



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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

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 summer worship 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 (10:30 AM)

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Nam;

Emma Lou Diemer

*Call to Worship

Lay Reader

Leader: We come as people claimed by grace and called into freedom.

People: In Christ, we are set free to live in love.

Leader: In baptism, God gives us power to resist evil, injustice, and oppression.

People: We will not be conformed to what destroys; we will grow into the likeness of Christ.

Leader: God calls us to speak the truth in love.

People: God calls us to grow together into Christ, who is our head.

Leader: Remember the waters that name you beloved and send you into the world.

People: Rooted in grace, we will love boldly.

*Hymn #589

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

Opening Prayer

Lay Reader

Liberating God, at the waters of baptism you claim us as your own and give us freedom to follow the way of Jesus.

Open our eyes to the places where evil, injustice, and oppression take root.

Within us. Among us. Around us.

Give us wisdom to recognize them, courage to resist them, and love strong enough to seek another way.

Grow us into the maturity of Christ, so that we may speak truth with love, stand with those who are harmed, and use the freedom you have given us for the healing of your world.

By your grace, make us bold in love and faithful in action. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

The Lord's Prayer (10:30 AM)

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.

Blessing our Teachers and Leaders for the 2026-2027 Season

Sunday School, St. Paul's Youth, Confirmation, Children's Choir, Adult Education Ministries

Third Grade Bible Presentation (10:30 AM only)

Sadie Bartley

Josephine Flickinger

John Goleb

Malcolm Grigg

Juniper Livengood

Collier Maloney

Ciara McGarry

Kes Parran

Thandi Sibanda

Prayer for Christian Education Ministry

Holy teacher, we are called to teach and serve one another as we grow in our faith. We give thanks for the students who desire to grow in their faith and relationship with God. As we learn and teach the stories of our faith, may we be ever mindful of how we model the peace of Christ in the world. Help us work for peace, create it, and live it. Grant us wisdom and discernment to lead and model with Christlike love in our homes, classroom, community and world. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

Ephesians 4:11-16 (NRSVUE)

Lay Reader

Pew Bible, New Testament p. 194

¹¹He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Response to the Word

*Hymn #444

O Young and Fearless Prophet

Sermon

"Tell the whole truth, part 2"

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

Invitation to Discipleship & 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 work engaging in meaningful worship and vibrant ministry in our community.



*With a voice of singing, declare ye this,
And let it be heard: Alleluia!
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia!
O be joyful in God, all ye lands.
O sing praises to the honor of his name,
Make his praise to be glorious.
With a voice of singing, declare ye this,
And let it be heard: Alleluia!*

*Doxology #94

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*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion – 9:00 AM only

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

The Great Thanksgiving (9:00 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.

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

All communion bread is gluten-free.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (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 #2172

We Are Called



1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the
2. Come! O - pen your heart! Show your mer - cy to
3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when



love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the
all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the
all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each



king dom, to live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God!
hope-less so all ha-tred and blind - ness will be no more!
oth - er as sis-ters and broth-ers u - nit-ed in love!



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten-der - ly, we are called to serve one an - oth - er,



to walk hum-bly with God!

*Benediction and Dismissal

Rev. Sheridan Allmond



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given today by
Brendan & Jessi McGarry
in celebration of their 15th wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Sunday, September 20, 2026

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. You can also find the submission buttons to share news and announcements.



Drop-in & Telephone Hours – The office is open on our regular schedule for drop-in visits and phone calls: Mon.-Thurs., 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Appointments encouraged! If you have an emergency after hours, please call 410-205-5568 and leave a message for Pastor Sheridan.

Sunday School and Nursery News – *Sunday, Sept. 13, 10:30 AM.* All children in grades K-5 will begin in worship in the Sanctuary with their families today. As is our tradition, we will kick off the year by consecrating our teachers and leader, and presenting our Third Grade students with their own Bibles. Students will then transition to Sunday School class with their teachers to start the 2026-2027 Sunday School season! Nursery care is available at 10:30 AM for children in Pre-K and younger. Busy Bags with quiet activities can be borrowed from the Welcome Desk. Restless friends (accompanied by an adult) are welcome to take a break in the Octagon or Library.

Events, Activities, and Information

- **Tickets Now Available for Kensington Coffeehouse** – *Saturday, Sept. 19, 7:00-10:00 PM.* We have a powerhouse musician lineup for the first Coffeehouse event in 22 years! Enjoy our comfortable “listening room” environment. Please bring friends and

family to experience the music of Ella Gallogly, Safety Bear, Levi Stephens, and the Sidleys! Tickets are \$10 per person. Visit <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/kensington-coffeehouse-at-st-pauls> to purchase tickets! Coffee and sweet treats from JennyCakes will be available for purchase. Want to help out? Contact Molly Ruskin (mollyruskin@gmail.com).

- **New! Accounting & Finance Manager Position Open** – Do you know the best person... to take on the role of Accounting & Finance Manager of St. Paul's? You just might! We are looking for an accounting expert to be responsible for the accurate and timely day-to-day accounting operations of our church. This is a part-time role that requires working onsite. If you think you know someone who would be a great fit, please share this opportunity with them. Find more details, including the job description, at stpaulsk.org/community/meet-the-staff Questions? Please contact Alison Clark (Leadership Team Finance Lead) at alisonjclark@yahoo.com, or Pastor Sheridan at sallmond@stpaulsk.org.
- **Today! Especially for Sunday School Teachers & Those Interested in Teaching** – *Sunday, Sept. 13.* We will hold brief information sessions at 9:30 AM and 12:00 noon in room 109 to introduce the Sunday School leader materials. These sessions are designed to help teachers and leaders become more familiar with the resources we use, and feel more comfortable and confident teaching Sunday School. Current teachers - and anyone interested in learning more about teaching - are encouraged to join us! Questions? Contact Pastor Joey at joeyhm@stpaulsk.org.
- **Today: Kensington Train Show** – *Sept. 13, 1:00-4:00 PM.* Step across the street to the Town Hall for the annual Kensington Train Show! Check out the model trains and enjoy railroad-themed songs and stories for all ages. Admission is \$8 and proceeds benefit Noyes Children's Library and the Kensington Historical Association. www.kensingtontrainshow.com/
- **This Week: Taste & Sing** – *Tuesday, Sept. 15, 12:00-1:30 PM.* There's no musical experience necessary to enjoy this casual time of song, fellowship, and food. With Tom Pedersen at the keyboard, we start with a hymn-sing – feel free to request your favorites from the UM Hymnal! Then we have a short program from Erin Steele, Ph.D., on a composer, lyricist, or theme, offering a deeper dive into the stories behind some of our worship songs. The afternoon wraps up with a tasty fellowship lunch prepared by Ginny Hagberg (\$5 donation).
- **Next Week: Sermon Safari** – *Wednesdays starting Sept. 16, 4:00-5:00 via Zoom.* St. Paul's weekly virtual Sermon Safari adventures resumes for another season of rich conversation. This come-when-you-can, drop-in Zoom study invites participants to watch a sermon together and then dive into a lively, thoughtful discussion. For more info or to receive the Zoom link, contact Dr. Meg Baker at megbaker@verizon.net.

- **This Week: Still Wednesday** – Still Wednesday will be meeting in the Octagon each Wednesday, 7:00-8:00 PM. Come light a candle and experience this time for reflection and togetherness. The evening's exact format varies depending on the leader, but usually includes about 20 minutes of silent prayer.
- **This Week: Yarn Ministry** – Bring your knitting, needlework, or other projects and craft alongside friends in the Library at St. Paul's twice a month. Meeting 7:00-8:30 PM on Sept 14 and 28, October 12 and 26, Nov 9 and 23, Dec 14. Contact Karen Codner (kdc811@gmail.com) with questions.
- **Update: UMM Gathering Postponed** – The UMM executive team has decided to postpone the general gathering and supper originally scheduled for Sept. 16. All men of the church - and their sons - are invited to get involved with the UMM during any of our fall activities! Please contact Rich Higgins (rgh1954@verizon.net) with questions or ideas!
- **This Month: SPYs at IGNITE** – *Sunday, Sept. 27.* St. Paul's Youth is for all friends of St. Paul's in grades 6-12! The next SPY activity will be a special Baltimore-Washington Conference IGNITE Campfire event at West River Center, Sept. 27. All participants must fill out the registration & permissions form at stpaulsk.org/community/youth. Regular meetings start Sunday, Oct. 4, 7:00-8:30 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room at St. Paul's; parents and caregivers should attend this day for the info session!
- **This Month: Music Ministries** – Our music ministries are looking forward to welcoming back old friends and meeting new ones! Contact Tom Pedersen (tpedersen@stpaulsk.org) with questions.
 - **The Sanctuary Choir** returns on *September 13*. Adult singers and youth in Grade 7 and up are welcome each Sunday to rehearse at 9:30 AM, then sing in worship at 10:30 AM.
 - **Children's Choir**, under the direction of Ms. Christina Griffin, will meet for singing, learning, snacks, and fun starting *September 27* after worship, 11:45-12:30 in the MPR. All children in grades K-6 and their friends are invited!
 - **Joyful Ringers**, our bell choir, will begin regular rehearsals on *September 30*. We rehearse Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 PM and play in worship about once a month. If you've never played handbells before, we can teach you!
- **Coming Soon! Confirmation Class** – Confirmation Class is designed for young people around Grade 6 (age 12) and up who have not yet become members of the church and would like to learn more about faith, history, and what it means to be a member. Contact Pastor Sheridan at sallmond@stpaulsk.org if you're interested!
- **Ongoing Activities** – *Please contact group leaders directly to confirm meeting times!*
 - **Food Drive** – Thanks to your donations, St. Paul's can provide groceries to 170 food-insecure households in the 20895 ZIP code. Find the list of our essential

needs at stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry. Financial contributions help us to order additional food, and provide a grocery gift card so our recipients can choose fresh foods, meat, dairy, or hygiene products. To volunteer, email hunger@stpaulsk.org.

- **Prayerwaves** – *Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30 AM*. To pray together by phone, dial 425-436-6326 then enter access code 774042 followed by the # sign. To receive the prayer list by email, please contact Erin at stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org.
- **Pancake Breakfast** – First Saturday of each month, Sept.-June, 8:00-10:00 AM. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us in the Fellowship Hall for the community breakfast, with pancakes, sides, and beverages. Please make a donation at the door! Contact Phil Rush (phil_rush@hotmail.com).
- **Stephen Ministers** – Move through difficult seasons of life with a Stephen Minister by your side. Contact Martha Lipscomb (301-518-1642) to be connected to a trained Stephen Minister.
- **Bible & Brews** – Gather once a month for this casual interfaith conversation with Pastor Joey, Rabbi Adam, and friends from Temple Emanuel. All our meetings are family friendly! Due to the holiday schedule, we are skipping September – please look for our return in October! For the rest of the 2026 meeting schedule, visit stpaulsk.org/community/calendar-events or contact joeyhm@stpaulsk.org.
- **Sanctuary Flower Sponsors** – To sponsor Sanctuary flowers, add your name to the chart in the church office to reserve a date, then fill out a yellow form with dedication information. The cost is \$45.
- **Sipping Ministry** – To host this fellowship time with coffee and snacks after worship, sign up on the office bulletin board and take a “how to host” guide.
- **Your Church Leaders** – Go to stpaulsk.org/community/meet-the-staff and scroll down to learn more about what we do! If God is calling you to join us, reach out to the pastors, Bill Stephens (wtstephens@verizon.net), or Anne Deane (annepdean@gmail.com).



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Children's Choir Director: Ms. Christina Griffin

Lay Leader: Mrs. Anne Dean

Usher Coordinator: Mr. Nathan Bazawada

Lay Readers: Deanna Hodgson (9:00 AM); Cathy Knepper (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.

