class/Sunday School	9:15 AM
Worship Service.....	10:30 AM
School Open House	11:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 67, Communed – 53
10:30 AM – 73, Communed – 60
6:30 PM – 34, Communed – 30
Total Attendance – 174
Total Communed – 143