



St. Paul's

United Methodist Church



August 14, 2022

9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 14, 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 (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Leader

Prelude (10:30 only)

Fantasia on Italian Hymn

Phillip Moore

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

Lay Reader

Leader: God is in this house today,

ALL: For God longs to be in relationship with us.

Leader: God is in this house today,

ALL: For God loves the sinners and the saints.

Leader: God is in this house today,

ALL: For God sees all, claims all, and loves all.

Leader: God is in this house today.

ALL: So let us worship Holy God.

*Hymn #61 (9:00 & 10:30)

Come, Thou Almighty King

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

Lay Reader

**Gracious God, Zacchaeus valued money over people, and power over equality. He was a sinner, but so are we. Like Zacchaeus, we are quick to prioritize the wrong things—valuing our to-do lists over family time, our own success over a relationship with you, and wealth over generosity. We lose sight of what really matters. We lose sight of love. Forgive us for our ignorance and impatience. Call us back to the life you long for us to lead. With humility and gratitude we pray:
Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

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

Luke 19:1-10 (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment (10:30 only)

Dr. Meg Baker

*Hymn #420 (9:00 & 10:30) Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30) "The Radical Unraveling of Vocation"

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Response to the Word

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Offertory (10:30 only)

3. Offertory/Giocoso

Andrew Carter

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion (9:00 only)

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

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and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Breaking the Bread (9:00 only)

Giving the Bread & Cup (9:00 only)

Please receive the wafer and juice packet. If you choose to partake here, be sure to place empty wrappers in the waste bins provided. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer, you may take the communion packet and consume it prayerfully and safely at home.

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 #361 (9:00 & 10:30) Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude (10:30 only)

Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn



WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022

9:00 AND 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Exodus 5:1-2, 7:8-23

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen, preaching



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
by members of the St. Paul's Flower Guild.

JOY

The special flower on the altar is given in celebration of the birth of
Natalia Alice Lillie
granddaughter of **Steve Lillie & Carol Davies**.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathies to
Holly Smartt and family
following the death of her grandmother **Bobbie Jordan**.



*St. Paul's Sunday 10:30 AM worship services are streamed through
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and Upcoming Events

Renovation News to Know – *This Week*: The Narthex is undergoing renovation work; please use caution! For Sunday worship, use the front doors on Armory Avenue or the

office door on Mitchell Street to access the building. Accessing the church from the parking lot will require a detour. Available restrooms are near Fellowship Hall, near the MultiPurpose Room, or take the elevator to the third floor of the education wing for accessible restrooms. Please visit spaulsk.org/community/renovation for more information and behind-the-scenes photos.

Today: Prayer in the Park – *August 14, 12:30 PM, St Paul Park (Plyers Mill Rd).* On August 7, 2022, racist posters were placed in Kensington's St. Paul Park on Plyers Mill Road and secured by razor-blade-type instruments designed to injure whoever tried to remove them. As a community of faith, we stand against any and all acts of hatred - physical, verbal, or emotional - that target any of God's creation. In response, members and friends of St. Paul's UMC will gather at St. Paul Park today at 12:30 PM. We will be joined by members of other local faith organizations including our neighbors at Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church. Bring a chair, water, and whatever else you need, but let us show up, as a visible sign of our faith commitment to be a voice against hateful acts.

Today: Coffee Hour – *August 14, following 10:30 worship.* Join us near the front doors of St. Paul's UMC on Armory Avenue for coffee hour featuring beverages and snacks. This time of fellowship is sponsored by the 2x4s, St. Paul's group for those in the (mostly) 20s-to-40s age range.

Today: Children's Programming – *August 14.* Children are invited to be in worship with their loved ones in August and experience the rhythm of the worship service. We encourage all those who worship to live into the vows we share at baptism when we promise to embrace young ones as part of the family of God and help them to learn to walk in the ways of faith. There is no Sunday morning children's programming this month, although childcare will be available in the Nursery for infants and preschoolers during both worship services. "Busy Bags" with quiet activities are also available at the Welcome Desk.

Still Wednesday Summer Schedule – *Aug. 17.* Still Wednesday, a time of contemplative practice, will meet once a month for the summer. The next gathering is August 17 at 7:00 PM. The exact format varies, but typically includes about 20 minutes of silent prayer. Gathering in-person as weather permits or by Zoom (Meeting ID: 815 9385 9811, passcode Oliver). Questions? Contact Kenzie Raulin at 301-237-1520 or Kenzie@krdesign.net.

Assistance for Migrants in the DC Region – The Baltimore-Washington Conference invites all who are able to support the work of assisting migrants arriving at Union

Station. Since April, the governors of Texas and Arizona have transported more than 7,200 legal immigrants to Washington, DC in retaliation to Biden administration immigration policies. Capitol Hill UMC is one of several faith organizations offering immediate respite and helping meet basic needs of new arrivals. Please read more at stpaulsk.org/service/justice-and-compassion and find links so you can donate through the BWC and contact information if you wish to donate items directly to Capitol Hill UMC. To volunteer for this ministry, contact Rev. Neal Christie, the BWC's Director of Connected Engagement, at nchristie@bwcumc.org or 202-285-4544.

Save the Date: September is “Back to Choir Month” – After a good summer break, our Sanctuary Choir and Joyful Ringers bell ensemble are excited to return to worship!

- *Sanctuary Choir* will begin Thursday, September 8 at 7:30 PM in room 211. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in room 211 prior to worship. If you've never sung in a choir before, maybe now is the time to start! Your voice can make a difference.
- *Joyful Ringers* will begin on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 PM in Room 109. No prior music experience needed - if you can count to eight, you can ring bells!

Both choirs are welcoming new members. Being a part of the worship team at St. Paul's is a meaningful, fun way to support the mission and ministry of St. Paul's UMC. Please talk to Music Director Tom Pedersen or email him at tpedersen@stpaulsk.org if you have questions or want more information.

Meal Train for Pastor Joey's Family – Rev. Joey Heath-Mason and his husband Matthew just welcomed new baby Andre to their family! Help support them during the exciting but exhausting first days of infancy by taking them a meal. There are dates available now through the end of August. Details and sign up here: <https://mealtrain.com/g99krm>

Read-Thru-the-Bible – We are on a two-year journey to read through the Bible together. The reading schedule is available in the Epistle and online at stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education. You may jump in at any time. The next Q&A session will be Sept. 27 – please email Pastor Pat by Sept. 26 for the Zoom link. In the meantime, here are questions to ponder for August's readings:

- As we read through 2 Kings and 1 Chronicles do you see any parallels between the behaviors of leaders in these readings and accepted leadership practices today?
- Have you ever prayed the Prayer of Jabez? If so, what was your experience?
- When you read Psalm 51 why do you think David says he's only sinned against God?
- Do you think David is trying to minimize the harm he caused Bathsheba?

Phone System – As is the case with most electronic systems, our phone system has come to the end of its life cycle at St. Paul's! We are in the process of identifying and procuring a new system and once that is done and installed, we will let you know. Until then, please know there is no operating phone system at the church. Please use email to reach the clergy and staff!

A Note from Pastor Joey – As approved by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Rev. Joey Heath-Mason is currently on paternity leave while he and Matthew bond with and care for their new infant son Andre. Pastor Joey will return in his role as Associate Pastor in mid-September. Thank you for your understanding.

Staff Changes – Mr. Micah Smartt will be shifting to a part-time schedule at St. Paul's and transitioning to a revised set of job duties determined in collaboration with Pastor Pat and the SPRC. We have bid farewell to our treasurer and the SPRC is working with Pastor Pat to explore options to ensure the responsibilities of the treasurer's position are cared for.

Church Council Meeting – *Sept. 28, 7:00 PM*. All members of St. Paul's are welcome and encouraged to attend Church Council meetings, to keep up with all the matters of ministry and governance that Church Council members discuss and vote on. Please email or phone Bill Butz (william.butz@icloud.com, 240-205-0964), and he will send you the Zoom link in the days before the meeting. At the September 28 meeting, we will vote on reports to be presented at Church Conference.

Church Conference Scheduled – Our annual church conference will be held Tuesday October 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. This is the annual "business" meeting of the local church where decisions are made about our church leadership, updating the church membership roll, hearing the report of the pastor and approving the clergy compensation packages are decided. Since this is a church conference all church members are invited to attend and have a voice and vote. The reports that will be decided at the church conference will be made available electronically, by request for your review a week prior to the conference. Stay tuned for more information.

Announcements: Ongoing Activities

Wednesday Bible Study: Summer Sermon Safari – *Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 PM by Zoom*. For the summer months, each session will include viewing a particular sermon selected in advance by one of the group participants, and then discussing and responding to the message preached. To participate, contact Dr. Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

Weekday Closures – For safety reasons, access to the building during the week is by appointment only during renovations. No visitors are allowed in construction areas. Staff will flex hours on-site to avoid peak construction times, or work from home. Email is the best way to reach staff and clergy, as phones are disconnected!

Finance Stewardship Updates – Thank you to those who have responded to our recent financial update by sharing your intent or remitting your pledge. Your willingness and faithfulness is greatly appreciated. Don't forget that if for some reason you are unable to honor your pledge, please contact Pastor Pat. You can still find the *pdf of the Finance Update letter at stpaulsk.org/we-are-all-about/the-pastors-page.

Summer Break! – Many activities and groups that usually meet during the programming year are now on summer break. These include: Daily Breath, Sanctuary Choir, Joyful Ringers! bell ensemble, Read-Thru-the-Bible Q&A Sessions, and St. Paul's Youth. We'll return this Fall!

Hunger Ministry Needs – We continue to serve hungry families in the 20895 ZIP code, even through the renovation! Your continued donations of financial support and non-perishable grocery items from our pantry lists make this possible. Find the items we need at stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry. New volunteers and those able to step in month-by-month are welcome! To volunteer, email hunger@stpaulsk.org. To make a financial donation, visit stpaulsk.org/giving or make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC with "Hunger Ministry" on the memo line. Thank you!

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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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)

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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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