



St. Paul's
United Methodist Church
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RECONCILING CONGREGATION ANNIVERSARY

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

OCTOBER 19, 2025

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

Lotus Blossom (10:30 only)

Billy Strayhorn/Wyton

*Call to Worship

Lay Reader

Leader: Come, people of God, gather to celebrate the Spirit
who breaks barriers and builds bridges.

**People: We come, remembering a love that knows no bounds
and a grace that excludes no one.**

Leader: God shows no partiality, welcoming all who seek justice, mercy, and truth.

**People: From every nation, identity, and story,
we come to worship the God who calls us beloved.**

Leader: This is the day we remember:

People: how the Spirit moved beyond tradition, beyond fear, beyond walls.

Leader: And this is the day we give thanks:

People: for our call to follow that Spirit, with courage and compassion.

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit. Open our hearts, widen our welcome,
and lead us in love!**

*Hymn

All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and
 3. Let us build a house where love is found in
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, their



all can safe - ly live. A place where saints and
 words are strong and true. Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat; A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone, To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give. Built of
 dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new. Here the
 ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the
 serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the
 taught and claimed as words with - in the Word. Built of



hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of
 cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's
 love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and
 out - cast and the stran - ger bear the im - age of God's
 tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of



grace, Here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 grace; Here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus;
 space, As we share in Christ the feast that frees us;
 face, Let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 grace. Let this house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



All are wel - come, all are wel - come,



all are wel - come in this place.

Gracious and boundary-breaking God,

**You poured out your Spirit on Gentiles and Jews alike,
on insiders and outsiders,
on the ones we expected —
and the ones we didn't.**

**We give you thanks today for the gift of inclusion,
for the Spirit that still pushes your church beyond fear and comfort
into bold acts of justice and love.**

**As we celebrate five years as a Reconciling congregation,
remind us again that your welcome is wider than our walls,
and your grace knows no limits.**

**May this time of worship be filled with joy,
with holy disruption,
and with a renewed call to be your people of radical hospitality.**

**In the name of Jesus, who welcomed all,
Amen.**

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 10:34–48 (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.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Response to the Word

Renewing our Commitment to God's Beloved Community

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Leader: Beloved in Christ, through the waters of baptism we are brought into the community of God, where some are queer, and some are straight; some are trans and some are cisgender. The Body of Christ is rich in divine creativity: a community of people of many genders and races, abilities, sizes – each a glimpse of God from a different angle.

People: God claims each of us with delight as we claim one another as companions in faith. We affirm the Divine Grace reflected in our LGBTQIA+ siblings and pray that God will continue to form us into advocates for justice, love, and inclusion. Amen.

Invitation to Giving

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 efforts to engage in meaningful worship and vibrant ministry in our community.



Offertory (10:30 only)

The Journey Isn't Over

Mark Miller

Sanctuary Choir

Anna Phillips Brown, soloist

From Seneca Falls, from Selma, to Stonewall, we've come a long way
But the journey isn't over!

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around.

I'm gonna keep on talking, keep on walking, marching up to freedom land.

Ain't gonna let hatred turn me around, oh no.

I'm gonna keep on talking, keep on walking, marching up to freedom land.

So let freedom ring with every voice and sing:

We've come a long way,

From Seneca Falls, from Selma, to Stonewall, we've come a long way

But the journey isn't over!

*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 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 AM only)

The Great Thanksgiving (9:00 AM 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)

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.*

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Bread & Cup (9:00 AM only)

All communion bread is gluten-free.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (9:00 AM 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 #114

Many Gifts, One Spirit

*Benediction and Dismissal

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Postlude (10:30 only)

5. *Everyone Dance*

Calvin Hampton



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



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers today are given by **Travis Stalcup**
in celebration of **Rachel Stalcup** on her birthday.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Worship music today has been made possible in part through generous gifts from members of this congregation and supporters of St. Paul's Music Ministry, and through the Anne and Gene Garrett Memorial Music Fund, named in loving memory of life-long supporters whose legacy provides St. Paul's UMC with the ongoing gift of music.

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Sunday, October 23, 2025

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!** Members, friends, and visitors alike are encouraged to use the attendance pads in the pews to share your name and note your attendance today. Please read more about worship at stpaulsk.org/worship.

Today's Sunday School News – *Sunday, Oct. 19.* All children are invited to attend Sunday School this week during the 10:30 worship service! Children in Pre-K and younger will be in the Nursery. Grades K-2 meet in Room 200. Grades 3-5 meet in the Parlor. Parents and guardians should drop off and pick up at the classroom immediately after worship. We are still short a few teachers/helpers - please contact Meg Baker at sundayschool@stpaulsk.org if you can fill in and help keep Sunday School going!

Hours – The office is open for drop-in visits and phone calls Monday-Thursday, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Individual staff and clergy availability varies. Worship on Sunday at 9:00 AM includes Communion each week. Worship at 10:30 AM includes music from the Sanctuary Choir and Communion on the first Sunday of the month.

Events and Information

- **Today: Sipping Ministry** – *Sunday, Oct 19.* Visit the Octagon after the 10:30 worship service for coffee, treats, and fellowship. To host a Sipping Ministry, sign up on the office bulletin board and take a “how to” instruction sheet.
- **Today: Children’ Choir NOT Meeting** – *Sunday, Oct. 19.* This week Children’s Choir will not meet. Kids in grades K-6 typically practice in the MPR immediately following the 10:30 worship service. Please contact Children’s Choir director, Ms. Christina Griffin, at childrenschoir@stpaulsk.org if you have any questions.
- **New! Apple Sale** – *Now until Oct. 28.* Find your new favorite apple or enjoy well-known and heirloom apples, apple sauce, apple butter, or cider. All apple varieties come straight from Scenic View Orchards in Sabillasville MD. Visit stpaulsk.org/community/united-methodist-men to order and pay online from now through Oct. 28, or visit the Apple Stand during walk-up hours Oct. 30 & 31 (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM) or Nov. 1 (11:00 AM – 5:00 PM) while supplies last! The fall apple sale is sponsored by the United Methodist Men and volunteers. If you can help with set-up, bagging, or sales, please contact Jim Heins at jheins57@verizon.net.
- **New! Sign Up for Pastor Appreciation Sipping Ministry** – Join us for a special Sipping Ministry on October 26, in gratitude for our Pastors as part of Pastor Appreciation Month. Refreshments will be in the Octagon after the 10:30 service. All are invited to help with this fellowship time; please sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/ntb2rctm> or contact Anne Dean if you have questions.
- **This Week: Taste & Sing** – *Tuesday, Oct. 21, 12:00-1:30 PM.* Come to the Octagon for this casual afternoon of music, learning, food, and fellowship. We start with a short hymn-sing, then a short program, and finish with a tasty lunch (\$5 donation).
- **Next Week: Names for All Saints** – *due by Oct. 26.* All Saints Sunday is a cherished time when we honor members of St. Paul’s who have died in the past year. We also invite all friends of St. Paul’s to share the names of beloved family members who passed away between November 1, 2024 and October 26, 2025. Please submit names at stpaulsk.org/worship/memorials or use the paper form in the Narthex. We will include these names in the Memorial Bulletin for worship on Sunday, November 2, 2025.
- **Next Week: Sunday Film Series** – *Sunday, Oct. 26, 12:00-2:00 PM.* Come to the Octagon for powerful films exploring justice and resilience. We will watch *Till*, about

Mamie Till Mobley's brave quest for justice after her son Emmett was lynched. Free popcorn; please bring your own lunch. Contact Pastor Joey (joeyhm@stpaulsk.org).

- **Next Week: Pancake Breakfast** – *Saturday, Nov. 1, 8:00-10:30 AM*. Enjoy breakfast with neighbors and friends in the Fellowship Hall on the first Saturday of the month. The United Methodist Men and volunteers serve up pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and other breakfast specialties. Diners are encouraged to make a donation at the door (suggested \$8 per adult, \$2 per child, or \$20 for a family of four).
- **Stronger Together** – This Stewardship season, consider how we bring together our time, talents, and treasure to support ministry, worship, and service at St. Paul's. We are lifting up prayers for 40 days, and we would like to hear from you about the ways we are Stronger Together. Your answers will go to Stewardship Chair Gregg Molander. Please visit stpaulsk.org/giving to find the Stronger Together form to share your stories, or use the paper version in the Narthex. You can also find the 40 Days of Prayer card, and the online version of the Pledge form for 2026.
- **This Month: October is Pastor Appreciation Month!** Celebrate Pastor Sheridan and Pastor Joey for their faithful leadership, care, and service to our church family with cards, prayers, food (treats or meals!), or even flowers. Join in the Prayer Marathon! Go to <https://tinyurl.com/2s3ajwtd> to sign up and join in prayer!
- **Lay Readers Wanted** – To serve at the 9:00 AM worship service, please sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/42v2k5em>. If you have questions or are interested in 10:30 AM Lay Reader opportunities, contact Marge Higgins at higginsmarge@gmail.com.
- **Regular Activities** – Please contact group leaders or the church office for details!
 - **Sanctuary Choir** – *Sundays at 9:30 AM*. Open to grade 7 and up and adult singers. We rehearse each week at 9:30 on Sundays in Room 211 and sing for the 10:30 service. Singers are welcome week-to-week or on a continuing basis!
 - **Children's Choir** – *Most Sundays, 11:45-12:30*. Children in grades K-6 will meet in the MPR to have fun and prepare music to share in worship.
 - **St. Paul's Youth** – *Sundays, 7:00-8:30 PM*. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join SPY for faith, friendship, and fun in the Multi-Purpose Room! Find the full schedule and fill out the permission form at stpaulsk.org/community/youth and contact Pastor Sheridan (sallmond@stpaulsk.org) if you have questions.
 - **Prayerwaves** – *Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30 AM*. To pray together by phone, dial 425-436-6326 a few minutes before 10:00 AM, then enter access code 774042 followed by the # sign. To receive the prayer list by email, please contact Erin Steele in the church office at stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org.
 - **Sermon Safari** – *Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 PM*. In this drop-in Zoom study, we'll watch a video of a sermon and then discuss it. Recent sessions featured Senator

Rev. Raphael Warnock and Mariann Budde, Bishop of the National Cathedral.
For the Zoom link, contact Dr. Meg Baker at megbaker@verizon.net.

- **Joyful Ringers** – *Wednesdays, 7:00 PM*. An exciting handbell choir for adults that promises fun and fellowship. We welcome new ringers!
- **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, or art, with about 20 minutes of silent prayer. Come as you feel led.
- **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 will also plan the fall Craft Fair. Contact Karen Codner for up-to-date info: KDC811@gmail.com.
- **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.
- **Sipping Ministry** – Sign up on the office bulletin board and take a “how to” instruction sheet if you would like to host this fellowship time after worship.
- **Stephen Ministers** – Please contact Martha Lipscomb (301-518-1642) to be connected to a Stephen Minister for confidential care and a listening ear.
- **Sanctuary Flower Sponsors** – The flower chart for 2026 is now 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.
- **Hunger Ministry** – St. Paul’s year-round ministry provides grocery resources for about 150 households in our ZIP code. Learn more about this important way we serve the local community at stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry. Non-perishables pantry staples in good condition may be donated in the bins in the Narthex any time. Financial donations marked for “Hunger Ministry” help us place bulk orders and provide recipients with grocery store gift cards to enable them to buy fresh or frozen meat, dairy, produce, or hygiene products. Thank you for helping us serve beyond the walls of St. Paul’s!



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LEADING AND SERVING

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Children's Choir Director: Christina Griffin

Lay Leader: Anne Dean

Usher Team: Nathan Bazawada (coordinator), Aiden Bazawada, Ginny Hagberg,
Henry Montgomery, Vince Velasco, Jackson Weaver

Lay Readers: Kenzie Raulin (9:00 AM); Bill Stephens (10:30 AM)

Guest Musicians

Flutes: Katie Ravenwood, Carol Christensen

Guitar: Jamie Williams

Bass: Matthew Carol

Drums: Jo Huling

Piano: James Woods



RECONCILING CONGREGATION WELCOMING STATEMENT

As part of our Reconciling journey, lay leaders from across our congregation, with community input and Church Council oversight, collaborated to create a "Welcoming Statement," which was adopted through a Special Church Conference vote in 2020. This statement is meant to be reflective of our community values. While the wording is entirely our own, a welcoming statement for churches who are members of the Reconciling Ministries Network must also demonstrate an explicit and intentional welcome to members of the LGBTQIA+ community and other historically marginalized groups. This statement does not replace any other mission statement, but serves as a new way to express long-standing values of welcoming all who seek God's grace.

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.



Visitor Information

Thank you for joining us today! 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)

Family/friend. Passing by. Internet search. Other:

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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