



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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

OCTOBER 18, 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 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. Sheridan Allmond

Ministry Moment

Bill Stephens

Prelude (10:30 AM)

Trio on Nettleton

David Schelat

*Call to Worship

Lay Reader

Leader: We gather to worship the God who shows no partiality.

People: In every nation and among all people, God welcomes those who seek righteousness.

Leader: Jesus Christ came preaching peace and bringing healing.

People: We rejoice in the good news of God's love for all.

Leader: Christ lived among us, died on the cross, and was raised by God on the third day.

People: We celebrate the risen Lord, who brings hope and new life.

Leader: Through Jesus Christ, forgiveness and grace are offered to all

People: We come with grateful hearts to worship God and proclaim Christ's love.

Let us worship the Lord with joy, thanksgiving and praise!

Opening Prayer

Lay Reader

Loving God, we come before you with grateful hearts, praising you as the God who shows no favoritism and welcomes all. As we gather for worship today, open our hearts to receive the good news of Jesus Christ who brings peace, hope, and salvation to all people. Fill this place with your Holy Spirit, unite us in love, and help us to be faithful witnesses of your grace and truth. May our songs, prayers, and praise bring glory to your name. Inspire us to live as your disciples, sharing your love with our neighbors and serving your kingdom with joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

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.

Proclamation of the Word

Acts 10:34-43 (NRSVUE)

Lay Reader

Pew Bible, New Testament p. 129-130

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to

preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Response to the Word

*Hymn #261

Lord of the Dance

Sermon

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.



Offertory (10:30 AM)

The Lord Is My Shepherd
Sanctuary Choir

arr. James Kirby

*The Lord is my shepherd, therefore can I want nothing.
He shall feed me in green pastures,
And lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.*

*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 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.*

The Lord's Prayer (9:00 only)

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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 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 #548

In Christ There Is No East or West

*Benediction and Dismissal

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

Postlude (10:30 AM)

*III. Allegro/Voluntary in d minor
Op. 5, No.8*

John Stanley



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given today by Megan Montgomery in celebration of
Henry Montgomery and his Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Sunday, October 25, 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! Please find staff contact information on the last pages of this bulletin or at stpaulsk.org/community/meet-the-staff. If you have an emergency after hours, please call 410-205-5568 and leave a message for Pastor Sheridan.

Sunday School and Nursery – *Sunday, October 18.* All children in grades K-5 are invited to Sunday School at 10:30. Grades K-2 meet in Room 200; grades 3-5 meet in the Parlor. The nursery is available for those Pre-K and younger. For children in worship, 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 near the family restroom.

Events, Activities, and Information

- **New! Save the Date for the Community Thanksgiving Service** – *Tuesday, Nov. 24, 7:30 PM.* St. Paul's is pleased to be serving as the host congregation this year for the Kensington-Chevy Chase Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Community members will come together in our Sanctuary to share grateful fellowship and faith through music, prayer, and inspirational texts.
- **New! What Does St. Paul's Mean to You?** – This week, we begin our annual stewardship campaign with an invitation to reflect on the difference our church makes in our lives and our community. Over the next five weeks, we'll share a question each Sunday to help guide our reflections and conversations. This week's question: *When has St. Paul's made a difference in your life?* As you consider your financial commitment for 2027, we invite you to think about the experiences, relationships, and ministries that make St. Paul's meaningful to you. Pledge forms should be arriving at homes shortly and can be returned by mail, dropped off at the church office, or submitted online. Please submit your pledge by November 20.
- **Today: SPY Events** – *Sundays, October 18 & 25, 7:00-8:30 PM.* St. Paul's Youth is for all friends of St. Paul's in grades 6-12. We gather most Sundays for fellowship, faith building, and dinner. Looking ahead: The IGNITE Campfire event will be Sunday, Nov. 1 at West River Center. Youth must RSVP to Rachel Stalcup (rachelstalcup@gmail.com) by Monday, Oct. 26! We'll depart St. Paul's at 3:45 PM and return about 8:45 PM. Youth should expect cook-out style dinner (hamburgers, hotdogs), free time and games (like capture-the-flag or gaga ball), the Big Swing, and a worship experience around the campfire, plus s'mores. Be sure to fill out the registration & permissions form at stpaulsk.org/community/youth.
- **This Week: Taste & Sing** – *Tuesday, Oct. 20, 12:00-1:30 PM.* Enjoy this casual time of song, food, and fellowship in the Octagon on the third Tuesday of the month. We start with a hymn-sing – feel free to request your favorites from the UM Hymnal! Director of Music Tom Pedersen will be at the piano, and Erin Steele will lead a short program 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).

- **This Week: Bible & Brews** – *Saturday, Oct. 24, 5:00-6:00 PM.* 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, and held at a local restaurant where you can order beverages or food as you like. October's gathering will be at BabyCat Brewery (10241 Kensington Parkway). Contact Pastor Joey at joeyhm@stpaulsk.org with any questions! Find the rest of the 2026 meeting schedule at stpaulsk.org/community/calendar-events.
- **This Week: Kensington Coffeehouse** – *Saturday, Oct. 24, 7:00-10:00 PM.* Please join us for the second Kensington Coffeehouse, held in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's. Time in the Wilderness, an instrumental jazz, funk, and world-fusion quintet, will take the stage along with singer-songwriters Cletus Kennelly, David Scott Weaver, and Hassan El-Tayyab from the band American Nomad. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased online at kensingtoncoffeehouse.org or at the door. Coffee and baked goods from JennyCakes also will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit St. Paul's Hunger Ministry!
- **Next Week: All Saints Sunday Information** – *due by Oct. 26.* On Sunday, November 1 we celebrate All Saints Day. We will especially remember those who have joined the saints in heaven during this past year. If you wish to share the name of a family member who died in the last 12 months, please use the paper slips in the Narthex, use the online form available at stpaulsk.org/worship/memorials, or contact Erin Steele in the church office at stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org. All information must be submitted by Sunday, October 25 to be included in our special All Saints bulletin.
- **Apple Sale Canceled** – With great regret, we share the news that the Apple Sale will not take place this fall. Scenic View Orchards was severely hit by the late April frost that killed their apple tree blossoms. Our apple sale organizers contacted several other local orchards but none were able to help us. We invite you to pray for the farmers and farm workers whose livelihoods are impacted by this event. We hope to have better news next year!
- **Pastor Appreciation Month** – October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Join us as we celebrate and give thanks for our pastors and the faithful leadership, care, and encouragement they provide to St. Paul's UMC. Throughout the month, take time to share a kind word, write a note of appreciation, pray for Pastor Sheridan and Pastor Joey, and show our gratitude for all they do. Together, let's make October a special month of encouragement and appreciation! For questions, reach out to Lay Leader Anne Dean at annepdean@gmail.com.
- **Last Call! Accounting & Finance Manager** – 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 full 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.

- **UMC Council of Bishops News** – The United Methodist Church’s Council of Bishops is hosting a leadership gathering in Calgary, Canada, October 20-24, 2026. We are inviting you to pray for and with United Methodists and especially Reconciling United Methodists about the future of the church and our denomination.
- **Ongoing Activities** – *Please contact group leaders directly to confirm meeting times!*
 - **Sermon Safari** – *Wednesdays through Dec. 20, 4:00-5:00 via Zoom.* St. Paul’s weekly virtual Sermon Safari is a come-when-you-can, drop-in Zoom study where participants 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.
 - **Children’s Choir** – *Sundays, 11:45-12:30.* All children in grades K-6 are encouraged to be part of Children’s Choir, under the direction of Ms. Christina Griffin. We meet after worship in the Multi-Purpose Room. Please contact childrenschoir@stpaulsk.org with questions.
 - **Still Wednesday** – Still Wednesday meets in the Octagon each Wednesday, 7:00-8:00 PM. Come light a candle and experience this time of calm reflection. The evening’s exact format varies depending on the leader, but usually includes about 20 minutes of silent prayer.
 - **Sanctuary Choir** – This music ministry is for adult singers and youth in Grade 7 and up. We rehearse each week on Sunday at 9:30 AM in the Choir Room (Room 211), then sing in worship at 10:30 AM. Singers are welcome on a weekly or ongoing basis.
 - **Joyful Ringers** – *Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 PM.* Our handbell ensemble meets in Room 109 for weekly rehearsals, with plans to play in worship about once a month. Contact Tom Pedersen (tpedersen@stpaulsk.org) to join us!
 - **Pancake Breakfast** – *First Saturday of the month.* Invite your friends and neighbors to join us in the Fellowship Hall for the monthly community breakfast, with delicious pancakes, sides, and beverages. Diners are asked to make a donation at the door! Want to help behind the scenes? Contact Phil Rush (phil_rush@hotmail.com).
 - **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 October 12 & 26, Nov 9 & 23, Dec 14. Contact Karen Codner (kdc811@gmail.com) with questions.

- **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 on the Narthex table by the office, or 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.
- **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** – 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, Leadership Team chairperson Bill Stephens (wtstephens@verizon.net), or Lay Leader Anne Deane (annepdean@gmail.com).



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Lay Leader: Mrs. Anne Dean

Usher Coordinator: Mr. Nathan Bazawada

Lay Readers: Kenzie Raulin (9:00 AM); 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.





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