



St. Paul's

United Methodist Church



March 13, 2022

9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MARCH 13, 2022

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. As we gather in-person, we will err on the side of caution and expect all those present today to wear masks, covering the mouth and nose, regardless of vaccination status. Other announcements and more helpful information can be found on the following pages.

Gathering for Worship

(* - please stand in body or spirit)

Announcements

Lay Leader

Prelude (10:30 AM only) *Meditabor (Offertory for Lent II)*

Gerald Near

I Will Meditate on Your Commandments, Which I Loved Greatly

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

Lay Reader

One: The Beloved gathers us under Her wings,

All: **longing to protect us from violence.**

One: The Beloved stays up with us all night,

All: **She holds us close when we are afraid.**

One: Mothering God, victims of violence need protection!

All: **Shield us from forces of domination.**

One: Lead us into a life of mutual care.

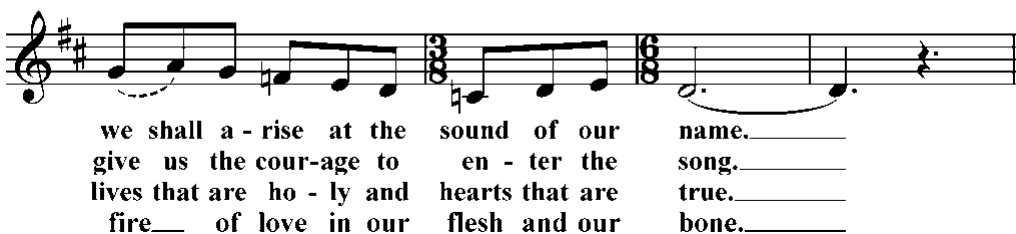
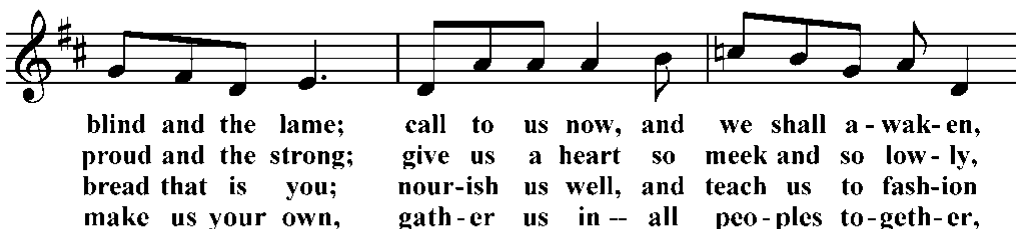
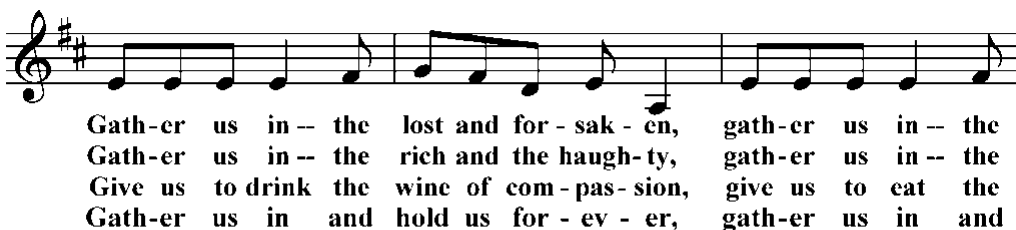
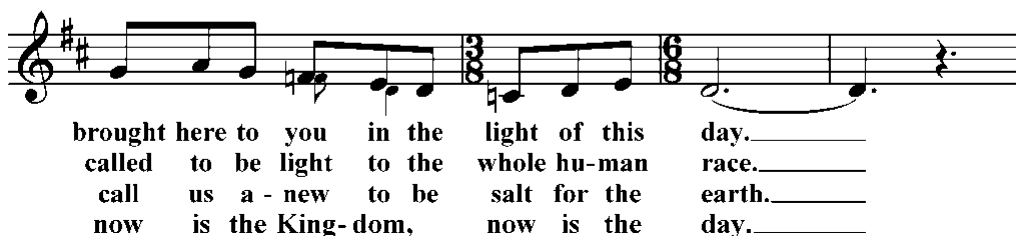
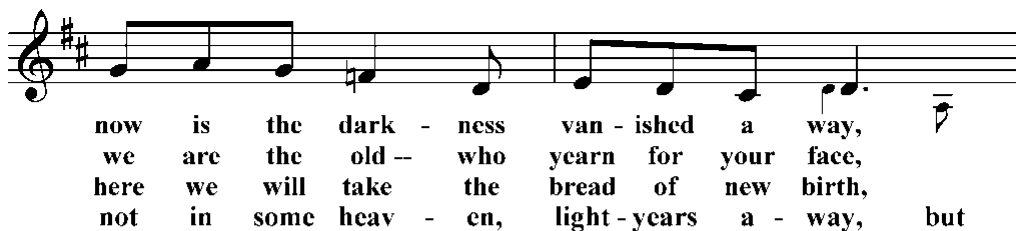
All: **Come, let us worship the Holy, our Guard and our Guide.**

*Hymn #2236 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Gather Us In



1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,
2. We are the young -- our lives are a mys - t'ry,
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



Opening Prayer (9:00 & 10:30 AM only)

Lay Reader

Holy God, this life of ours is full to the brim.

**Our days are overflowing with emails and to-do lists,
schedules and notifications,
assignments and deadlines.**

**We wake up feeling behind,
we go to sleep worrying about tomorrow,
and we know — there has to be more than this.**

So we pray:

Bend down and show us the way. Leave breadcrumbs in the street.

Point us toward awe and wonder. Guide us to intimacy and trust.

**Gift us with laughter that will make us cry
and hope that will make us feel alive.**

We want a new kind of full to the brim. Show us the way.

We are listening for your cues.

Gratefully we pray, amen.

Naming of Names

During this moment of worship, simply call out the names of persons whom you wish our prayers to support. You are also invited to submit a written prayer request by coming forward to place it in our wooden prayer bowl. Please feel welcome to kneel at the chancel rail at any time during these focused moments of intercessory prayer.

Pastoral Prayer (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton

The Lord's Prayer (10:30 AM only)

**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.**

Children's Message (10:30 AM only)

Dr. Meg Baker

All children in Grade 5 and younger are invited to come forward. Following the message, they may return to sit with their families or transition directly to Sunday School classes with their teachers.

Anthem (10:30 AM only) *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
Sanctuary Choir and Joyful Ringers!

arr. Mark Hayes

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder a-new what the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty One, King of creation!
Lift up your voices in never ending song! Lift up your voice in praise to God.
Give praise to the Lord, praise to the Lord,
Lift up your voice to God!

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
Gladly for aye we adore him. Amen, amen, amen.

Anthem (10:30 AM only) *Come, Ye Disconsolate*
Joyful Ringers!

Terry Osman

Proclamation of the Word

Scripture Reading (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Lay Reader

Luke 13:31-35 (NRSV)

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #479 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Under God's Wing

Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton

Response to the Word

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

Lay Reader

Offertory (10:30 AM only)

Prelude on ABERYSTWYTH

Healey Willan

*Hymn #95 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Doxology

OLD 100TH

Prayer of Dedication (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton

Reception of New Members (10:30 AM only)

Bruce Wallace

Diana Marks DelGrosso

Congregational Response (10:30 AM only)

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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.

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)

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 (9:00 AM only)

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

Please receive the wafer and juice packet, then take it with you and consume it prayerfully and safely at home following the service.

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 #480 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go

Benediction and Dismissal (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton

Postlude (10:30 AM only) *Fugue in a minor, BWV 559b*

attr. J. S. Bach

Please find the note "Postludes During Lent" on the last page of this bulletin and enjoy learning more about these selections from organist Marvin Mills.



UPCOMING WORSHIP

March 20, 2022

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

livestreaming at 10:30 AM

Luke 13:1-9 and Isaiah 55:1-9

Dr. Meg Baker, preaching



SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathies to **Peggy Wardell**
on the death of her mother, **Margie Wood.**



*St. Paul's Sunday 10:30 AM worship services are streamed through
stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and Upcoming Events

Coffee Hour – *Today, March 13, after 10:30 AM worship.* Jig over to the Octagon courtyard for St. Patrick's Day themed coffee hour hosted by the 2x4s (folks in the roughly 20s-to-40s age range). Sláinte!

Taste & Sing – *Tuesday, March 15, 12:00 noon, Octagon.* Drop-ins welcome, but your RSVP helps us plan! Please contact Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org or 301-933-7933 ext 104 if you will attend. This month our casual time of food and song will celebrate Women's History Month AND the luck o' the Irish (since St. Patrick's Day is just days away!). After we sing a few favorite hymns by request, Dr. Meg Baker will introduce us to Cecil Frances Alexander, renowned for *All Things Bright and Beautiful* and *Jesus Calls Us*, followed by a quick visit with *Be Thou My Vision* (a traditional Irish melody, translated by Mary E Brune in 1905, with verses by Eleanor H. Hull in 1912). There is no musical experience needed and no cost (although donations for lunch are welcome).

UMCOR Ukraine Relief – The United Methodist Committee on Relief "International Disaster Response and Recovery" fund is ready to aid communities in crisis in Ukraine and the refugees fleeing the war there. Through local partners on the ground and its own trained early responders, UMCOR moves quickly to provide aid, and can remain in a community for rebuilding work that goes well beyond the initial response. 100% of your UMCOR donation goes to assist victims of man-made and natural disasters. To donate online, go to stpaulsk.org/giving. If you prefer to donate by check, make it payable to St. Paul's UMC with "UMCOR - Ukraine" on the memo line, and place it in the offering plate or mail it to St. Paul's UMC, Attn: Michelle Gregonis, 10401 Armory Ave., Kensington MD 20895.

Hunger Ministry Needs – This month, we are having some trouble sourcing 1-pound bags of rice and shelf-stable milk cartons. We always need cold and hot cereal. Your donations of these and other items are always appreciated. (Find the printed list of pantry items we provide each month on the table by the office or visit stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry). You can place packed bags or single items in the bins in the Narthex any time the building is open. To volunteer, contact volunteer coordinator Dawn Ely at hunger@stpaulsk.org. She will send you the sign-up link with descriptions of the many different tasks. To make a financial donation towards grocery store gift cards and bulk

food purchases, *visit stpaulsk.org/giving* or make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC with "Hunger Ministry" on the memo line. Thank you for feeding over 100 families every month right here in the 20895 ZIP code!

Church Council Meeting – *Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 PM by Zoom.* At the March meeting the Council plans discuss new Lay Members to Annual Conference, the renovation, the Easter Special Offering, and the possibility of a "one board" model for 2023. All friends of St. Paul's may attend; for the Zoom link, email Pastor Kate at kfulton@stpaulsk.org.

Save the Date: Still Weekend Retreat – *Register by March 18, Retreat April 8-10 at the Dayspring Retreat Center in Germantown, MD.* If you desire time to unplug and deeply listen on your spiritual journey, join us for a variety of optional contemplative activities, rest, and time in nature. Contact Kenzie Raulin at kenzier@rcn.com or 301-237-1520 if you have questions. Register here: <https://forms.gle/wpXZjQjMsLtJ584QA>.

Better Humans Book Club: *Rising* – *Discussion March 22, 7:00 PM by Zoom.* The next selection is *Rising* by Elizabeth Rush, about American communities' vulnerability to rising sea levels. The book club reads great fiction from historically underrepresented voices and nonfiction that challenges us to work for a better world. All are welcome! To join the discussion, email Travis Stalcup at justice@stpaulsk.org for the Zoom link.

Daily Breath – *Wednesdays, 9:00 AM.* Schedule change! These live online sessions will now be held once a week, reminding us to keep us calm and connected through a time of sharing, prayer, or music with St. Paul's leaders. Visit facebook.com/stpaulskensington.

Lenten Study: Witness at the Cross – *Wednesdays at 4:00 PM, Zoom.* We will travel through the story of the crucifixion through the eyes of the witnesses along the way, including the soldiers, women, mothers, convicts, disciples, and friends present in the Gospels. Each week involves a different chapter and different point of view, so you may join the class at any time. To sign up, email Meg at mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

Read Through The Bible – The entire congregation is invited to read through the Bible, in whole or in part, together over the next two years. Find the reading schedule at stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education. The March Zoom session to share thoughts and questions will be on *March 31 at 6:30 PM*.

Help Wanted! – We are in need of a few volunteers to staff the welcome table and guide people as they enter for worship on Sundays. To learn more about becoming part of the Welcome Ministry, contact Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org or 301-933-7933 ext. 104.

Recognizing Our Volunteers – The St. Paul’s SPRC knows our many volunteers are vital to helping us maintain our beloved community. Please use this form to submit the names of those St. Paul’s servants and volunteers who have helped make our church special: <https://forms.gle/DafEZY91hZeKpiX69>. (Music ministries will be recognized separately.)

Announcements: Ongoing Activities

Lenten Devotionals and Resources – Lent is a time of repentance, self-examination, and reflection in preparation for the coming of Easter. Pick up one of these in the Narthex:

- *Full to the Brim*, a weekly devotional using lectionary Bible readings, poetry, art, and journal prompts.
- *The Sanctuary for Lent 2022*, a guide with brief readings for each day from Ash Wednesday through Easter.
- *What is Lent?*, a children’s coloring and activity book geared towards ages 6-9.

Children’s Programming – *for March 13*. Nursery Care for infants and preschoolers is available during both worship services today. Older children (and their teachers) will begin in the Sanctuary every Sunday throughout the season of Lent. Children will be invited forward for a children’s message, after which they may transition to the Sunday School classrooms with their teachers or return to sit with their families. “Busy Bags” with quiet activities are available at the welcome desk. Children in K through 2nd grades meet in Room 200, and children in 3rd-5th grades meet in the Parlor.

SPYs Meeting – Youth are meeting in-person each Sunday in March! Middle School 4:30-6:00 PM; High School 7:00-8:30 PM. Bring a mask and a water bottle. Questions? Contact Micah Smartt (msmartt@stpaulsk.org) or visit stpaulsk.org/community/youth.

Lent Kits – If you or someone you know would like a set of Lenten materials mailed to their home for study and reflection, request a Lent Kit! Use this online form <https://forms.gle/ZjvMTk4QVvKsmNB66> or contact Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org, 301-933-7933 ext 104)

Pastoral Leave – From Thursday March 3 through Tuesday May 31, Pastor Pat will be on Sabbath Renewal Leave. During that time, Pastor Kate will lead the congregation.

9:00 Lay Readers – Would you like to assist with worship at 9:00 AM by serving as a lay reader? Go to stpaulsk.org/community/calendar-events and click the button to be taken to the sign-up sheet. Sign up by simply typing in your name and email address.

Sanctuary Flowers – To sponsor Sanctuary flowers, sign up on the flower chart in the main office. Forms for dedications are available next to the chart.

Inclement Weather Policies – For weekday inclement weather, St. Paul's follows Montgomery County Public Schools announcements for students regarding delays or closures. For Sundays, the pastors will assess the weather and make a decision about in-person services by Saturday evening.

Renovation Update – The conversations between the contractors and the church have concluded and a start date will be announced soon. Visit our Renovation page at stpaulsk.org/community/renovation for more details.

Still Wednesday – *Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 PM.* All are welcome! The exact format of Still Wednesday changes week to week, but typically includes 20 minutes of silent contemplative prayer. To Zoom, use Meeting ID: 815 9385 9811, passcode Oliver.

Martha Circle – Meetings usually held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM in the Octagon. All ladies interested may contact coordinator Ginny Hagberg (mdcatlover@aol.com, 301-770-7624) for updates.

Lydia Circle – Meetings usually held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. All interested ladies should contact Susan Schwarz (susan10748@aol.com or 301-339-8242) for the latest schedule.

Yarn Ministry – Meeting either by Zoom or in-person in the Library at St. Paul's twice a month. All crafters welcome! Contact Karen Codner (kdc811@gmail.com).

Prayerwaves – *Wednesdays, 10:00 AM by phone.* Call 425-436-6326 at 9:55 AM. When prompted for the "access code," type in 774042 followed by #.

Pledges & Thank You Gifts – Each household that pledges for 2022 will receive a St. Paul's folding camp chair as a special "thank you." Blank pledge forms are available in the church office and at stpaulsk.org/giving.



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) 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.

A message from Organist Marvin Mills

Though J. S. Bach was revered as the leading organist of his time, he was seen as old fashioned in his compositional style. This was partly due to his use of older forms, but particularly to the emergence of a new style (the *style gallant*) which signaled the end of the Baroque and the beginnings of the Classical Period. This new style moved away from a contrapuntal (linear) method of composing, as exemplified by Bach, to a more homophonic (vertical) one. The music of Bach represents the apex of the Baroque Period; synthesizing national (Italian, French and German) and regional (North and South Germanic) influences into a crystalline style which yields outward display while achieving intense contemplation.

The fugal form can be traced back to the Middle Ages where canons and simple imitative parts evolved in works that were often interchangeable vocally or instrumentally. By the middle Renaissance the fugue had become a distinct form, attesting to the skill of a composer in his crafting of the counterpoint between voices. The 8 *Kleine Präludien und Fugen*/Eight Little Preludes and Fugues, BWV 553-560, were attributed to Bach until 1987, when research determined they were most probably composed by one of his students though still to be determined which of them.

Why focus on fugues in minor keys during Lent? The conversational nature of *fugue* engenders reflection and study, an apropos posture during the season. The tonality of minor keys provides ample opportunity to explore a richer harmonic palette.

Soli Deo Gloria!

March 6 – Fugue in e, BWV 555b

March 13 – Fugue in a, BWV 559b

March 20 – Fugue in d, BWV 554b

March 27 – Fugue in g, BWV 558b

April 3 – Fugue in c, BWV 537b

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Marge Higgins

All plans are subject to change as the covid situation evolves and we work to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for your understanding!

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Masks required. Appointments encouraged.
