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

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM NOVEMBER 1, 2026

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 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. Joey Heath-Mason

Prelude — *Prelude on There Is a Balm in Gilead* (10:30 only) — Emma Lou Diemer

*Call to Worship — Lay Reader

Leader: Loving God, the saints through all the ages praise you.
All: Your glory shines.
Leader: The saints in our lives have borne witness to your grace.
All: Your mercy raises us to new life.
Leader: Fill us with your spirit, that we may be your saints,
shining with your light in the darkness.
All: Your love shines in us; we praise you and serve you.

*Hymn #711 — *For All the Saints*

Opening Prayer — Lay Reader

Gracious and tender God, we thank you, that you have given us your saints who have shown us your love and taught us your ways, who have shone with your grace and radiated your presence. We open our hearts to your Word, that your light may fill us, and your grace transform us, so that we, too, may be your saints, humble vessels of your grace in the name of Christ. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer — Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Children's Message — Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Proclamation of the Word

1 John 3:1-3 (NRSVUE) — Lay Reader

Pew Bible – New Testament page 240

[1]See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3]And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Response to the Word

*Hymn #614 *For The Bread Which You Have Broken*

Sermon — Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Invitation to Discipleship and Giving — Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

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 Saints of God* — James Bassi

Sanctuary Choir

The saints of God, their conflict past, and life's long battle won at last,
No more they need the shield or sword; they cast themselves before their Lord:
O happy saints, forever blest, at Jesus' feet how safe your rest.

The saints of God, their wanderings done, no more their weary course they run,
No more they faint, no more they fall, no foes oppress, no fears appall:
O happy saints, forever blest, in that dear home how sweet your rest.

The saints of God, life's voyage o'er, safe landed on that blissful short,
No stormy tempests now they dread, no roaring billows lift their head:
O happy saints, forever blest, in that calm haven of your rest.

The saints of God their vigil keep, while yet their mortal bodies sleep,
Till from the dust they too shall rise and soar triumphant to the skies.
O happy saints, rejoice and sing: He quickly comes, your Lord and King!

*Doxology #94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Honoring the Saints

Each member of the church who has died in the past year will now be named. As the roll is called, you are invited to stand in body or spirit, in silent remembrance of these departed persons who were members of your family or who were influential in your spiritual journey. Each name will be followed by a single toll of the bell. The All Saints Memorial Bulletin features photographs of St. Paul's members named here today, as well as the names of constituents and family who died in the past calendar year and who we also honor today.

Roll Call of the Saints
November 1, 2025 – October 29, 2026

Bob Arthur

Mabel Baker

Angela Barr

Ed Braytenbah

John Brookbank

Eric Eaton

Helen Lidie

Carolyn Litsinger

Erma McWilliams

Dan Moffett

Darlene Rice

Roland Rice

The names of beloved family and constituents will not be called individually, but all who hold them in their hearts are invited to stand in collective solidarity as the bell tolls a final time.

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion

The Invitation, Confession & Pardon 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

The Great Thanksgiving 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 — 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

All communion bread is gluten-free.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 #384 — *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*Benediction and Dismissal — Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Postlude (10:30 only) — *16. O Christ, Forgive Thy Servants* — Marcel Dupré

Placre Christe servulis

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given today by **MaryAnn Steele**,
in honor of **Tom Pedersen**, **Marvin Mills**, and the Music Ministries at St. Paul's.

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Sunday, November 8, 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, November 1.* All children in grades K-5 will be in worship with their families this day, the first Sunday of the month. 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

- **A Place to Belong** – A church is more than a building or a Sunday service. It's the relationships we form, the ways we care for one another, and the community we create together. This week's reflection question: *What makes St. Paul's a place of*

belonging? As our stewardship campaign continues, we invite you to consider how your financial support helps keep St. Paul's a welcoming, caring community. You can return your 2027 pledge by mail, drop it off at the church office, or submit it online. The deadline is November 20.

- **This Week: Pancake Breakfast** – *Saturday, Nov. 7, 8:00-10:00 AM.* Invite your friends and neighbors to join us in the Fellowship Hall for the monthly community breakfast, with delicious pancakes, scrambled eggs, sides, and beverages. Diners are asked to make a generous donation at the door! Want to help behind the scenes? Contact Phil Rush (phil_rush@hotmail.com).
- **Next Week: Bible & Brews** – *Sunday, Nov. 8, 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. This month we will be at Knowles Station Wine & Co. (10414 Detrick Ave, Kensington, MD). Contact Pastor Joey at joeyhm@stpaulsk.org or find more dates at *stpaulsk.org/community/calendar-events*.
- **Next Week: An Advent Evening of Biblical Storytelling** – *Thursday, Nov. 12, 7:00 PM via Zoom.* Join Meg Baker and friends for an evening of biblical storytelling presenting the birth narrative of Jesus. This online event is brought to you by Voices of the Heart, the Metro-DC Guild of the Network of Biblical Storytellers International (www.nbsint.org). The experience will help us prepare our hearts for the Advent and Christmas seasons to come. For the Zoom link, please contact Meg Baker at megbaker@verizon.net.
- **This Month: Taste & Sing** – *Tuesday, Nov. 17, 12:00-1:30 PM.* Enjoy this casual time of song, food, and fellowship in the Octagon on the third Tuesday of the month. After a hymn-sing, we'll take a deeper dive into the history behind a few of our worship songs. No musical experience necessary! The afternoon wraps up with a tasty fellowship lunch prepared by Ginny Hagberg ($5 donation).
- **This Month: Thanksgiving Hospitality** – Help welcome friends from across the Kensington area to St. Paul's for the Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 24, with a special sipping ministry following the evening service. We are looking for baked goods and drinks. Contact Anne Dean (annepdean@gmail.com) with questions.
- **This Month: 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.
- **This Month: SPY Events** – St. Paul's Youth is for all friends of St. Paul's in grades 6-12.

- Youth who have already RSVP'd for tonight's BWC Campfire event at West River will depart St. Paul's on *Sunday, Nov. 1* at 3:45 PM and return about 8:45 PM. Contact Rachel Stalcup with questions: rachelstalcup@gmail.com.
- SPY has a short break in our regular activities, but we're back for our regular meeting on *Sunday, Nov. 15, 7:00-8:30 PM* in the MPR with fellowship, faith building, and dinner.
- IGNITE – the big Youth Conference in Ocean City MD – has closed earlybird registration but regular registration continues. Please contact Megan Montgomery (megan.w.montgomery@gmail.com) ASAP if you're interested! IGNITE takes place January 22-24, 2027, earlier than previous years.
- Be sure to fill out the registration & permissions form at *stpaulsk.org/community/youth*.

- **Ongoing Activities** – ***Please contact group leaders directly to confirm meeting times!***
  - **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.
  - **Sermon Safari** – *Wednesdays through Dec. 20, 4:00-5:00 via Zoom*. St. Paul's weekly virtual Sermon Safari is a 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, 7:00-8:30 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!
- **Yarn Ministry** – *Meeting 7:00-8:30 PM on October 26, Nov 9 & 23, Dec 14.* Bring your knitting, needlework, or other projects and craft alongside friends in the Library at St. Paul's twice a month. Contact Karen Codner (kdc811@gmail.com) with questions.
- **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).

SOURCES AND LICENSING

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Usher Coordinator: Mr. Nathan Bazawada

Lay Readers: Beth Pierce (9:00 AM); Jan Aamodt (10:30 AM)

Memorial Bell Ringer: Jim Heins

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