



*St. Paul's United Methodist Church*



*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany* *January 31st, 2016*

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## *Gathering in Praise and Prayer as God's People*

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Welcome, Announcements, and Invocation  
Prelude

Rev. Kris Tate and Nancy Bryce

\*Call to Worship

Phyllis Ford

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord!

**People: We will sing God's praises!**

Leader: Seek the Lord and God's strength.

**People: We continually seek God's presence in our lives.**

Leader: Remember all the wonderful things that God has done.

**People: Praise the Lord! AMEN.**

\*Hymns of Praise

FWS 2221

*In Unity We Lift Our Song*

FWS 2062

*The Lily of the Valley; vv. 1 and 3 only*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed) UMH 881

Phyllis Ford

Leader: Let us join together in professing our faith as found in the Apostles' Creed which unites us with Christians and Christian churches around the world.

**People: We believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And 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, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick  
and the dead.**

**We 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 the People

Rev. Tate

Pastoral Prayer

The 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. Amen.**

Children's Moment & Invitation: All children 6 and under are invited to come forward, then follow Ms. Sunshine to the Children's Area to participate in our children's programming.

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## *Giving in Response to God's Love*

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Offertory

\*Doxology—UMH 95

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

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## *Hearing God's Word*

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Witness in Music

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:9-10 and Romans 12:1-2

Rev. Tate

Message

*Why?* Sermon Series: *Why is God so elusive?*

Rev. Tate

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Tate

\*Hymn of Invitation

FWS 2161

*To Know You More; verse 1 and 2 only*

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## *Going Forth as God's People*

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**“Our mission at St. Paul's United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by connecting, serving, and sharing in love.”**

\*Benediction

Rev. Tate

\*Sending Forth Hymn

UMH 557

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds; vv. 1, 2, and 4 only*

Postlude

Next week in our *Why?* Sermon Series we will be looking at:

***How God's Love Prevails***

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## *Known Prayer Concerns*

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### **Immediate**

Doug Birchfield  
Joseph Hohmann  
Nancy Walker  
Shelley Abrams  
Steve Johnson  
John Decker  
Linda Baker  
Shawn Savory

### **Ongoing:**

Patty McKelvey  
Ed Arens  
Tammy Brower  
Barbara Buchanan  
Dee Ball  
Jim Sheets  
Katy Robertson

Jeane Boydston  
Alice Cook  
Myrtie Rice  
Claudia Crow  
Laura Burchett  
Carl Abrams  
Brenda Harness  
Cathei Nichols

Roberta Kelly  
Jim Neal  
Aaron McCoy  
Maurene Hudson  
Jennifer Jones  
Cindy Alavi  
Mike Patten  
Leon & Leona Rogers

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## *Calendar of Events*

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### **Sunday, January 31st**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship Service

### **Monday, February 1st**

10:00 am MOST Group

### **Tuesday, February 2nd**

8:30 am Mothers' Day Out  
10am to 11:30am Why Bible Study

### **Wednesday, February 3rd**

10:30 am Ladies Study Group  
6:00 pm Chancel Ringers  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, February 4th**

8:30 am Mothers' Day Out

### **Sunday, February 7th**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship Service

### **Monday, February 8th**

10:00 am MOST Group

### **Tuesday, February 9th**

8:30 am Mothers' Day Out  
10am to 11:30am Why Bible Study

### **Wednesday, February 10th**

10:30 am Ladies Study Group  
**6:00 pm** **Ash Wednesday Service**  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, February 11th**

8:30 am Mothers' Day Out

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### *Today's Leaders*

**In the Pulpit**  
Director of Music Ministries  
Chancel Ringers Director  
Pianist/Organist  
Liturgist  
Mothers' Day Out Director  
Audio Engineer  
Videographer  
Video Bulletin Director  
Ministers

Rev. Kris Tate  
Brent Houston  
Sharon Reese  
Trish Lenora  
Phyllis Ford  
Patty McKelvey  
Chris Kelly  
Allen Bryce  
Tim Beck  
EVERYONE

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