



St. Paul's
United Methodist Church
Journeying Together Since 1885

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

OCTOBER 12, 2025

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we welcome you to St. Paul's, a Reconciling congregation of the United Methodist Church. All are celebrated here and all are safe. This bulletin will guide our service today. More helpful information can be found following the order of worship.

(* - please stand in body or spirit)

Gathering for Worship

Announcements

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Prelude

Scherzo on Mit Freuden Zart (10:30 only)

David Schelat

*Call to Worship

Lay Reader

Leader: Come, people of God, let us gather in the presence of the One
who heals and restores.

**All: We come with open hearts, like the one who returned,
to give thanks and praise.**

Leader: Ten were healed, but only one came back. Today, we choose to be
that one — grateful, humble, and full of faith.

All: We lift our voices in thanksgiving, for God's mercy has touched our lives.

Leader: Jesus sees us, speaks to us, and sends us forth in wholeness.

Let us worship the Lord with joy, for we are made new by His grace.

**All: Thanks be to God, who meets us on the road and invites us
into a life of gratitude and praise!**

Opening Prayer

Lay Reader

Holy One, we gather to sing your praises!

We are grateful for the gift of this day

and all the ways you make your presence known.

We are grateful for your abiding Spirit

and the ways the Spirit empowers us to be your people.

In this time of worship, deepen our faith.

Restore our souls and heal us.

After we spend time with you, return us to our community,

that we may share your love and grace with everyone we meet.

In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

The Lord's Prayer (10:30 only)

UM 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

Luke 17:11-19 (NRSVUE)

Lay Reader

Pew Bible – New Testament page 80

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he

saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Response to the Word

*Hymn #394

Something Beautiful

Sermon

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

Invitation to Discipleship and Giving

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

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. Thank you for supporting St. Paul's efforts to engage in meaningful worship and vibrant ministry in our community.



Offertory (10:30 only)

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus
Sanctuary Choir

arr, Donald Moore

*I will arise and go to Jesus;
He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms.*

*Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and power.*

*Come ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.*

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

The Invitation, Confession & Pardon (9:00 AM only)

UM Hymnal p. 12

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Passing the Peace (9:00 AM only)

The Great Thanksgiving (9:00 AM only)

UM Hymnal p. 13-14

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: 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 the one 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 only)

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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)

All communion bread is gluten-free.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (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 #2036

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the

Ho - ly One, give thanks— be-cause he's giv-en Je - sus

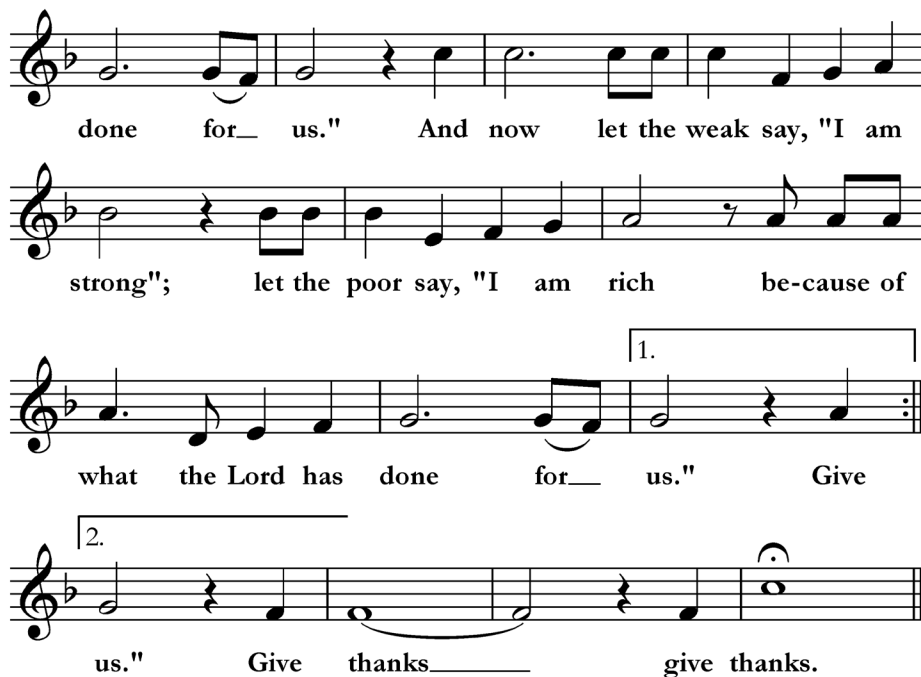
Christ his— Son. Give thanks with a

grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One, give

thanks— be-cause he's giv-en Je - sus Christ his—

Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the

poor say, "I am rich be-cause of what the Lord has



*Benediction and Dismissal

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

Postlude (10:30 only)

XVII. Allegro

Gaston Litaize



Please visit the Octagon following the 10:30 worship service for a Sipping Ministry time of coffee, snacks, and fellowship hosted this week by the Jonathan Smith Family.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers today are given by **Beth Dennard & Tom Burke**
in celebration of the birth of their grandchild **Leon Kapo Burke**.

Flowers on October 5 were given by **Jennifer & Carlos, Kristina, and Carlos Falcón**,
in memory of **Janet Braddock**, loving mother and grandmother.

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Sunday, October 19, 2025 – Reconciling Congregation Anniversary

9:00 AM Worship with Communion – 10:30 AM Worship with Sanctuary Choir



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly News – Visit stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news or scan the QR code to find all the announcements, links, and event details shared in our Weekly News. For questions about announcements, please contact Erin Steele in the church office (stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org).



Welcome! – Restrooms including a family restroom with changing table can be found past the church office, near the water fountain. **Large-print Bibles and Hymnals** are available from our ushers. **T-coil hearing aids** work in our Sanctuary. **Sign in!** Members, friends, and visitors alike are encouraged to use the attendance pads in the pews to share your name and note your attendance today. Please read more about worship at stpaulsk.org/worship.

Today's Sunday School News – *Sunday, Oct. 12.* All children are invited to attend Sunday School during the 10:30 worship service! Children in Pre-K and younger will be in the Nursery. Grades K-2 meet in Room 200. Grades 3-5 meet in the Parlor. We are still short a few teachers - please contact volunteer coordinator Meg Baker at sundayschool@stpaulsk.org if you can fill in as a teacher and help keep Sunday School going!

Hours – *The office is closed on Monday, October 13 in observance of Indigenous People's Day, a federal holiday.* The office is typically open for drop-in visits and phone calls Monday-Thursday, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM but individual staff and clergy availability varies. Worship on Sunday at 9:00 AM includes Communion each week. Worship at 10:30 AM includes music from the Sanctuary Choir and Communion on the first Sunday of the month.

Events and Information

- **Today: Sipping Ministry** – *Sunday, Oct 12.* Visit the Octagon after the 10:30 worship service for coffee, treats, and fellowship. To host a Sipping Ministry, sign up on the office bulletin board and take a “how to” instruction sheet.
- **New! Names for All Saints** – *due by Oct. 26.* All Saints Sunday is a cherished time when we honor members of St. Paul's who have died in the past year. We also invite all friends of St. Paul's to share the names of beloved family members who passed away between November 1, 2024 and October 26, 2025. Please submit names at stpaulsk.org/worship/memorials or use the paper form in the Narthex. We will include these names in the Memorial Bulletin for worship on Sunday, November 2, 2025.
- **New! Stronger Together** – This Stewardship season, consider how we bring together our time, talents, and treasure to support ministry, worship, and service at St. Paul's. We are lifting up prayers for 40 days, and we would like to hear from you about the

ways we are Stronger Together. Your answers will go to Stewardship Chair Gregg Molander. Please visit stpaulsk.org/giving to find the Stronger Together form to share your stories, or use the paper version in the Narthex. You can also find the 40 Days of Prayer card, and the online version of the Pledge form for 2026.

- **This Week: Church Conference** – *Saturday, Oct. 18, 10:00 AM*. The UMC's Baltimore-Washington Conference requires reports each year on the church's ministry, mission, health, and future plans. Church Conference for St. Paul's and other congregations in the Montgomery County Southwest Hub will be hosted this year at North Bethesda UMC (10100 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda MD). All are welcome to attend.
- **This Week: Bible & Brews** – *Saturday, Oct. 18, 5:00-6:00 PM*. All are welcome for interfaith conversation with Pastor Joey, Rabbi Adam, and neighbors from Temple Emanuel, held at BabyCat Brewery (10241 Kensington Pkwy, Kensington MD). Meetings are family friendly and you can purchase food or beverages as you like.
- **Next Week: RMN Anniversary** – *Sunday, Oct. 19*. Wear your brightest clothes and rainbow colors as we fill the Sanctuary with joy, celebratory music, and bold witness! We celebrate five years as a Reconciling Congregation! In worship, we'll give thanks for our journey of inclusion and renew our commitment to justice and love.
- **Next Week: Taste & Sing** – *Tuesday, Oct. 21, 12:00-1:30 PM*. Come to the Octagon for this casual afternoon of music, learning, food, and fellowship. We start with a short hymn-sing, then a short program, and finish with a tasty lunch (\$5 donation).
- **This Month: Sunday Film Series** – *Sunday, Oct. 26, 12:00-2:00 PM*. Come to the Octagon for powerful films exploring justice and resilience. We will watch *Till*, about Mamie Till Mobley's brave quest for justice after her son Emmett was lynched. Free popcorn; please bring your own lunch. Contact Pastor Joey (joeyhm@tpaulsk.org).
- **This Month: October is Pastor Appreciation Month!** Celebrate Pastor Sheridan and Pastor Joey for their faithful leadership, care, and service to our church family with cards, prayers, food (treats or meals!), or even flowers. Join in the Prayer Marathon! Go to <https://tinyurl.com/2s3ajwtd> to sign up and join in prayer!
- **Next Month: Pancake Breakfast** – *Saturday, Nov. 1, 8:00-10:30 AM*. Enjoy breakfast with neighbors and friends in the Fellowship Hall on the first Saturday of the month. The United Methodist Men and volunteers serve up pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and other breakfast specialties. Diners are encouraged to make a donation at the door (suggested \$8 per adult, \$2 per child, or \$20 for a family of four).
- **Lay Readers Wanted** – To serve at the 9:00 AM worship service, please sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/42v2k5em>. If you have questions or are interested in 10:30 AM Lay Reader opportunities, contact Marge Higgins at higginsmarge@gmail.com.
- **Regular Activities** – Please contact group leaders or the church office for details!

- **Sanctuary Choir** – *Sundays at 9:30 AM*. Open to grade 7 and up and adult singers. We rehearse each week at 9:30 on Sundays in Room 211 and sing for the 10:30 service. Singers are welcome week-to-week or on a continuing basis!
- **Children's Choir** – *Sundays, 11:45-12:30*. Children in grades K-6 will meet in the MPR to have fun and prepare music to share in worship.
- **St. Paul's Youth** – *Sundays, 7:00-8:30 PM*. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join SPY for faith, friendship, and fun in the Multi-Purpose Room! Find the full schedule and fill out the permission form at stpaulsk.org/community/youth and contact Pastor Sheridan (sallmond@stpaulsk.org) if you have questions.
- **Prayerwaves** – *Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30 AM*. To pray together by phone, dial 425-436-6326 a few minutes before 10:00 AM, then enter access code 774042 followed by the # sign. To receive the prayer list by email, please contact Erin Steele in the church office at stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org.
- **Sermon Safari** – *Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 PM*. In this drop-in Zoom study, we'll watch a video of a sermon and then discuss it. Recent sessions featured Senator Rev. Raphael Warnock and Mariann Budde, Bishop of the National Cathedral. For the Zoom link, contact Dr. Meg Baker at megbaker@verizon.net.
- **Joyful Ringers** – *Wednesdays, 7:00 PM*. An exciting handbell choir for adults that promises fun and fellowship. We welcome new ringers!
- **Still Wednesday** – *Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 PM*. Still Wednesday gathers in either the Sanctuary or the Octagon for a guided time of poetry, scripture, music, or art, with about 20 minutes of silent prayer. Come as you feel led.
- **Yarn Ministry** – *Mondays twice a month, 7:00-8:30 PM*. Bring your knitting, crochet, or other craft project and craft alongside friends in the church library. We will also plan the fall Craft Fair. Contact Karen Codner for up-to-date info: KDC811@gmail.com.
- **Lydia Circle Sisters** – *Wednesdays once a month, 2:30-4:00 PM*. All ladies are welcome at Lydia Circle gatherings, usually on the first Wednesday of the month. Contact Susan Schwarz at 301-339-8242 or susan10748@aol.com.
- **Sipping Ministry** – Sign up on the office bulletin board and take a "how to" instruction sheet if you would like to host this fellowship time after worship.
- **Stephen Ministers** – Please contact Martha Lipscomb (301-518-1642) to be connected to a Stephen Minister for confidential care and a listening ear.
- **Sanctuary Flower Sponsors** – The flower chart for 2026 is now available in the church office! Please add your name to the chart to reserve a date, then fill out a yellow form with dedication information. The cost is \$45.
- **Hunger Ministry** – St. Paul's year-round ministry provides grocery resources for about 150 households in our ZIP code. Learn more about this important

way we serve the local community at stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry. Non-perishables pantry staples in good condition may be donated in the bins in the Narthex any time. Financial donations marked for “Hunger Ministry” help us place bulk orders and provide recipients with grocery store gift cards to enable them to buy fresh or frozen meat, dairy, produce, or hygiene products. Thank you for helping us serve beyond the walls of St. Paul’s!



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Children's Choir Director: Christina Griffin

Lay Leader: Anne Dean

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Henry Montgomery, Vince Velasco, Jackson Weaver

Lay Readers: Deanna Hodgson (9:00 AM); MaryAnn Steele (10:30 AM)



We, the community of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Kensington, welcome you in love. Jesus Christ accepts all, excluding none. So we welcome and affirm you who are gay, straight, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or queer. We welcome you without regard to your sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, culture, race, ethnicity, ability, education, or age. We welcome you no matter your immigration, marital, or economic status. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we welcome 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.

