

# Thank you for worshiping 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.

# **Gathering for Worship**

(\* - please stand in body or spirit)

Announcements Lay Leader

Prelude (10:30 only) Prelude on Cwn Rhondda Wilbur Held

\*Call to Worship (9:00 & 10:30) Lay Reader

Leader: Our souls wait in silence; **ALL:** our hope rests in God,

Leader: our rock,

**ALL:** our salvation, Leader: our refuge.

ALL: We will not be shaken. Leader: In this time of worship,

ALL: we pour out our hearts because we trust in God's steadfast love.

\*Hymn #127 (9:00 & 10:30) Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Opening Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

The One who raises the sun each morning and lifts high the moon at night, ushers us, too, through cycles of rising, falling, and rising again. Though we stumble, God lifts us. Though we doubt, God remains. Though we get weary, God revives.

Anthem (10:30 only)

Soon and Very Soon
Sanctuary Choir

Andraé Crouch

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King. (repeat) Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

No more dying there, we are going to see the King. (repeat) Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

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.

Moment of Recognition: Twenty Years of Service to St. Paul's (10:30 only)

\*Marco Palma\*

### Proclamation of the Word

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Luke 21:5-19 (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, <sup>6</sup>"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" <sup>8</sup>And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

12"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

\*Hymn #172 (9:00 & 10:30) My Jesus, I Love Thee

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30) Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

# Response to the Word

Invitation to Giving (9:00 & 10:30) Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Offertory (10:30 only) Sarabande from Organ Sonata David Schelat

\*Hymn #94 (9:00 & 10:30) Doxology Lasst uns erfruen

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

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

# Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

The Invitation (9:00 only)

The Great Thanksgiving (9:00 only)

- L: The Lord be with you.
- P: 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.

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Breaking the Bread (9:00 only)

Giving the Bread & Cup (9:00 only)

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Prayer after Receiving (9:00 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 (9:00 & 10:30) Take Me to the Water



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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude (10:30 only)

Prelude on Cwm Rhondda

J. B. Carlson



WORSHIP NEXT WEEK, NOVEMBER 20, 2022 10:30 AM only in the Sanctuary Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen, preaching

Consecration led by District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Gerry Green

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

9:00 AM - 31

10:30 AM – 103 Online – 50

Total – 184

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#### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Steve & Pat Warren in honor of Doctors Scott & Singh at the Wilmer Eye Institute in Baltimore.



### SYMPATHY

We offer our deepest condolences those in our faith community who mourn the loss of loved ones, including:

### Barbara Jarboe,

following the death of her husband James Jarboe, Sr. on September 10; Amy Brown,

following the death of her grandmother Audrey Harris on September 25; Barry Blankenship,

following the death of his mother Marianne Blankenship on October 11; Ruth Melson,

following the death of her brother Andrew Broadus Melson III on October 15; Beth Hitchcock,

following the death of her husband Jim Hitchcock on November 6.



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**

**Today:** Children's Programming – *Sunday, Nov. 13.* Children grade 5 and younger begin Sunday School in the Chapel at 10:30. Parents/guardians should pick up children in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service. Nursery care for babies and preschoolers is available during both 9:00 & 10:30 services. For details, contact Dr. Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org).

**Today: SPY** – *Nov.* 13. *Middle School meets* 4:30-6:00 *PM; High School meets* 7:00-8:30 *PM.* All friends of St. Paul's in middle and high school grades are invited to youth fellowship. Enter the MPR through the back door on Fawcett Street. Questions? Contact Mr. Micah Smartt, msmartt@stpaulsk.org.

**Today: Recognizing our Staff** – Today we recognize Mr. Marco Palma for his 20 years of work as St. Paul's maintenance person. His good humor and tireless work make our

church and our community a better place every day and we are thankful for him! If you wish, cards or notes of appreciation can be dropped off at the church office.

**Today: Pledge Your Support** – Faithful giving makes it possible for St. Paul's UMC to do everything we do, and your pledge makes it possible for the church to plan a financially sustainable year engaged in worship, ministry, and work in the community. To pledge your support for 2023, go to stpaulsk.org/giving or use the QR code for the online pledge form, or look for paper forms in the Narthex.



**Today: Renovation News** – Visit *stpaulsk.org/community/renovation* for more info!

- Now Open: Men's, Women's, and Family restrooms in the office wing are open and there is a water fountain with a bottle filling station. The Octagon and serving room are open. The pick-up/drop-off shelf in the main office is available for small items. The Memorial Garden is accessible. The parking lot is open. We have a new telephone system.
- *Under Construction:* Minor repairs and cosmetic work in some areas remain.
- Weekdays: The church office is open Monday-Thursday, 10:00 AM 3:00 PM. Please use the Mitchell St. door. Appointments encouraged!

**Today:** Craft Fair – Nov. 13 after worship; additional hours TBA. The annual St. Paul's Craft Fair features all types of crafts donated by St. Paul's members and friends. This year, proceeds will stay close to home and support St. Paul's ministries. Income from craft sales will be matched up to \$1,000 by anonymous donors. If you have questions, contact Karen Codner (kdc811@gmail.com) or Mary Revenis (mrevenis@cnmc.org).

Today: Personal Hygiene Items Drive – Until Nov. 20. St. Paul's Justice & Compassion group welcomes donations of hygiene items for Asylee Women Enterprise (AWE). AWE provides services and support to asylum seekers resettling in the Baltimore area, with priority given to women and children. Bring donations to the Narthex during church hours. Requested items include: deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, hairbrushes, diapers, pull-ups, baby wipes, and maxi pads (all sizes).

**Today: 2x4s Potluck** – *Nov. 13, 11:45 AM.* Join the 2x4s in a potluck-style gathering after the 10:30 worship service, in the Fellowship Hall. 2x4s are folks in their (roughly) 20s to 40s and their families. To RSVP and sign up for a dish to bring: http://evite.me/ZjjAf1sJd8. Contact Anne Dean (annepdean@gmail.com) if you have questions.

**2x4s Crockpot Party** – *RSVP by Nov. 14, event Dec. 1.* Want to make some freezer meals to have handy this fall? Beth Roberts is hosting a crock pot freezer party at her home in

Kensington on Friday, December 1 at 7:00 PM. If interested, please email Beth by November 14 at beth.higa@gmail.com for further details and instructions. Beth will handle the logistics, and depending on the number of participants, you'll bring ingredients, enjoy fellowship and time making the recipes, and leave with 5-6 meals. Space is limited!

**Taste & Sing** – *Nov.* 15, 12:00 noon. This monthly event starts with a time to sing some favorite hymns, then we enjoy a short program where we dive deeper into the stories behind our worship songs, before enjoying a meal together. No musical experience needed, and there's no cost (but donations for lunch are welcome).

**Special Consecration Sunday Worship** – *Nov.* 20, one service only at 10:30 AM. Our long-awaited renovations are nearly completed, and for that we give God praise! To honor and celebrate this achievement, November 20, 2022, has been designated Consecration Sunday. We will have only one service at 10:30 AM. Our District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Gerard Green, will consecrate all the renovated spaces.

**Sipping Ministry** – *Nov.* 20, *after* 10:30 *worship*. J&C will host a Thanksgiving-themed Sipping Ministry (formerly known as "coffee hour"). No, there won't be gravy for your coffee, but there will be warm cider and homemade sweets for all to enjoy!

Transgender Day of Remembrance – *Sunday, Nov. 20, 7:00 PM at Bethesda United Church of Christ (10010 Fernwood Road Bethesda, MD 20817).* This inter-religious service cosponsored by eight local faith communities will come together in person or on Zoom in a trans-led commemoration to honor the memory of all who have lost their lives because of anti-transgender violence this year. Those attending are welcome to stay after to share a simple meal of soup and bread together. Since 1999, Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) has been observed to honor the memory of all who have lost their lives because of anti-transgender hate. Free but tickets are encouraged to help plan the meal: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/transgender-day-of-remembrance-bethesda-md-tickets-460193740867.

**Holiday Giving Project** – The holidays bring special opportunities to support those in our area with limited means. In addition to serving our Hunger Ministry families, St. Paul's is proud to be a community partner of the Montgomery County Department of Health & Human Services "Holiday Giving Project" serving our ZIP code.

• **Thanksgiving Feast:** This year, we will be assisting families by providing a special one-time Thanksgiving grocery store card valued at \$50 so they can purchase food

for a feast. To donate, make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC with "Thanksgiving" in the memo line or give online at *stpaulsk.org/giving* then click on "Additional Contribution Options." Providing grocery support this way allows our recipients to create the feast that best fits their family and their food allergies or diet restrictions - and frees our small but mighty band of volunteers from the burden of worrying about how to safely distribute pies, produce, or poultry!

• **Giving Tree:** St. Paul's will hold a Giving Tree gift drive starting *Nov.* 20. Look for the Giving Tree to be set up in the Narthex with tags for the families we serve. We will provide either wrapped gifts or Target gift cards, along with a cookie goody bag, to Hunger Ministry families and those referred to us by the Montgomery Co. Dept. of Health & Human Services. If you would like to volunteer to organize gifts on *Dec.* 11 or help distribute to the families on *Dec.* 12, please contact Pastor Pat at pallen@stpaulsk.org.

Advent Study: Almost Christmas – *Sign up by Nov. 23; classes start Nov. 27.* Rev. Joey Heath-Mason will lead this four-week Advent study, *Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience* using the book by Magrey deVega. Participants will connect our Wesleyan heritage with the traditional Advent themes of Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace to make a full commitment to Christ. The cost is \$25 per person and includes one book and four meals. Classes meet at St. Paul's for four Sundays starting the first Sunday in Advent, November 27, 12:00-1:00 PM. Sign up and pay online at *stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education* or use the paper form in the church office. Questions? Email Pastor Joey (joeyhm@stpaulsk.org).

**Men's Bible and Brew** – *Nov.* 29. According to Ben Franklin, beer is proof God loves us and wants us to be happy. SPUMC's men are invited to get together for an engaging and informal Bible study while enjoying some craft beer or other beverage. Stay tuned for our scripture reading and location. Please contact Travis Stalcup with questions.

Community Pancake Breakfast – *Dec. 3.* The UMM group is holding a Pancake Breakfast the first Saturday in December. Everyone from throughout the community will enjoy the pancakes and other breakfast foods, and proceeds benefit St. Paul's and regional charities. Serving hours are 8:00-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Instead of charging a fixed price, families are asked to make a generous goodwill donation. As a guide, the suggested amount is \$8 for adults and \$2 for children under 12, or \$20 for a family of 4. No carry out. Please contact Jerry Watkins (j50.09w@verizon.net) to find out more.

Masks Optional – Masks are now optional in nearly all St. Paul's spaces. (Masks are still required for staff & volunteers working in the Nursery.) We expect all members of the St.

Paul's community to treat others with respect, whether mask-wearing or non-mask-wearing. You can read more FAQs at *stpaulsk.org/worship*.

# **Announcements: Ongoing Activities**

**Joyful Ringers**—*Wednesdays*, 7:00 PM, Room 109. Come ring in our bell choir! To learn more, contact Tom Pedersen, director of music, at tpedersen@stpaulsk.org.

**Sanctuary Choir** – *Sundays*, 9:30 AM, Room 211. The Sanctuary Choir continues to welcome new members! We sing for the 10:30 worship service weekly. Questions? Contact Tom at tpedersen@stpaulsk.org.

**Wednesday Bible Study: Sermon Safari** – *Wednesdays Nov. 9, 16, 4:00-5:00 PM by Zoom.* For this Sermon Discussion Group, each session includes viewing a video sermon and then discussing and responding to the message. This is a no-prep, no-stress, come-when-you-can opportunity! To participate contact Dr. Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

**Second Saturday Bible Study** – *Nov.* 12, 10:00-11:00 AM. Join this drop-in gathering for videos, discussion, and study using guides from The Bible Project. Contact Dr. Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org ) for the Zoom link.

**Still Wednesday** – *Wednesdays*, 7:00-8:00 PM. We offer a weekly space for reflection and calm. The exact format changes week to week, but typically offers: poetry, scripture, or art; 20 minutes of silent contemplative prayer; a chance to reflect privately or share. For up-to-date info, contact Kenzie Raulin (301-237-1520, Kenzie@krdesign.net).

**Hunger Ministry** – We provide food assistance year-round for hungry families in the 20895 ZIP code. New volunteers and those able to help month-by-month are welcome! Find the grocery items we need and more information: *stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry*.

**Read-Thru-the-Bible** – For the reading schedule and information about monthly Q&A discussion sessions via Zoom, visit *stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education*. You can jump in at any time!

**Daily Breath** – *Wednesdays*, 9:00 AM. These once-a-week online sessions provide a morning time of sharing, prayer, or music led by St. Paul's clergy, staff, or volunteer leaders. Visit *facebook.com/stpaulskensington* - no Facebook account required.

**Lydia Circle** – The Lydia Circle sisters meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Ladies who are interested should contact Susan Schwarz at susan10748@aol.com or 301-339-8242 for more information.

**Tuesday with Friends** – This group, open to all men and women, will meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 AM for fellowship and interesting lessons. Those who would like to stay for Taste & Sing will enjoy lunch afterwards. Contact Ginny Hagberg if you have questions: 301-770-7624.

**UMM Driver Service** – The United Methodist Men's group now offers a service to take adult St. Paul's members to medical-related appointments in and around Montgomery County. A list of volunteer drivers is posted in the church office. Contact Rich Higgins at rgh1954@verizon.net if you have UMM questions.

**Assistance for Migrants** – We invite all who are able to support the work of Capitol Hill UMC in offering respite and resources to legal immigrants being bussed to Washington DC from Texas and Arizona. Please read more and find contact information at *stpaulsk.org/service/justice-and-compassion*.

**Stephen Ministry** – Trained lay-people provide comfort to those who need a listening ear as they navigate life challenges like birth and death, job changes, divorce, illness, or depression. Contact Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org) to learn more.

**Yarn Ministry** – Meeting by Zoom 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 #.



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### **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):			
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How did you f	ind us? (circle of Family/friend.	 Internet search.	Other:
•	ested in learning	St. Paul's? (circle o	all that apply)

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Deanna Hodgson - 9:00 Bill Stephens - 10:30

# Lay Leader

Marge Higgins

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Appointments encouraged! Please use staff email addresses.



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