



# St. Paul's

## United Methodist Church

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# THE GIFT OF *Outrageous Grace*



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February 12, 2023

9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

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### **Thank you for worshipping with us today.**

*Welcome to St. Paul's, a Reconciling congregation of the United Methodist Church. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we invite and affirm you as one of God's children into our community of God's unbounded love. All are celebrated here and all are safe. Announcements and helpful information can be found on the pages following the order of worship.*

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### **Gathering for Worship**

*(\* - please stand in body or spirit)*

Prelude (10:30 only)

*Melody*

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Call to Worship (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

Leader: We are gathered to worship our God.

**All: Send your Spirit upon us.**

Leader: We come from many places, with many burdens.

**All: Send you Spirit upon us.**

Leader: We turn our hearts to you, O God.

**All: Send your Spirit upon us, and make us your beloved family.**

\*Hymn #365 (9:00 & 10:30)

Grace Greater than Our Sin

Opening Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

**God of the covenant, you are ever faithful. Your love never ends.**

**Teach us your ways, and guide us in your paths of love and forgiveness,  
that we may witness to your grace and salvation. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

The Lord's Prayer (10:30 only)

The United Methodist Hymnal, #895

**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.**

## Proclamation of the Word

Matthew 5:21-37 (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

<sup>21</sup>“You have heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell.

<sup>23</sup>“So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.

<sup>25</sup>“When you are on the way to court with your adversary, settle your differences quickly. Otherwise, your accuser may hand you over to the judge, who will hand you over to an officer, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>And if that happens, you surely won’t be free again until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>“You have heard the commandment that says, ‘You must not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>So if your eye — even your good eye — causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your hand — even your stronger hand — causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

<sup>31</sup>“You have heard the law that says, ‘A man can divorce his wife by merely giving her a written notice of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say that a man who divorces his wife, unless she has been unfaithful, causes her to commit adultery. And anyone who marries a divorced woman also commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“You have also heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not break your vows; you must carry out the vows you make to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say, do not make any vows! Do not say, ‘By heaven!’ because heaven is God’s throne. <sup>35</sup>And do not say, ‘By the earth!’ because the earth is his footstool. And do not say, ‘By Jerusalem!’ for Jerusalem is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>Do not even say, ‘By my head!’ for you can’t turn one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Just say a simple, ‘Yes, I will,’ or ‘No, I won’t.’ Anything beyond this is from the evil one.”

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (10:30 only)

*Total Praise*  
Sanctuary Choir

Richard Smallwood

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from You.  
Your peace, You give me in time of the storm.  
You are the source of my strength, You are the strength of my life,  
I lift my hands in total praise to You. *(repeat)*  
Amen.

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30)

“The Gift of Outrageous Grace”

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

### **Response to the Word**

Invitation to Giving (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

*Offerings by check may be made out to St. Paul's UMC. Scan the QR code to see one-time and recurring online giving options at [stpaulsk.org](http://stpaulsk.org). Your support makes it possible for St. Paul's to engage in meaningful worship and vibrant ministry in our community.*



Offertory (10:30 only)

*Prelude on Amazing Grace*

George Shearing

\*Doxology #94 (9:00 & 10:30)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*Prayer of Dedication (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion (9:00 AM only)

The Invitation (9:00 AM only)

The Great Thanksgiving (9:00 AM only)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation and concludes:*

L: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The pastor continues the thanksgiving and concludes:*

L: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer  
ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union  
with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again..**

*The pastor continues and concludes:*

L: All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**P: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (9:00 AM only)

The United Methodist Hymnal, #895

**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.**

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Bread & Cup (9:00 AM only)

Prayer after Receiving (9:00 AM only)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given  
yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your  
Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Sending Forth**

\*Hymn #503 (9:00 & 10:30)

Let It Breathe on Me

\*Benediction and Dismissal (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude (10:30 only)

*Prelude on Kum ba Ya*

Emma Lou Diemer



WORSHIP NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 19, 2022  
Scout Recognition Sunday  
9:00 AM & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary  
10:30 AM livestreaming through stpaulsk.org

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK  
9:00 AM – 27    10:30 AM – 112    online – 47  
Total: 186



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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Announcements** – News of events and activities at St. Paul’s are shared through our Weekly News message. Read the latest message at [stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news](http://stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news).

**Welcome Visitors!** – Thank you for joining us! **Restrooms** including a family restroom with changing table can be found past the church office and down the hall near the water fountain. **Large print Bibles and Hymnals** are available from our ushers. **T-coil hearing aids** work in our Sanctuary; you may listen to the service directly by turning on the “t-coil.” If your hearing aid does not have a “t-coil,” you may request a headset from the ushers. **Attendance pads** in the pews provide a space to share your name and, if you wish, contact information so we may welcome you.

**Today: Children’s Programs** – *Sunday, Feb 12.* Students in Grade 5 and younger begin Sunday School in the Chapel at 10:30 AM, then move to their classrooms. Parents/guardians should pick up children immediately following worship. Grades 3-5 will be in the Parlor; grades K-2 will be in Room 200. Childcare for preschool and younger is available in the Nursery during both 9:00 and 10:30 services. Questions? Contact Dr. Meg Baker ([mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org)).

**Today: Flash Coat Drive for Turkey** – *Sunday, Feb 12.* We are accepting the following donations to aid earthquake survivors in Turkey: blankets, tents, sleeping bags, winter coats, gloves, hats, over-the-counter pain & cold medicines. Justice & Compassion team members will deliver today’s donations to the Embassy of Turkey drop-off point in Washington DC.

**Today: Till Screening** – *Feb. 12, 11:45AM-2:00PM.* The Justice & Compassion team invites you to the Octagon for a screening of *Till*, the emotional film following the true story of Mamie Till Mobley's pursuit of justice for her 14 year old son, Emmett Till, who was brutally lynched in 1955. This event is BYOL - Bring Your Own Lunch.

**Today: SPY** – *Sunday, Feb. 12, 4:30-6:30 PM.* All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us for fun and fellowship. Use the back door on Fawcett Street to enter the Multi-Purpose Room. Questions? Contact Mr. Micah Smartt ([msmartt@stpaulsk.org](mailto:msmartt@stpaulsk.org)).

**Today: Lenten Study Sign-Up** – *Now-Feb. 22.* The class “Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, & Outlaws” will be led by Mike McCurry, meeting Tuesdays, Feb. 28-April 4, 7:00-8:15 PM in-person at St. Paul’s. The cost is \$15 per person and includes the book by Adam

Hamilton. Read more about the class and register at [stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education](http://stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education), or use the sign-up form in the church office. Contact Dr. Meg Baker ([mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org), 301-933-7933 ext. 104) if you have questions or need help registering.

**This Week: Hunger Ministry Distribution** – *Monday, Feb. 13.* Each month, St. Paul's volunteers provide over 100 families in our ZIP code with pantry staples, a grocery store gift card to purchase perishable foods or hygiene products, and a take-away meal. Volunteers are welcome, whether you can help just once or want to participate regularly. Email [hunger@stpaulsk.org](mailto:hunger@stpaulsk.org) and our coordinators will send you more information! Food donations can be placed in the bins in the Narthex any time – see the list of requested items at [stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry](http://stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry). Financial support can be made through [stpaulsk.org/giving](http://stpaulsk.org/giving) or by check payable to St. Paul's UMC with "hunger ministry" on the memo line.

**Next Week: Scout Sunday** – *Sunday, Feb. 19.* We will celebrate all Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and our relationships with these organizations. Any scouts interested in participating in worship should contact Dr. Meg Baker ([mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org)). St. Paul's UMM has a proud tradition of hosting Boy Scout Troop #439, Cub Scout Pack #478, and Venture Crew #439.

**Next Week: Sipping Ministry** – *Sunday, Feb. 19.* The 2x4s (those in the roughly 20s-to-40s age range) will host the Sipping Ministry after the 10:30 worship service. 2x4s helpers should contact Anne Dean ([annepdean@gmail.com](mailto:annepdean@gmail.com)) to sign up.

**This Month: Meal Train** – *Now-March 3.* Show Ben & Laura Kallen the love and support of their St. Paul's friends as they celebrate and adjust to life with their new baby, Jacob. Go to <https://mealtrain.com/6v4r3k> to sign up and take them a meal.

**This Month: Taste & Sing** – *Tuesday, Feb. 21, 12:00-1:00 PM.* Come to the Octagon for a casual hymn-sing featuring your song requests, and the stories behind some of our worship music. February will feature a Shrove Tuesday theme, with a pancake lunch. Contact Meg Baker with questions: [mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org), 301-933-7933 ext 104.

**This Month: SAM Meeting** – *Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7:00-8:30 PM.* Meetings of church leadership in the new Simplified Accountability Model are open to all! SAM gathers together numerous committees, ministries, and the governing group formerly known as Church Council, connecting St. Paul's leaders to streamline communication and decision-making. For the Zoom link, contact SAM Chairperson Rachel Stalcup at [rachelstalcup@gmail.com](mailto:rachelstalcup@gmail.com).

**This Month: Ash Wednesday Soup Potluck** – *Wednesday, Feb. 22, 5:30-7:00 PM.* The Justice & Compassion team welcomes you to share a simple soup potluck meal and fellowship in the Octagon. Once we know how many people will sign up, we'll determine how much food we need to bring. Visit [stpaulsk.org/service/justice-and-compassion](http://stpaulsk.org/service/justice-and-compassion) for the sign-up link.



**This Month: Ash Wednesday Worship** – *Feb. 22.* Ash Wednesday worship with the imposition of ashes will be offered at 1:00 PM (please note this updated time for the mid-day service!) and at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Take time to mark this special day as we enter the season of Lent.

**This Month: Palm Sunday Children's Choir** – *beginning Feb. 26.* Singers in grades K-5 are invited to prepare a Palm Sunday song. Rehearsals, led by Christina Griffin, will be held Sundays 11:45-12:30 beginning Feb. 26, leading up to Palm Sunday on April 2. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/329xydzs> to register for this choir adventure.

**Next Month: Pancake Breakfast** – *Saturday, March 4.* The UMM-led community breakfast will be serving pancakes and other breakfast foods, 8:00-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Instead of a fixed price, diners are invited to make a donation - as a guide, we suggest \$20 for a family of four. Sorry, no carryout. Read more at [stpaulsk.org/community/pancake-breakfast](http://stpaulsk.org/community/pancake-breakfast).

**Updates: Offering Envelopes** – Our printing partners experienced a supply chain issue this winter and were unable to produce offering envelopes on the usual schedule. Those who normally receive offering envelopes should see them in the mail starting in March. In the meantime, you may make offerings using any envelope; simply write in the word “offering” and your name, then leave it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

**Updates: Epistle Schedule** – For 2023, our Epistle newsletter will be produced in two-month issues, starting with the February/March edition. Please read more, including how to submit and share your news and activities, at [stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news](http://stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news).

**Visioning Retreat Recap** – We realize not everyone was able to attend our visioning retreat held on January 21, 2023. So, the pastors will be preparing a recap for all who would like to hear about that experience. Stay tuned for the date and time of this opportunity!

## ONGOING

**Read-Thru-the-Bible** – The pastors offer reflection questions to guide your journey through the Bible. Go to [stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education](http://stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education) and read along. Jump in at any time!

**Adult Bible Study** – *Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 PM, Zoom.* This weekly sessions offers a “Sermon Safari Series” through Feb. 15. On March 1, we begin a Lenten study. For more information or to receive the Zoom link, contact Meg Baker at [mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org).

**Still Wednesday** – *Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 PM.* Gather in-person most Wednesdays in the Sanctuary for quiet prayer and contemplative, creative reflection. For the latest updates on meetings, contact Kenzie Raulin at 301-237-1520 or [Kenzie@krdesign.net](mailto:Kenzie@krdesign.net).

**Altar Flowers in 2023** – The flower chart for 2023 is now available on the bulletin board in the church office. Reserve a date and use the yellow form to sponsor the Sanctuary flowers.

**Communion Bread** – In order that all people in worship are welcome to partake of communion as one body sharing one loaf, all St. Paul's communion bread is now gluten-free.

**Daily Breath** – *Wednesdays, 9:00 AM.* Enjoy about 10-20 minutes of sharing, prayer, or music led by St. Paul's clergy, staff, or volunteer leaders. Go to [facebook.com/stpaulskensington](https://facebook.com/stpaulskensington).

**Tuesday with Friends** – *Third Tuesday of each month, 11:00 AM.* This group, open to all men and women, meets for fellowship and interesting lessons. Those who would like to stay for Taste & Sing enjoy lunch afterwards. Contact Ginny Hagberg: 301-770-7624.

**Lydia Circle** – *First Wednesday of each month, 2:30 PM.* Ladies interested in joining the Lydia Circle sisters should contact Susan Schwarz at [susan10748@aol.com](mailto:susan10748@aol.com) or 301-339-8242.

**Yarn Ministry** – Knit, crochet, or craft along with friends, over Zoom during winter. Find the schedule at [stpaulsk.org/community/calendar-events](https://stpaulsk.org/community/calendar-events). Contact Karen Codner for the Zoom link or details: [kdc811@gmail.com](mailto:kdc811@gmail.com).

**Stephen Ministers** – We offer a listening ear to those going through a difficult situation or life change. Use us. Contact Meg Baker ([mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org)) or Virginia Bickford (301-598-5496) to learn more.

**Masks Optional** – Masks are optional in nearly all St. Paul's spaces. You can read more mask-related FAQs at [stpaulsk.org/worship](https://stpaulsk.org/worship).

**Sipping Ministry** – This time of fellowship after worship was previously known as coffee hour – but we're not limited to coffee! If your group would like to sponsor a Sipping Ministry time, contact Erin in the church office ([stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org](mailto:stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org)) for available dates.



## Visitor Information

Thank you for joining us! You are invited to tear out this section and leave this form with the offerings to let us know a little about yourself, or how we might be in touch. You may also email the office ([stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org](mailto:stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org)) or staff to say hello!

Name(s):

Email:

Phone:

Home Address:

How did you find us? (circle all that apply)

*Family/friend.      Passing by.      Internet search.      Other:*

Are you interested in learning more about St. Paul's? (circle all that apply)

*No, just visiting.      Maybe; I have questions.      Please tell me about joining St. Paul's.*

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# St. Paul's Staff

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# Assisting with Worship

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## **Tech Team**

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Jeri Rhodes, 9:00 AM  
Bill Stephens, 10:30 AM

## **Usher Coordinator**

Nathan Bazawada

## **Lay Leader**

Marge Higgins

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM  
Appointments encouraged!

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