



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

October 5, 2025

Service of Holy Baptism

Service of Holy Communion

If you are visiting us for the first time, welcome!  
Thank you for joining us, we're happy you are here.

Please make sure to sign-in in the Narthex and include your name and email so we can keep you updated on upcoming events and special worship services.

\*Please stand if you are able and comfortable

**Congregation reads text in bold print**

*In our liturgy, A: is all our voices. L: is the liturgist's voice P: is the Pastor's voice*

Bringing Christ's Light into Worship

*Youth Acolyte and  
Matthew Westermeyer, Senior Acolyte*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns for Prayer

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

*Live Stream Begins*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

Prelude

*Garrett Woods, Music Director*

**\*Call to Worship**

*Michelle Daniels, Liturgist*

L: Come, beloved of God, to remember who you are and whose you are.

**A: God in Christ, has named us all "Beloved."**

L: Yes, here and now, God's heaven of love is being poured out anew.

**A: May this motion of the Holy One, shape our hearts and minds.**

L: May it brighten the light in us and the whole creation.

**A: And may it shape our words and work into good news for the world!**

\*Hymn

*"Standing on the Promises"*

**No. 552**

**\*Invocation**

**A: Holy One, awaken us again to Your outpouring Spirit of Love. Through this generous gift, stretch our souls wide and form us into channels of your healing grace. Gift us with an ability to recognize You in each other, all imprinted with Your beloved blessing. Clarify our intentions, purify our actions, fill our words with grace and our hearts with hope. Pour into us your Holy Spirit that we may center everything in You. Amen.**

**\*Invitation to Confession**

L: Remember, the Lord, the friend of sinners, the oppressed, the estranged, the weak, the sick, widow, orphans. Drawn to Christ and seeking your abundance, we confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**A: Loving God, let me enter again Your baptismal river of grace. Let it soak every stain attached to the fabric of my life and longings. Holy One, submerge me in You again and again. Cleanse every distracting impulse luring me away from You who are my heart's deepest desire. Let no urgency be more important than Your forgiving love, always transforming. Today, help me choose you above every temptation that lures me to worship lesser things. By this of You, forgive me, renew me, and grant me the grace promised by You in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

P: Before we thought to turn to God, God already turned toward us in love. The saturating grace of God is trustworthy and true. Our prayers of transformation have been met with God's outpouring of forgiving love.

**A: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

\*Gloria Patri (Glory be to the Father)

No 35

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

Time for Silent Prayer ~ 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.**

Prayer Through Song

*"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

No. 306

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;  
incline thine ear to us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

## Young People's Message!

*All young people are invited to come forward for their own special time with the Pastor.*

*The young people may return to the front pews to witness the Baptism.*

### **The Service of Holy Baptism of Sarah Rev Taylor**

**DOB: May 6, 2025**

Mother: Barbra Dorothy [Hendrix] Taylor    Father: Theodore Adam Taylor

Godparents: Wesley and Melissa Taylor

### **INVITATION AND WELCOME**

P: They were bringing children to Jesus that Jesus might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them,

**A: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."**

P: And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

### **ADDRESS**

P: One afternoon, Jesus came to John to be baptized by him. But John tried to make him change his mind. "I ought to be baptized by you," John said, "yet you have come to me!" As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and alighting on him.

**A: Then a voice said from heaven, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am well pleased."**

P: The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Because the promise of the gospel is not only to us but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's church, the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

## FOR THE PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

P: Do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

**PARENTS: We do.**

P: Will you encourage this child to renounce the powers of evil and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

**PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: We will, with the help of God.**

P: Will you teach this child that she may be led to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

**PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: We will, with the help of God.**

P: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

**PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: We do, with the help of God.**

P: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with Sarah in the Christian faith, to help her to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, by celebrating Christ's presence, by furthering Christ's mission in all the world, and by offering the nurture of the Christian church so that she may affirm her baptism?

**PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: We do, with the help of God.**

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Please stand as you are able.*

P: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as lives and grows in Christ?

**A: We promise our love, support, and care.**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

P: Let us unite with the church in all times and places triune God. *All speak responsively*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Christian church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.** *Please be seated.*

### **PRAYER OF BAPTISM**

P: We thank you, God, for the gift of creation called forth by your saving Word. Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters.

Out of the waters of the deep, you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life. In the time of Noah, you washed the earth with the waters of the flood, and your ark of salvation bore a new beginning. In the time of Moses, your people Israel passed through the Red Sea waters from slavery to freedom, and crossed the Jordan River waters to enter the promised land.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ, who was nurtured in the water of Mary's womb. Jesus was baptized by John in the water of the Jordan, He became living water to a woman at the Samaritan well, He washed the feet of the disciples and sent them forth by grace to baptize all the nations by water, the Word, and the Holy Spirit.

*The water is visibly poured.*

P: Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water. By your Holy Spirit save those who confess the name of Jesus Christ that sin may have no power over them.

Create new life in the one baptized this day that she may rise in Christ. Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was, and is, and shall always be, world without end. Amen.

## ACT OF BAPTISM

P: What is this beloved child's name?

**PARENTS: Sarah Rey Taylor**

P: **Sarah Rey Taylor**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Receive the oil on the forehead, Sarah. the sign of Jesus' Cross that will be with you always.

Receive the candle, lit from the flame of the Easter Candle, comes to you, Sarah.

**A: The Holy Spirit be upon you, Sarah Rey Taylor, beloved child of God, disciple of Christ, member of the church on earth.**

## PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

P: Let us pray for Sarah, baptized today. Gracious God, you have filled the world with joy by giving us the gift of Jesus. Bless Sarah with a full and joyous life. May she be filled with hope; may she never be ashamed to confess a personal faith in you.

Bless the parents and sponsors in their gratitude for the life you have given by loving and caring for Sarah. Bless these your faithful people. Unite them in the peace of Christ and the company of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The newly baptized is introduced. The congregation may applaud. All return to their seats.*

*Young people may go to Sunday School*

*Tammi Hart*

## The Holy Scriptures

### **First Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

*Matthew Westermeyer, Reader*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

<sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

<sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. <sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of

me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

<sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

**Choir Anthem:**

**"Walk by Faith"**

**by Joel Raney**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 17:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. <sup>7</sup>"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

***Message***

***"Dawning of a New Day"***

***Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse***

**\*Hymn**

***"Come, Share the Lord"***

**No. 408**

**\*Invitation to the Offering**

L: The richness of God's love extends to all persons and in response to God's abundant compassion, we are invited into a spirit of generosity so that God's love may be known to the very ends of the earth. Let us give generously.

**\*Doxology (Praise)**

**No. 46**

**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.**



**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**A: Gracious God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please rise as you are able.*

**Service of Holy Communion**

**\*Communion Prayer**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
    who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
    our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
    This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the  
    forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit, send your Word, that by this Holy Communion we may know the  
unity we share with all your people in the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**\*Seraphic Hymn**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and Earth are full,  
Are full of the majesty of Thy glory,  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!**

*Please be seated.*

**Invitation to Communion**

P: We are made one through the Word and through these simple elements, every time we come to the Table to share them. May we become closer in our faith and broader in our serving, as we share in our faith in the way that Jesus taught us. Amen.

**Communion Anthem:           “Gifts of Bread and Wine”                           by Ruth Elaine Schram**

### **Distribution of Communion**

P: Come. All things are ready. The gifts of God, for the people of God.  
*All may come forward for the bread (Gluten Free is available) and wine (outer ring of cups) or grape juice (center of tray). If you are not able to come forward, raise your hand and we will bring Communion to you.*

### **Prayer of Gratitude**

**A: Holy Creator, we remember the sacrifice of Jesus, and all who follow to bring love and hope to the world. May this bread and drink nourish us as Christ's presence between us, and in all of us. May this bread and wine be sent to the world through our actions in the community. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

\*Hymn

***"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"***

**No. 241**

### **\*Benediction**

P: May you, according to the riches of God's glory, the presence of Christ, and by power of the Spirit, be strengthened. May you find healing in miracles of hope, faith, and love in the Word of God. May you share the Word of God every day in faith and in action, to give the Life of Jesus – for all your Life. Amen.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

\*Benediction Response

*"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" – Elmhurst Hymnal (1921)*  
**God be with you till we meet again, by His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again. Amen.**

Postlude

***Thank you for worshipping with us at St. Peter and St. Paul United Church of Christ!***

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# Birthdays


10/02	Kyra Anderson	10/17	Pamela Ryan
10/02	Kamaya Anderson	10/18	Lynn Sparks
10/02	Jamie Anderson	10/26	Jim Graham
10/04	Madison Schnell	10/28	Cindy Seery
10/09	James Hill	10/29	Jennifer Martin
10/15	Austin Fortman	10/29	Paul Dornette

# Anniversaries

10/05	Glenn & Jackie Frank
10/08	Garrett & Lauren Woods
10/17	Steve & Gene Bozich
10/19	Joel & Annie Westermeyer
10/31	DeJuan & Jamie Anderson

# OCTOBER 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	2	3 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Annex	4
5  Communion	6 Church & Ministry - 11:30 am F.H.	7 Food Pick-up - 12-2 pm.	8 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	9	10 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Annex	11
12	13	14 Property - 7pm - Par.	15 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	16	17 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Annex	18 Community Meal 10:30 - 12 - F.H.
19	20	21	22 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Book Club 5:30 - 7PM - Annex Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	23	24 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Annex	25 Trunk or Treat 6-7 pm 
26	27	28 Council - 7 pm - Rm. 107	29 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	30	31 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Annex 