

9:00 & 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

# 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 service today. More helpful information can be found following the order of worship.

# **Gathering for Worship**

(\* - please stand in body or spirit)

Announcements (10:30 only)

Marge Higgins, Lay Leader

Prelude (10:30 only)

Prelude on St. George's Windsor

Alan Bullard

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

Lay Reader

Leader: Loving God, you have called us to your table, and we come to feast.

ALL: You have gathered us with siblings and strangers and made us into a new community.

Leader: You have created us anew by your grace, and we thank you.

ALL: Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Amen.

\*Hymn #694 (9:00 & 10:30) Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Opening Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

ALL: Loving God, you invite us all to your table. There is no rank or privilege, only our hunger and your grace. Help us find our place among each other, rich and poor, confident and hesitant, those who own the place and those who feel out of place. Here we are all equally your family and your guests. You welcome us. We open our hearts to you. Feed us with your Word. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Anthem (10:30 only)

One in the Spirit Sanctuary Choir

Marvin Mills

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. (Refrain)

We will work with each other, we will work side by side, And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. Let us praise God together, let us praise God, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to our Creator from whom all things come, All praise to Christ Jesus, God's only son, And praise to the Spirit who makes us one. (Refrain)

## Proclamation of the Word

Philippians 4:1-9 NRSVUE (9:00 & 10:30)

Pew Bible: New Testament p. 198

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled

beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

\*Hymn #92 (9:00 & 10:30)

For the Beauty of the Earth

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

# Response to the Word

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

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason



Today we celebrate Stewardship Sunday. Purple pledge forms for 2024 may be placed in the offering plate, or, if you prefer to use the online form, please scan the QR code or visit stpaulsk.org/giving. We gratefully receive pledges in the office year-round. Your faithful giving supports the ministries and mission of St. Paul's UMC, and your pledges help church leaders plan.

Offerings by check may be made out to St. Paul's UMC. Scan the QR code here to see one-time and recurring online giving options at stpaulsk.org. Thank you for supporting all of St. Paul's efforts to engage in meaningful worship and vibrant ministry in our community.



Stewardship Moment (10:30 only)

Offertory (10:30 only)

Prelude on Kremser

Matthew H. Corl

\*Doxology #94 (9:00 & 10:30)

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Holy Communion (9:00 & 10:30)

The United Methodist Hymnal

The Invitation

Confession & Pardon – UM Hymnal p. 12

Passing the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving – UM Hymnal p. 13-14

The Lord's Prayer – *UM Hymnal* #895

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Bread & Cup (Communion bread is gluten-free.)

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

All: 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 #131 (9:00 & 10:30)

We Gather Together

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

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Postlude (10:30 only)

Sinfonia,

J. S. Bach/Mills

from Cantata 29, We Thank You God, We Thank You

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COMING UP

Drop-in office hours this week: Monday & Tuesday, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Church Office & Building Closed Nov. 22-25 for Thanksgiving break.

# Staff & clergy available other times by appointment! Worship on Sunday November 26, 2023 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Celebrating the First Sunday in Advent



### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are given today by **Terri Marshall and family**, in loving memory of **Robert**, whose 90<sup>th</sup> birthday would have been November 22.



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Weekly News** – Visit *stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news* or scan the QR code to find all the announcements in our Weekly News. For questions about announcements, please contact Erin Steele in the church office (stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org). Here are some featured events:



- Sipping Ministry Fellowship Hour, Nov. 19 following 10:30 worship.
- Children's Choir rehearsal, Nov. 19, 11:45-12:30 in the Multi Purpose Room.
- Confirmation Class Registration due by Nov. 19 contact Pastor Pat or Pastor Joey
- Advent Study Registration for "An Unlikely Advent" (Zoom class) or "Incarnation" (in-person class) – contact Meg Baker or Mike McCurry
- Church Office & Building Closed November 22-25 for Thanksgiving Holiday break.
- Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Dec. 2, 8:00-10:30 AM
- Children's Advent Craft Time Saturday, Dec. 2, 9:00-10:30 AM
- Advent and Christmas schedule available at stpaulsk.org/worship/advent-christmas

**Welcome Visitors!** – **Restrooms** including a family restroom with changing table can be found past the church office, near the water fountain. **Children** in grades K-5 will be Sunday School starting in the Chapel at 10:30; families with infants and preschoolers may make use of the Nursery on the second floor. To receive Sunday School updates by email, contact Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org. **Large print Bibles and Hymnals** are available from our ushers. **T-coil hearing aids** work in our Sanctuary. **Say Hello!** Use the attendance pads in the pews to share your name and, if you wish, contact information. **Masks** are optional. Please read more at *stpaulsk.org/worship*.

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### **SOURCES AND LICENSING**

Livestreaming each week at 10:30 AM at stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home.

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## **LEADING AND SERVING**

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Lay Leader: Marge Higgins

Usher Coordinator: Nathan Bazawada

Lay Readers: Deanna Hodgson (9:00), Mary Ann Steele (10:30)





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