



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

APRIL 19, 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. Joey Heath-Mason

Prelude (10:30 AM)

Aria

Herbert Howells

*Call to Worship

Lay Reader

Leader: God's ears are always turned toward us.

People: God listens every moment, every hour, every day.

Leader: So if we cry out, God will hear us and come to our aid.

People: What can we possibly do to show our gratitude?

Leader: Here and now, in each other's presence, we can express our love to God.

People: Here and now, we can promise to be the people God is calling us to be.

Leader: The time is now.

People: The time is now!

*Hymn #399

Take My Life and Let It Be

Opening Prayer

Lay Reader

Lover of our souls, you meet us on the road of life and lift us from our pain and grief. Heal our hardness of heart, and open our minds to the subtleness of your ways and grandeur of your kingdom. During times of suffering and doubt, help us grow strong and true through your enduring word. Reveal your presence to us, as we show hospitality to strangers and break bread in your name.

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.

Proclamation of the Word

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (NRSVUE)

Lay Reader

Pew Bible – New Testament page 119-120

^{14a}But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Response to the Word

*Hymn #593

Here I Am, Lord

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 only)

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
Sanctuary Choir

T. Frederick H. Candlyn

Christ whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from in high, be near; Day-star in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless in the morn, unaccompanied by thee,
Joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, Radiancy Divine; scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day. Amen.

*Doxology #94

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*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Stephens Ministry Commissioning (10:30 only)

Kristen Moe

Marie Muller

Denise Viau

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion (9:00 AM)

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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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 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 #370

Victory in Jesus

*Benediction and Dismissal

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

Postlude (10:30 AM)

Festal Flourish

Gordon Jacob



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers are given today by **Frank Walker**,
in loving memory of his spouse **David G. Fischer's** 82nd birthday.

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Sunday, April 26, 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.



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.

Weekday Hours – 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.

Events, Activities, and Information

- **New! High School Seniors: Jim Smith Educational Awards** – *now-May 4*. High School seniors are encouraged to apply! These modest financial awards are your congregation saying we are proud of you, praying for you, and behind you as you move toward college, university, or other post-secondary education! Only those who apply can be considered. Visit stpaulsk.org/community/youth for the link to the online application form. The Award continues to accept financial contributions. Please consider your donation as we encourage and support our High School Seniors on their Post-Secondary educational journeys! Questions? Contact Anne Dean at annepdean@gmail.com.
- **Today: Native American Ministries Special Sunday** – *April 19*. This UMC-designated Special Sunday is an opportunity to recognize and support the contributions and heritage of Native American people. According to the UMC General Commission on Religion and Race, in 2023 there were 7.1 million people identifying as being of American Indian or Alaska Native descent. Together, God's church is partnering to repair past harm, support new programs, and celebrate Native American ministries. Half of our gifts for Native American Ministries Special Offering stay with local ministries in this annual conference, and half support the work of Native American United Methodist ministries nationally through grant programs and seminary scholarships. To donate, use the offering envelope in the bulletin or go to stpaulsk.org/giving and scroll down for more info on this Special Sunday offering.
- **Today: SPY** – *Sunday, April 19, 7:00-8:30 PM*. All friends of St. Paul's in grades 6-12 are welcome to meet in the Multi-Purpose Room for St. Paul's Youth fellowship, fun

activities, Bible study, and food! Contact Pastor Sheridan (sallmond@stpaulsk.org) with questions.

- **This Week: Bible & Brews** – *Saturday, April 18, 5:00-6:00 PM*. Gather for casual interfaith conversations with Pastor Joey, Rabbi Adam, and friends from Temple Emanuel. All our meetings are family friendly! We meet at local restaurants offering food and drink that you can purchase as you like. April's meeting location is Babycat Brewery (10241 Kensington Pkwy., behind Dish & Dram). Contact Pastor Joey at joeyhm@stpaulsk.org for questions!
- **This Week: Taste & Sing** – *Tuesday, April 21, 12:00-1:30 PM*. Come to the Octagon for this monthly hymn sing (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 Month: Sanctuary Flower Sponsors Welcome** – The flower chart for 2026 is available in the church office! There are still eleven Sunday dates open between now and the end of August. The flower cost is \$45 and you may dedicate them for memory, honor, or celebration, and take the flowers home following the 10:30 worship service if you wish. Please add your name to the chart to reserve a date, then fill out a yellow form with dedication information.
- **This Month: Food Donations** – Our Hunger Ministry donation focus for this month is **Applesauce!** It's one of the most popular canned fruit options for our recipients. We also gratefully receive all kinds of nonperishable pantry staples - please make sure items are not in glass, and are not expired. A list of the items we need every month can be found by the donation bin in the Narthex or online at stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry. For volunteer opportunities, email hunger@stpaulsk.org to find out more. The number of people seeking assistance through St. Paul's signature monthly ministry has grown; we now provide grocery resources year-round for about 170 households the 20895 ZIP code, and we can only do it thanks to the generosity and participation of our congregation.
- **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. 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: joeyhm@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.
- **St. Paul’s Leadership** – St. Paul’s leaders will be meeting on the fourth Monday of the month throughout the year to attend to the mission, ministry, and wellbeing of the church. All meetings are open to the public. To confirm meeting times, contact Chairperson Bill Stephens (wststephens@verizon.net). To learn more, go to stpaulsk.org/community/meet-the-staff and scroll down to the Leadership Team section.



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LEADING AND SERVING

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Children's Choir Director: Ms. Christina Griffin

Lay Leader: Mrs. Anne Dean

Usher Coordinator: Mr. Nathan Bazawada

Lay Readers: MaryAnn Steele (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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