

Celebration of Worship

✠ Stand as you are able.

We Gather as God's People

*We welcome you on this last day after Pentecost, **November 25th, 2018.***

Prelude

Greetings, Welcome Visitors, and Announcements

(Please sign and pass the red folder in your row.)

✠ Congregation Introit

His Name Is Wonderful

no. 174

✠ Call to Worship

L: Come, let us celebrate the goodness of God.

P: **God has blessed us with His great love.**

L: Let us come to this time, letting go of our worries.

P: **Let us come to this time praising God.**

L: Come, now is the time to worship.

P: **We come rejoicing, for God is so good to us. AMEN.**

We Give Ourselves to God

✠ Praise Hymn

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

no. 662

We Pray Together (Unison):

*We come this day, rejoicing, in the presence of the King of Kings,
Jesus Christ. At His birth the angels proclaimed His name to be Emmanuel,
God with us. Today in this place, in this time of worship, may we truly feel
the power and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. May our hearts and spirits
be warmed and challenged to proclaim with our lives, "Christ is Lord!". AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

Activities — Week of November 25, 2018

Sunday, November 25

- 9 A.M. Sunday School Youth - Lower Level Classroom
- 9⁴⁵ A.M. Worship Service Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 27

- 10 A.M. Advent Study Parlor

Thursday, November 30

- 7 P.M. Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

Meeting Our 2018 Ministry Goals and Obligations, as of November 18th:

General Budget

Needed Weekly:	\$2,579
Received Last Sunday	\$960
Needed Year-to-Date:	\$118,634
Received Year-to-Date:	\$94,952
Attendance November 18 th :	37
Roof Repair:	\$663
2017 Coins for Mission:	\$106

Assisting Next Week (December 2nd)

Counters:	Fay Alston, Doug Sweeder
Liturgist:	Marcus Kelley
Communion Steward	Brian Johns
Hospitality:	Nurture Team
Trustee on Duty:	Marcus Kelley
Ushers:	Brian Johns, Bob Robinson

Sermon Notes and Reflections

**“Go With God”
Psalm 25: 1-10 (OT p. 485)**

1. Accept God’s guidance when you have lost your way.

Sermon Notes and Reflections

2. Intercept guilt by being humbled each day.

3. Stay in step with Christ and you won’t go astray.

Activities and Announcements



Advent Study — *Prepare The Way*

In this four-week study and prayer book, Pamela Hawkins invites us to prepare our hearts through guided prayer, readings from Isaiah and Matthew, as well as brief reflections on four scriptural themes: Peace, Justice, Fearlessness, and Faithfulness. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex; study guides are \$11. The class runs Tuesday, November 27th through Tuesday, December 18th, 10 A.M.



UMM Breakfast — Saturday, December 1st, 9 A.M.

Gentlemen, please join us for breakfast. We will have a delicious, hearty meal at Dixie Diner, 4983 Dixie Highway in Waterford.



Hanging of the Greens and Christmas Tree Set-Up Saturday, December 1st, 10 A.M.

Please join us for this St. Paul family tradition!



First Sunday FISH Collection — December 2nd

The FISH pantry is still in need of non-perishables. Your donations do make a difference. Thank you for supporting this cause.



UM Women's Christmas Luncheon — Tuesday, December 4th, 12³⁰ P.M.

Alfocino's / 2225 N. Opdyke Rd. / Auburn Hills. \$25 with reservations to Virginia Tuttle, by November 25th.



Baldwin Christmas Store Donations — Now until December 11th.



Cookies 'n Carols — Sunday, December 16th, 11 A.M.

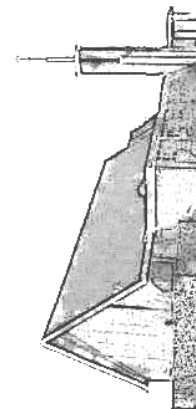
Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to this informal gathering of singing, sharing, and enjoying Christmas treats!



Blue Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 19th, 7 P.M.

The holidays can be a sad time for those who have experienced loss. Also called The Longest Night, Blue Christmas is a pre-Christmas service for those needing a light in the darkness. Join us for comfort and inspiration.



"Celebrating the love of God through worship and service"

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Welcome!! If you came this morning seeking, we pray you will leave having found faith, hope, love, friendship — **Christ!** If you are without a church home, we invite you to join our faith community. Childcare for infants through first grade is located off the hall on the north side of the sanctuary, if you prefer this option.

We are a congregation that welcomes all, regardless of any human difference or religious affiliation. In worship, we blend the old and the new, the familiar and unfamiliar, in ways that are in keeping with the spirit and history of the early church and the best of church traditions, always with the goal of meeting today's needs. Each Sunday, we are part of a welcoming community where we learn and have our faith stretched, as well.

Please remember to wear your nametag in worship! Nametags are an important sign of hospitality to guests and newcomers and say, "We want you to get to know us and feel welcome here." **Newer attendees are welcome to request a printed nametag at any time;** either ask on the attendance registry or stop by the office.

Church Office Hours:it

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 A.M. - 3 P.M

Pastor's Office Hours:

Tuesdays: 9³⁰ A.M. - 12 P.M. (Feel free to visit.)

Staff:

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Frederick G. Sampson, III
Administrative Assistant:	Laura Ferguson
Director of Music:	Judy White
Choir Director	Doug Sweeder
Ministers:	All Members
Custodian:	Randy Ferguson

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Counters:	Joyce McClelland, Sue Sweeder
Liturgist:	Doug Sweeder
Hospitality:	Nurture Team
Trustee on Duty:	Brian Johns
Ushers:	Brian Johns

Celebration of Worship

Witness: We share our joys, connections, and concerns with Christ.

Pastoral Prayer

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Loose change offerings go toward mission projects SPUMC supports.

Offertory

Near to the Heart of God

no. 472

✠ Doxology

✠ Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalm 25: 4-6 (OT p. 485)



We Hear God's Word

Anthem

Teach Me Lord, to Wait

McDonald

Message

"Go With God"

Sermon Text:

Psalm 25: 1-10 (OT p. 485)

We Respond with Our Lives

✠ Hymn of Invitation

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

no. 663

✠ Benediction