We Are St. Paul's!

Sunday Opportunities

Prayer Time every Sunday 8:45 AM in the Chapel Adult classes every Sunday 10AM in the Library and Wesley House Jr. Church 9AM & 11 AM in Room 211

Weekly Opportunities

Dinner with Neighbors every Wednesday at 5:30 PM (Volunteer and Food donations appreciated).

St. Paul's PreSchool: Scholarship and donations accepted. REAL Services Nutrition Site for Seniors Monday through Friday.

A.A. meets every Monday at 7pm in Fellowship Hall.

ELCO Community Choir Rehearsal Tuesday at 7pm.
Al-Anon meets every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Library
Alateen meets every Wednesday at 7:30pm in Wesley House.
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Saving Grace Advocacy: Monday - Thursday 9am-12:30pm.

Drive n Dine April 20 at 5:30 pm....all church carry in dinner. Everyone is welcome!

We want to congratulate Dave Walker for being Teacher of the Year for Pierre Moran School!

Notes:

Last Week Attendance: 128 Weekly Average This Year: 133 Last Week's Giving: \$6,407 Weekly Budget Needs \$7,501

April Giving: \$6,407

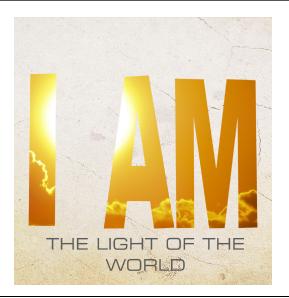
Month-to-Date Budget: \$7,501 Year-to-Date Giving: \$75,602 Year-to-Date Budget: \$105,014 Annual Budget Needs: \$390,065

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Support our work today







April 14, 2024

John 8:12

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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9:00 a.m.

Prelude: "Aria in F Major" Handel

Welcome: --

Passing of the Peace:

Introit: "The Old Rugged Cross"
Liturgist: Carol McDowell-Loshbaugh

Opening Reading: Psalm 27:1-6, 13-14

Opening Prayer:

God, with you there is no darkness. Your character has no shadows, and you are pure and good. Bring your light and restoring presence to the dark places in our lives and in our world. May your light of hope shine, show us your presence with us and the comfort you bring. Help us to take a moment to be still and sit with you. To slow down, breathe deeply, and release our burdens to your strong hand. You are trustworthy, good, and true. Open our eyes to see you at work today. Give us your light. Amen

Opening Hymn: Hymn #185 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Offertory: "A Fancy" Southbridge

Offering/Offertory/Prayer

Loving God, we come together to present our tithes and offerings. We are reminded of your love and light which you have shined into our lives by making us your children. Help us recognize that our generosity and stewardship are a sign of our commitment to your transformation in our lives. May these offerings reflect our love for you and our desire to be faithful stewards as your children of the light. Bless our giving and guide us in using these gifts wisely. Amen

Anthem: "This Little Light of Mine" Hayes

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Hymn: Hymn #328 "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Sermon Scripture: John 8:12

Message: I Am the Light of the World

Hymn: Hymn# 451 "Be Thou My Vision"

Benediction:

Postlude: "Grand Choeur" Young

11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Reading: Psalm 27:1-6, 13-14

Worship: Sweet Glow of Mercy

Opening Prayer:

Worship: This is Amazing Grace

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Worship: Here I Am To Worship

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Sermon Scripture: John 8:12

Message: I Am the Light of the World

Worship Death Was Arrested

Benediction:

<u>Prayer Requests:</u> "Unspoken prayers" Ellie Strukel, Dick Jones, Scot Kelly, Rick Jones, Sue Miller, Nancy Fiandts' son Billy, Marcy Mercer, Tim Portolese, Stan Curtis, our leaders, our nation, and our world.

<u>Cancer:</u> Larry Morris, Doug and Shannon Gullett, Samantha Moyer, Adler Carris, Kent Pettet. Ms. Joy, Craig Casselman, and Hadley Hunsberger.

<u>Continuing Prayers:</u> Linda Wintgens, Scott and Stephanie McElravy, Kathy DeFries, Suzanne Hunter, Austin Johnson, Sue Moses, Dick Marshall, John Thompson.

<u>Prayer Chain:</u> To start someone on the prayer chain call <u>one</u> of these three: Millie Ferro 574-262-4124, Nancy Willis 574-294-2747, or Louise Jones 574-361-5517.