## Announcements for the week of November 8, 2026

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR: Sunday, November 15, 2026**

Judg 4:1-7; Ps 123; Zeph 1:7, 12-18; Ps 90:1-12; 1 Thess 5:1-11; Matt 25:14-30

**Local and St. Paul's Happenings:**

**Sunday School Every Sunday; Confirmation Every Wednesday**

November 15  Women's Guild Meeting
November 15  St. Paul's UCC  Henderson – Pork Commercial Dinner 11a-1p
November 22  Totenfest

- **Our Members Living in Long Term Care:**

**(**Please keep them in your prayers. Addresses are posted on the bulletin board**.)**

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| Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson: | Olive Pinske |
| The Haven in Norwood Young America: | Mavis Schuette. |
| Broadwell Senior Living, Plymouth: | Jim Jensen, Apt 228 |
| Orchard Estates: | Donna Schmidt, Room 115 |
| Cokato Manor: | Orville Schrupp, Rm 151 |
| The Harbor, Norwood-Young America | Doris Schrupp; Apt 303 |

**Greeter: *(Please be here 30 minutes before worship)*:**

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| Nov 8 | Lyle & Dana Engelmann |
| Nov 15 | Dave & Dawn Prehn |
| Nov 22 | Scott & Jean Nelson |
| Nov 29 | Wendy Anderson |

**Scripture Readers**

November 8  Vee Ann Wood

**Fellowship Time**

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| Nov 8 | Phyllis Coleman, John & Ann Graupmann |
| Nov 22 | Lyle & Dana Engelmann, Lloyd & Sharon Graupmann |

**Altar / Communion**

November  Sandra Frederickson

# St. Paul's United Church of Christ
# Plato, MN

## Sunday, November 8, 2026
## 9:00 a.m.



Pastor: Brian Brosz
Organist: Diane Anderson


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***Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments. Psalm 78:1-7***

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**November 8, 2026** **Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Prelude** Diane Anderson
**Ringing of the Bell**

**Opening Hymn:** ***#138 "Holy Ground"***
We are standing on holy ground, and I know there are angels all around. Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in His presence on holy ground.

***Passing God's Peace** **+Announcements – Joys – Concerns**

**Proclamation of Praise (Responsively)**
**Pastor:** Put away the things you have substituted for God. Let your worship of the one true God be genuine.
***Congregation: We seek to know God and to rejoice before our Creator. We know that God is beyond all our false images.***
**Pastor:** God is not deceived by our solemn assemblies. Our empty festivals do not impress our God.
***Congregation: We want to give joyous expression to a growing faith. We choose to serve the God whom Jesus revealed.***
**Pastor:** Our hope is in God's grace beyond all judgment. Our trust is in God's love, greater than our feeble imitation.
***Congregation: We welcome the light God promises us. We seek to respond with faithful service.***

**Prayer of Invocation (In Unison):** God of our ancestors, be our God today as we gather in sincerity and faithfulness to honor you. Attune our hearts to your commandments as we remember your mighty acts. Declare your Word to us so we may be inspired to obey. We know that we must decide today whether or not we will serve you. Not to decide is to reject you.
O God, save us from the idols that appear so attractive to us, the toys that take so much of our attention and the pursuits that dominate our time. Make your dwelling place with us here. Amen.

**Hymn:** ***#431 "Shine, Jesus Shine"***

**Prayer of Confession:**
If sin means cutting ourselves off from you and being unprepared to respond to your presence, surely we have sinned. Our lamps are not trimmed; our lives are not ready for your trumpet call. We have not listened well or encouraged one another in the faith. The distraction of many things has kept us from meditation and prayer. We are witnesses against ourselves, for we have vowed our loyalty and then have gone our own way. Merciful God, we seek your forgiveness. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Time with Younger Disciples**

**Scripture Lessons:** Matthew 25:1-13 Vee Ann Wood

**Message:** **"Tending God's Light"** Pastor Brosz

**UCC Statement of Faith 1959 (found in the front cover of the hymnal)**

**Prayer Hymn:** ***#143 This is My Father's World"***

**Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Offering (as you have given upon entering or as you leave)** **Doxology #815**

**Offertory Prayer (In Unison)**: We set our hope in you, God of all ages, and seek to serve you through our offerings and our efforts to encourage and equip one another for ministry. Help us decide daily to live according to your will, preparing ourselves for the opportunities and challenges you give us. May your rule shape our lives in ways that introduce many to the joys of eternity in the midst of time. Amen.

**Response** ***#816 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"***

**Hymn:** ***#526*** **"The Solid Rock"**

**Benediction**

**Ringing of the Bell**