



St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Odessa
Reaching Up Reaching In Reaching Out
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All Saints Sunday

November 6, 2022, 11:00 AM Service
WE ENTER GOD'S GATES WITH PRAISE

WELCOME WITH MUSIC AND IMAGES

PRELUDE

Instrumental

Amy Brown
Mark Holden, Photographer & Curator

*CALL TO WORSHIP * *Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

One: Rejoice and be glad for the Lord reigns.

Many: We join the assembly of faithful followers.

One: Bring dancing and melody, joy and laughter.

Many: We gather with the great cloud of witnesses that came before us.

One: Sing a new song to God, even as we remember ancient wisdom.

Many: Rejoice and be glad for truly the Lord reigns.

*OPENING HYMN

For All the Saints

Red Hymnal 711

*OPENING PRAYER (all praying): **God of ages past, hope of days yet to come, we come into your presence with joy and thanksgiving. For those who have gone before us, we gratefully remember their wisdom. For those who follow after us, we fervently pray for their growth in faith. For those who are here now, we offer you our lives, that we may be faithful disciples of your love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Black Hymnal 2193

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Pastor Linda shares a blessing with our children!

FIRST LESSON: *Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18*

In the first year of Babylon's King Belshazzar, Daniel had a dream—a vision in his head as he lay on his bed. He wrote the dream down. Here is the beginning of the account: ²I am Daniel. In the vision I had during the night I saw the four winds of heaven churning the great sea. ³Four giant beasts emerged from the sea, each different from the others. ¹⁵Now this caused me, Daniel, to worry. ¹⁶My visions disturbed me greatly. ¹⁶So I went to one of the servants who was standing ready nearby. I asked him for the truth about all this. He spoke to me and explained to me the meaning of these things. ¹⁷“These four giant beasts are four kings that will rise up from the earth, ¹⁸but the holy ones of the Most High will receive the kingship. They will hold the kingship securely forever and always.”

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Red Hymnal 402

*GOSPEL LESSON: *Luke 6:20-31*

Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said:

“Happy are you who are poor, because God's kingdom is yours.

²¹Happy are you who hunger now, because you will be satisfied.

Happy are you who weep now, because you will laugh.

²² Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the Human One.^[a] ²³ Rejoice when that happens! Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.

²⁴ But how terrible for you who are rich, because you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ How terrible for you who have plenty now, because you will be hungry.

How terrible for you who laugh now, because you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ How terrible for you when all speak well of you. Their ancestors did the same things to the false prophets.

²⁷ “But I say to you who are willing to hear: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. ²⁸ Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on the cheek, offer the other one as well. If someone takes your coat, don’t withhold your shirt either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks and don’t demand your things back from those who take them. ³¹ Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you.

One: May this story inspire us all.

ALL: To walk in the way that leads to life.

THE MESSAGE:

“A Year Ago”

Pastor Lind Ray

BAPTISMAL COVENANT II

Reagan Grace Whittington

Red Hymnal 39

WE GIVE THANKS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Linda Ray

God of abundant love, hear the song of our hearts: a song of thankfulness and praise, a song of hope and expectation, a song of laughter and joy, a song of mirth and good will. May the song of your love sing forth through our tithes and offerings, and through the gift of our very lives. Amen

THE OFFERTORY

Pastor Nancee Bleistine

Today’s **Yellow Hat** mission offering supports **Collette W Bleistine – Paying It Forward Foundation by Nancee Bleistine.**

OFFERTORY HYMN

Abide With Me

Choral Anthem

*THE DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Red Hymnal 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

NAMING THE SAINTS (the names of those persons from St. Paul’s who have died during this past year will be named, a candle lit, a bell tolled) **Dana Atwell, Carol Martin, and Tom Cahall**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Linda Ray

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Spirit of Truth, open our hearts to the fullness of your word. We long to embrace the fullness of your word. We long to embrace your compassion, but we shrink from your words of judgement. Stir our souls to ease the plight of the poor and curb our desire to soothe our own disease when we turn away from the needy. Transform our failings into a fierce resolve to bear witness to the fullness of your truth. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (As you receive your communion elements, feel free to light a candle or candles for persons that you are remembering this day)

Pastor Linda Ray

Officiant Server – Pastor Nancee Bleistine

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

(Lifting and breaking the bread) On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave God thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

(Lifting the cup) When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to God, gave it to his disciples, and said "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

ALL: AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

Pastor: Let us join our hearts and voices in the prayer that Jesus taught us:

Our Father, which 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory Forever. AMEN.

(The congregation will come forward to partake of the bread and cup.)

Pastor: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

WE GO IN THE SPIRIT!

SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

Red Hymnal 664

*BENEDICTION Go forth without shame to proclaim the goodness of God. Go forth to spread God's love with all, giving thanks for how much you are loved. Go forth, knowing that the wind of the Spirit blows you to where you need to be. Amen

POSTLUDE

Amy Brown

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist: Pastor Nancee Bleistine

Audio/Video: Charlii Miller & John Littell

Communion Officiant/Server: Pastor Nancee Bleistine

Ushers:Ellie & Dick Leuliette, John & Patti Harmer, June Stemmler, John Harmon, Denis Shaffer, Laura Widger

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S:

Sunday 11/06	Worship Service 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM, Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:45, 4:00 PM Girl Scout Bucket Fill
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Monday 11/07	Boy Scouts, 6-8 PM
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Tuesday 11/08	ODB Servers, Trustees Mtg 6:30 PM, Cub Scouts 6-8 PM
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Wednesday 11/09	Deep Roots Meal Donations by 4:30 PM, TOPS Mtg 6:00 PM, Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal 7:10 PM
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Thursday 11/10	Prayer & Praise Team Mtg 10:00 AM @ Carole Harmon's Home, 238 Drawyers Drive, Middletown DE 19709, All welcome!
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Friday 11/11	N/A
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Saturday 11/12	AA Mtg 7:00 PM
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OUTSIDE CLEAN-UP OF SMALL DEBRIS AND INSIDE CLEAN-UP OF CHURCH November 19, Saturday from 9 AM-12 PM.

Pastor Linda and Barbara Lynn will be heading up this event. This will be cleaning up the outside yards of leaves, small sticks etc., and inside will be cleaning of the Church, Fellowship Hall, rooms, etc. There will be a task board for you to choose which task best utilizes your abilities and gifts. Please contact Pastor Linda, Barbara Lynn of the Church Office with questions.

This event is in anticipation of St. Paul's UMC being a host for Christmas in Odessa on December 3, the first Saturday in December!! We all want our church to SHINE with PRIDE so please come out to help!

ADOPT-A-FAMILY will again be collecting gift cards for families for Christmas. Please keep them in mind as you shop and maybe grab a card now, \$25-\$50 very appreciated! You can bring them to the Church Office for safe-keeping and collection. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUEST BOX is available in the Narthex along with the prayer request cards. Just complete the form, fold, and drop in the box on the corner shelf located at the second set of doors into Fellowship Hall.



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Reaching Up, Reaching In, Reaching Out

St. Paul's Mission Statement

Reaching Up to praise God in vibrant worship

God calls us to live out our discipleship grounded in Christ's awakening us to the glory and majesty of God in all creation, and we respond together by worshiping God with our gratitude and praise. Standing or lifting our hands high are both ancient postures of worship, and so our dance of discipleship involves reaching up with our hearts, souls, and bodies, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

Psalms 100:4-5 (NRSV)

Reaching In to deepen our spiritual walk with Christ

Christ accepts us as we are, and then calls us to follow him and learn from him, growing in our spiritual walk-through practices the church calls spiritual disciplines: prayer, fasting, meditation, studying God's Word, individually and with others. As we grow in the knowledge of God, we discover more about the extraordinary plans God has for our lives.

"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

John 8:31-32 (NRSV)

Reaching Out with acts of love and compassion

Here's where it all comes together! Assured of God's eternal love, strengthened by the grace and knowledge of Christ, we are ready for the Holy Spirit to kindle a fire in our lives, gifting us for the labor of love God has prepared for us to accomplish. Having fallen in love with God, we love and serve our neighbors.

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:40 (NRSV)

Current list of Committees, Chairs and Members as of 05/2022

Pastor	Rev. Linda Driver Ray
Ministry Candidate	Min. Adrienne Dillard
Lay Leadership	Janet Miller, Melissa Brooks, Mark Holden
Church Leadership Co-Chairs	Steve Johnson & Cathy Blanco
Trustee Chair	Charlii Miller
Trustee Committee	Charlii Miller, John Littell, Lynda Lambert
	Rev. Linda Driver Ray (Ex-Officio), Barbara
	Lynn Manlove, Don Mueller, John Cate,
	Cathy Blanco, Steve Johnson
SPRC Chair	Rick Pulling
SPRC Committee	Rick Pulling, Nancee Bleistine, Ellie Leuliette,
	June Stemmler, Janet Miller, Rev. Linda Driver Ray
	(Ex-Officio), Joy Littell, Cathy Blanco, Steve Johnson
Finance Chair	Vacant/Hap Bonham – Interim Chair
Treasurer	Alice Mullins
Finance Committee	Hap Bonham, Angela Christian, Carolyn Stanley
	Rev. Linda Driver Ray (Ex-Officio), Sandy Urstadt, Ann Baker, Alan Martin, Melissa Brooks
Worship Arts Committee	Barbara Lynn Manlove, Ellie Leuliette
	Nancee Bleistine, Janet Miller
Missions	Sue Holden, Dawn Buckworth, Sandy & Bob
	Urstadt, Charlotte Miller, Nadine Johnson
	Karen Ellis, Patti & John Harmer, Barbara
	Bonham, Joy Littell, Mark Holden, Nancy Judd,
	Ann Newswanger

Please contact Bonnie Valeski at bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org with any changes or additions

MISSIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

WEEKLY GATHERINGS – CHURCH BUILDING

OFFICE HOURS Tuesday -Thursday, 9AM-2:00PM

- Boy Scouts –Mondays 7-8:30PM
- Cub Scouts –Tuesdays 6-8PM, beginning Sept. 20th
- TOPS Meeting – Wednesdays 6 PM.
- St. Paul’s Prayer and Praise Group Ministry – Thursdays 10 AM
- St. Paul’s Handbell Rehearsal – Wednesdays at 6 PM in the Music Room
- St. Paul’s Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday at 7:10 PM in the Sanctuary
- AA Meeting – Saturdays 7 PM

MONTHLY GATHERINGS

- Finance Meeting – 2nd Monday 6:30 PM
- Trustees Meeting – 2nd Tuesday 6:30 PM
- SPRC Meeting – 4th Thursday 6:30 PM
- Leadership Meeting – 3rd Tuesday 6:30 PM
- PFLAG Meeting – 3rd Thursday 6:30 PM
- Reconciling Ministries – 2nd Thursday, 6:30 PM, will resume in January 2023

Reconciling Ministries Informational Meetings

The Reconciling Committee will NOT BE MEETING November or December. We will resume meetings in January, again the Second Thursday of each month at 6:30. We plan on doing a four-part series of a book study. Stay tuned for more information.

Upcoming Yellow Hat Schedule for November 2022:

<http://www.stpaulsodessa.org/VANCOOnlineGiving>

11/13 Adopt-A-Family (Brenda Shaffer & Youth)

11/20 Neighborhood House

11/27 United Methodist Student Day

Adult Bible Study will begin as a hybrid meeting, (in-person and Zoom), October 16, 2022, in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 – 10:45 AM. Zoom Mtg. ID 886 735 4733, Passcode 779997.

Flowers for Worship

If you are interested in honoring a loved one with flowers at the altar on a particular Sunday, we are asking you to contact Alicia Blackwell, from Wildflowers by Alicia to place your order. Alicia can be reached at (302) 593-9884. Also, please email the church office so we make sure the information is added in the bulletin.

Compassionate Card Ministry

The Compassionate Card Ministry is made up of 20 dedicated members of our congregation who create hand-made cards and encouraging messages to those in our directory, within our congregation, those on our prayer lists and others who are brought to our attention. Our purpose is to spread kindness and love to others through uplifting and personalized sentiments on hand-made cards. If you are not in our directory and would like to be added to our list, or if you know someone who would benefit from the blessing of a card, please contact Nancee Bleistine, nbleistine@yahoo.com or 609-217-1924.

Prayer and Praise Group Ministry

Carole Harmon hosts a prayer circle, currently Thursday mornings at 10 AM - in person. Please contact Carole if you are interested in joining the group or have a special prayer request. You can also find prayer request cards and box on the corner shelf in the Narthex.

VANCO: Manage Your Giving Online

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at www.stpaulsodessa.org and click on the VANCO Online Giving button to the left of the screen.
- 3) Click on the Link to Online Giving thru VANCO button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your RECURRING CONTRIBUTIONS.

Family Life

Children's Sunday School will begin again on October 23, 2022, at 9:45 -10:45 AM via Zoom, ID 868 3752 1062, Passcode 817993.

Love Thy Neighbor Fund

Our "Love Thy Neighbor Fund" was created to help those in need in the MOT community. This fund may support a time in someone's life when he/she may need a little kindness and generosity to help endure and survive a challenging situation. If you can donate, please make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC and then write in the memo area it is for "Love Thy Neighbor Fund." Please note, this fund is SEPARATE from the Yellow Hat. Thank you, Love Thy Neighbor Committee

Deep Roots

Nadine Johnson & Karen Ellis continue to work with the "Deep Roots" mission. This group works with families who are disconnected through homelessness and provides transitional shelter and other services to families in need. They need your help as they continue to contact members of the church to help with making meals once a month feeding approximately 50+ individuals. Here's hoping you will be able to help us with this very important and necessary mission. Thanks so much! Contact Karen Ellis at iluvbrmuda@gmail.com and Nadine Johnson at nadine.faye.johnson@gmail.com.

Our Daily Bread Food Donations

214 N Broad St, Middletown, DE 19709

Volunteers Needed – day and evening hours and different areas of need, filling bags, handing out meals, etc. Volunteer Opportunities can be found at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COE4FAEA82CA3F5CF8-volunteer>. Volunteer opportunities for late October and November – several slots for Clean Up and one more person to help with donations on Tuesday. Please consider a few hours of your time to help those much less fortunate. Contact Sue Holden, Missions Co-Chair, at 802-324-6167, susieq2951@aol.com, with any questions. Also, find information and volunteer sign-up forms on the website, <https://www.ourdailybreadmot.com>. **On-line Training Coming Soon!**

ODB is most thankful to all who donate either monetarily or in kind. Your generosity helps ODB feed those in our community who are facing food insecurity. Listed below are the items needed to stuff our side bags and other items that are needed on a regular basis. Donations can be dropped off on Tuesday from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m.

- Individual bottles of water
- Individual bags of salty snacks
- Individual packets of sweet snacks
- Individual fruit cups and/or applesauce
- Fresh fruit (apples, bananas, oranges)
- Boxes of breakfast cereal
- Boxes of mashed potatoes
- White bread
- Baked beans (large cans)
- Gallon size zip-loc bags
- Lg black garbage bags
- Cans of soup

Thank you for any and all kindnesses!

Neighborhood House

Neighborhood House really appreciates St. Paul's ongoing support in so many ways. At this point, we are low on some items in the food pantry. These items are especially needed right now in our food pantry, though all donations are gladly accepted with the inventory being low now.

- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Cereal
- Tuna/Tuna Helper

- Tissues
- Spaghetti/Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Frozen meats/canned meats (Spam, Chef Boyardee, beef stew etc.
- Soup

Donations can be left inside the Church. We look forward to another great year working together to feed the hungry. Thanks to all, Marilyn Hendershot, Family Services Specialist, Neighborhood House, Inc.

PFLAG Meeting

Meetings are held at 6:30 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month, presently via Zoom. Please join us if you would like to be supported or offer support and please spread the word to all corners of our communities. We are currently working on a system which will help youth who have been rejected by their parents, find families who will help them. Please contact Mark Holden, (Mark@maholden.com) or call 802-279-8100.

JOYS & CONCERNS: If you know someone, you'd like to add to our prayer list, please email the church office or visit the church website (www.stpaulsodessa.org) to complete a prayer request. **There is also a Prayer Box in the Narthex in which you can drop your completed request.** Please email the office when someone can be taken OFF the list. If you or a loved one needs a pastoral visit, please call or email the church office to schedule.

Prayers for: Noel Lukens; Matthew Smith; Naomi Betts; Jerrod Boline; Sue Holden's sister, Betsey Snipes; Bill Smith; Beth; Matt & Louise Latocha; Carol Myers; Darryl Dillard; Kathy Golden; Jessica Schrum and Family; Joyce, Aunt to Angela Christian; Dave Corby; Kenzel Messick; David Dudgeon; Kimberly, Ike Guessford; Theresa, sister to Estelle Peters, Pat Williams, Jimmy Williams, Jim Wilhelm and father, Seth Holden, Pastor Danese Collin, Daniel Moore, Amy, Robbi.

Birthdays: November 12 – Nancy Weldin

Anniversaries: N/A