



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

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Thank you for worshipping 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. Sheridan Allmond

Prelude

Adoration (10:30 AM only)

Florence B. Price

*Call to Worship

Lay Reader

Leader: Come, we invite you to climb with us into the quiet majesty
of that inner mountain -

**People: where the air thins, and every step becomes a prayer,
every silence a hymn.**

Leader: In that hallowed space between earth and sky,

**People: we encounter the profound mystery of transformation –
a reset that is both startling and tender.**

Leader: Let us lift our eyes and hearts into the bright known,

**People: where the ordinary is transfigured by the touch of divine presence
and grace.**

*Hymn #127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Opening Prayer

Lay Reader

Spirit of God, in your infinite wisdom search us and know us.

Reveal to us the way that you see us, O God. Help us know that before we belong to anyone or anything – we first belong to you.

Remind us that you choose what we consider weak, foolish, less than, and despised for your saving work in the world, so that we might learn to trust in you and not our own abilities.

As we embrace our own belovedness, may we share this good news with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

The Lord's Prayer (10:30 AM 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.

Children's Moment

Dennis Williams

Proclamation of the Word

Exodus 24:12-18 (NRSVUE) *Pew Bible, Old Testament page 70*

Lay Reader

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the

glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Response to the Word

*Hymn #176

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

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 work engaging in meaningful worship and vibrant ministry in our community.



Offertory (10:30 only)

Transfiguration
Sanctuary Choir

Craig Phillips

O burning mountain, O chosen sun,
O perfect moon, O fathomless well,
O unattainable height, O unattainable light,
O clearness beyond all measure,
O wisdom without end,
O mercy without all limit,
O strength beyond resistance,
O crown of all majesty,
All creation humbly sing your praise
Bright stars, high mountains,
Depth of the seas, rushing waters,
All these break into song at heaven's proclamation:
This is my Son, my beloved, my Chosen One. Alleluia!

*Doxology #94

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*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

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

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

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)

The Great Thanksgiving (9:00 AM)

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 AM)

All communion bread is gluten-free.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (9:00 AM)

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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Ev - ery time I ___ feel the Spir - it ___ nov - ing in my heart, I will

pray. ___ Ev - ery time I ___ feel the Spir - it ___ mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1. Up - on the moun - tain, ___ my God spoke, out of their mouth came fire and
2. Jor - dan riv - er ___ chil - ly cold, it chills the bod - y ___ not the

smoke. Looked all a - round me, ___ look so
soul. There ain't but one train ___ on that

fine. I asked my God if ___ all was mine.
track, it goes to heav - en ___ and right back.

*Benediction and Dismissal

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

Postlude (10:30 only)

IV. Choral
from *Four Pieces, Op. 37*

Joseph Jongen



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



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers are given today in celebration of
Tom & Virginia Bickford
on their 58th wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Sunday, February 22, 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. 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!** Please use the attendance pads in the pews to share your name and note your attendance with us today. Read more at stpaulsk.org/worship.

Holiday Hours – *St. Paul's building will be closed on Monday, February 16 in observance of the Presidents Day holiday.* The office is typically open for drop-in visits and phone calls Monday-Thursday, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We encourage appointments since staff hours vary! If you have a pastoral emergency when the office is closed, please call the emergency line for Rev. Sheridan Allmond (410-205-5568) and she will be notified of your call.

Children's Sunday School – *February 15.* Children in grades K-5 will begin in worship with their families. The Nursery is available for children in Pre-K and younger. For children in

worship, Busy Bags with quiet children's activities are available at the Welcome desk. If you would like to join the rotation as a Sunday School class leader, please contact Pastor Joey at joeyhm@stpaulsk.org.

Events, Activities, and Information

- **Sign Up Now! Lenten Study: UMC 101** – *Sundays starting Feb. 22, 12:00-1:00 PM in Room 109.* Pastor Joey will lead this 5-week adult study during Lent. This is the perfect class for new attenders, long-time members, and everyone interested in diving into what it means to be United Methodist. A light soup lunch will be served. Email Pastor Joey (joeyhm@stpaulsk.org) to sign up.
- **New! Saved the Date for An Evening of Biblical Storytelling** – *Monday, March 16, 7:00 PM.* Please join Meg Baker and friends for this rich experience of seeing and hearing the story of the Book of Esther told. This event is brought to you by Voices of the Heart, the Metro-DC Guild of the Network of Biblical Storytellers International (NBSI). To join the Zoom presentation, go to <https://tinyurl.com/5n8jpu6a>. For more information, please contact Meg Baker at megbaker@verizon.net. To learn more about the NBSI, visit the organization's website at www.nbsint.org.
- **This Week: Taste & Sing** – *Tuesday, Feb. 17, 12:00-1:30 PM.* Come to the Octagon for this monthly hymn sing with Tom Pedersen and Erin Steele. Feel free to request your favorites! Stay for a short program about the stories behind our worship songs, then enjoy fellowship over a tasty lunch prepared by Ginny Hagberg (\$5 donation).
- **This Week: Ash Wednesday Drive-Up/Walk-In Ashes** – *Wednesday, Feb. 18.* Weather permitting, our pastors will offer the Imposition of Ashes at St. Paul's, 12:00-1:00 PM curbside in front of the church on Armory Avenue. You may also come into the office for the imposition of ashes during regular office hours (10:00 AM to 3:00 PM).
- **This Week: Ash Wednesday Evening Worship** – *Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7:00 PM.* Join us as we begin the sacred season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday worship service. We will meet at Concord-St. Andrews UMC (5910 Goldsboro Road, Bethesda MD) for a joint service with our fellow Montgomery Southwest UMC Hub churches. This meaningful time of prayer, reflection, and the imposition of ashes invites us to turn our hearts toward God and renew our spirits for the journey ahead. All are welcome – come as you are, bring your neighbors and friends.
- **Next Week: Marvin Mills in Recital at the National Cathedral** – *Sunday, Feb. 22, 2:00 PM.* Washington National Cathedral (3101 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, DC) presents Marvin Mills in recital. This organ recital is free, open to the public, and will be live-streamed. This will be the fourth time the Cathedral has hosted him since 1989. He has also appeared at the Cathedral as continuo artist for the Cathedral Choral

Society and Howard University Choir, and as music director/pianist of the National Spiritual Ensemble. <https://cathedral.org/music/concerts-recitals/>

- **Next Week: Bible & Brews** – *Sunday, Feb. 22, 5:00-6:00 PM*. Enjoy interfaith conversations with Pastor Joey, Rabbi Adam, and our neighbors from Temple Emanuel. This month we will at Knowles Station Wine & Co. (10414 Detrick Ave, Kensington, MD). All meetings are family friendly and you may purchase food/beverages as you choose!
- **This Month: Fish for the Hunger Ministry** – This month our donation focus is: *tuna or salmon*, in cans or pouches. These staple items have been hard to find lately through our bulk supply partners. Thank you for these donations, financial support, and for other non-perishables that go into the bins in the Narthex to help us feed our community! St. Paul's signature ministry serves 160 households in our ZIP code every month. We never ask our recipients about their age, employment, or family status. We simply welcome hungry neighbors and provide them with grocery resources. To find out about volunteer opportunities, please reach out to Mr. Pat Maloney at hunger@stpaulsk.org.
- **Ongoing Activities** – *Please contact group leaders directly to confirm meeting times!*
 - **Sanctuary Choir** – *Most Sundays*. Open to grade 7 and up and adult singers. We rehearse each week at 9:30 AM on Sundays in Room 211 and sing for the 10:30 service. Contact Tom Pedersen (tpedersen@stpaulsk.org).
 - **Children's Choir** – *Most Sundays, 11:45-12:30*. Children in grades K-6 will meet in the MPR to prepare music to share in worship. Email Ms. Christina Griffin, director, at childrenschoir@stpaulsk.org, for up to date schedules and info.
 - **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'll meet on Jan 26 and Feb 9 & 23. Contact Karen Codner for meeting info: KDC811@gmail.com.
 - **Joyful Ringers** – *Wednesdays, 7:00 PM*. A handbell choir for adults that offers fun and fellowship! Contact Tom Pedersen: tpedersen@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.
 - **Sermon Safari** – *Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 PM*. In this drop-in Zoom study, we watch a video of a sermon by a notable speaker, and then discuss it. Contact Dr. Meg Baker at megbaker@verizon.net for the Zoom link.
 - **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, and about 20 minutes of silent prayer. Text/call Marty Bartley at 301-873-6630.

- **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.
- **Bible & Brews** – *Saturday or Sunday, once a month.* Join us at a local restaurant for family-friendly interfaith conversations with Rabbi Adam and neighbors from Temple Emanuel. Full schedule at stpaulsk.org/community/calendar-events or contact Pastor Joey: joeym@stpaulsk.org.
- **Pancake Breakfast** – *First Saturday each month.* Meet friends and neighbors and enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, grits, fruit, beverages, and a specialty treat, served 8:00-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. \$20 for a family of four.
- **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.
- **Sanctuary Flower Sponsors** – The flower chart for 2026 is 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.
- **Sipping Ministry** – To host this fellowship time with coffee and snacks, sign up on the office bulletin board and take a “how to host” guide.



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Children's Choir Director: Christina Griffin

Lay Leader: Anne Dean

Usher Coordinator: Nathan Bazawada

Lay Readers: Del Harris (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.

