



# St. Paul's

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February 20, 2022

9:00 & 10:30 AM

**Thank you for worshipping with us today.**

*Welcome to St. Paul's, a Reconciling congregation of the United Methodist Church. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we invite 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. As we gather in-person, we will err on the side of caution and expect all those present today to wear masks, covering the mouth and nose, regardless of vaccination status. Other announcements and more helpful information can be found on the following pages.*

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**Gathering for Worship**

(\* - please stand in body or spirit)

**Announcements**

Prelude (10:30 AM only)

*Dialogue on Hymn to Joy*

May Schwarz

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

Lay Reader

Leader: The Kin-dom of God breaks through in mysterious ways;

**People: We cannot limit the creativity of God's unfolding.**

Leader: There are times when Holy Bewilderment seeps into our souls

**People: and shakes us from sleepwalking through our precious lives.**

Leader: In moments of awe, we experience the vastness of being alive.

**People: In moments of wonder, we marvel at what is beyond words.**

Leader: Sometimes Holy Mystery flicks on the light  
and asks us to wake up to Possibility.

**People: Come, let us worship the God of Mysterious and Determined Hope.**

\*Hymn #89 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Opening Prayer (9:00 & 10:30 AM only)

Lay Reader

**Holy One, when the world is full of so much uncertainty, we can cling tightly to what we know. We acknowledge that our need to feel secure can become a**

**barrier to transformation. May your Spirit guide and support us as we seek to let go of the need to control through knowledge or ideas. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

The Lord's Prayer (10:30 AM only)

**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.**

Anthem (10:30 AM only)

*Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!*

Lloyd Larson

Sanctuary Choir

Jesus lives! The victory's won! Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!  
Jesus lives! O praise his name! Jesus lives! God's love proclaim! (*repeat*)  
He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;  
He lives exalted, throned above; He lives to rule his Church in love.  
He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
Jesus lives! The victory's won! Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!  
Jesus lives! O praise His name! Jesus lives! God's love proclaim!  
He lives, my kind and heavn'ly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives I'll Sing; He lives my Prophet, Priest, and King!  
I know that my Redeemer lives! What joy this blest assurance gives! Alleluia!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everlasting Head! Alleluia!  
Christ lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Savior, still the same! Alleluia!  
What joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives! Alleluia!  
Jesus lives! The victory's won! Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! Jesus lives!

### **Proclamation of the Word**

Scripture Reading (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Lay Reader

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 (The Message)

<sup>35-38</sup>Some skeptic is sure to ask, "Show me how resurrection works. Give me a diagram; draw me a picture. What does this 'resurrection body' look like?" If you look at this question closely, you realize how absurd it is. There are no diagrams for this kind of thing. We do have a parallel experience in gardening.

You plant a “dead” seed; soon there is a flourishing plant. There is no visual likeness between seed and plant. You could never guess what a tomato would look like by looking at a tomato seed. What we plant in the soil and what grows out of it don’t look anything alike. The dead body that we bury in the ground and the resurrection body that comes from it will be dramatically different.

<sup>42-44</sup>This image of planting a dead seed and raising a live plant is a mere sketch at best, but perhaps it will help in approaching the mystery of the resurrection body—but only if you keep in mind that when we’re raised, we’re raised for good, alive forever! The corpse that’s planted is no beauty, but when it’s raised, it’s glorious. Put in the ground weak, it comes up powerful. The seed sown is natural; the seed grown is supernatural—same seed, same body, but what a difference from when it goes down in physical mortality to when it is raised up in spiritual immortality!

<sup>45-49</sup>We follow this sequence in Scripture: The First Adam received life, the Last Adam is a life-giving Spirit. Physical life comes first, then spiritual—a firm base shaped from the earth, a final completion coming out of heaven. The First Man was made out of earth, and people since then are earthy; the Second Man was made out of heaven, and people now can be heavenly. In the same way that we’ve worked from our earthy origins, let’s embrace our heavenly ends.

<sup>50</sup>I need to emphasize, friends, that our natural, earthy lives don’t in themselves lead us by their very nature into the kingdom of God. Their very “nature” is to die, so how could they “naturally” end up in the Life kingdom?

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Music Ministry Moment (10:30 AM only)

Christina Griffin



\*Hymn #399 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) Take My Life, and Let It Be

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30 AM) *Frozen: The Secret to Life* Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen  
*For a key scene from the movie, visit <https://youtu.be/nVW9QOIeqQg>*

## Response to the Word and Sending Forth

Invitation to Giving (9:00 & 10:30 AM) Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Offertory (10:30 AM only) *Fugue in F major* G. F. Handel

\*Hymn #94 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Prayer of Dedication (9:00 & 10:30 AM) Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion

The Invitation (9:00 AM only)

The Great Thanksgiving (9:00 AM only)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation.*

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 he 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 AM only)

**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 (9:00 AM only)

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

*Please receive the wafer and juice packet, then take it with you and consume it prayerfully and safely at home following the service.*

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.**

\*Hymn #519 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) Lift Every Voice and Sing

Benediction and Dismissal (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude (10:30 AM only) *Fantasy on Walk Together, Children*

André Thomas



UPCOMING WORSHIP – FEBRUARY 27, 2022

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary and livestreaming at 10:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen, preaching

Luke 9:28-36, 37-43a



## SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathies to Debbie Zechar and family,  
following the death of her mother **Betty Snyder**.



*St. Paul's Sunday 10:30 AM worship services are streamed through  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### News and Upcoming Events

**Closed for Presidents Day** – The office is closed on Monday, February 21 in observance of the federal Presidents Day holiday. Regular hours resume on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

**Children's Music** – In February, Christina Griffin will call the children forward and teach a simple, joyful song during worship. Please encourage children to come up front and enjoy this children's moment. We are blessed to have children in worship at St. Paul's!

**SPY News** – *On break for Feb. 20!* There is no youth this week; Micah and Holly are traveling to meet their newborn nephew over Presidents Day! Sign up now for our Combined Middle and High School Spring Retreat for the weekend of March 4-6. More information about the retreat and can be found at [stpaulsk.org/community/youth](http://stpaulsk.org/community/youth). For questions, contact Micah Smartt at [msmartt@stpaulsk.org](mailto:msmartt@stpaulsk.org).

**Recognizing Our Volunteers in Ministry** – The St. Paul's SPRC knows many people work alongside our staff and clergy as volunteers, and they are vital to helping us maintain our beloved community. Please use this form to submit the names of those St. Paul's servants and volunteers who have helped make our church special: <https://forms.gle/DafEZY91hZeKpiX69>. (Note – Music ministries will be recognized separately later in the year.)

**Children's Programming** – *for Feb. 20.* Nursery Care for infants and preschoolers is available during both worship services today. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend worship online at 10:30 AM or in-person for "St. Paul's Goes to Disney." Busy Bags with quiet activities are available at the Welcome Desk. While Sunday School is on a break this month, children in Grade 5 and younger (plus parents and teachers) are invited



to a brief time of sharing via Zoom on Sunday at 11:45 AM. Use this link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86312380845>.

**Wednesday Study: *When Strivings Cease*** – last session Wednesday Feb. 23, 4:00 PM, Zoom. All are welcome as we enjoy a last lesson from *When Strivings Cease: Replacing the Gospel of Self-Improvement with the Gospel of Life-Transforming Grace*. (Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84496369587>). Questions? Contact Dr. Meg Baker at [mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org), 301-933-7933 ext. 104. The Wednesday Study group will take a short break for Ash Wednesday on March 2 and will return with a Lenten study.

**Better Humans Book Club** – Meeting Feb. 24 at 7:00 PM by Zoom. We will discuss *My People, My People, My God*, by Rev. Don Marbury, senior pastor of Ebenezer AME Church in Hagerstown, MD. To Zoom, email Travis Stalcup at [justice@stpaulsk.org](mailto:justice@stpaulsk.org).

**Read Through The Bible** – The entire congregation is invited to read through the Bible, in whole or in part, together over the next two years. Find the reading schedule at [stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education](http://stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education). The February Zoom session has been canceled; you are invited to email thoughts to Pastor Pat ([pallen@stpaulsk.org](mailto:pallen@stpaulsk.org)) or save them for March.

**Help Wanted!** – We are in need of a few volunteers to staff the welcome table and guide people as they enter for worship on Sundays. To learn more about becoming part of the Welcome Ministry, contact Meg Baker at [mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org) or 301-933-7933 ext. 104.

**9:00 Lay Readers** – Would you like to assist with worship at 9:00 AM by serving as a lay reader? Go to [stpaulsk.org/community/calendar-events](http://stpaulsk.org/community/calendar-events) and click the button to be taken to the sign-up sheet. Sign up by simply typing in your name and email address.

**Save the Date: Still Weekend Retreat** – Register by March 18, Retreat April 8-10 at the Dayspring Retreat Center in Germantown, MD. If you desire time to unplug and deeply listen on your spiritual journey, join us for a variety of optional contemplative activities, rest, and time in nature. Contact Kenzie Raulin at [kenzier@rcn.com](mailto:kenzier@rcn.com) or 301-237-1520 if you have questions. Register here: <https://forms.gle/wpXZjQjMsLtJ584QA>.

**Hunger Ministry** – Over 100 families rely on our Hunger Ministry each month. Our volunteers make this possible! To volunteer, email [hunger@stpaulsk.org](mailto:hunger@stpaulsk.org). Can you donate a bag of groceries? Use the shopping list to fill a St. Paul's bag, or place individual items in the bins. To make a financial donation, visit [stpaulsk.org/giving](http://stpaulsk.org/giving) or make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC with "Hunger Ministry" on the memo.

### **Announcements: Ongoing Activities**

**Second Saturday Bible Study** – *Saturday, March 12, 10:00-11:00 AM, Zoom.* These gatherings featuring the videos, studies, and podcasts from The Bible Project. All are welcome! No prep required. (Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86967492600>).

**Sanctuary Flowers** – To sponsor Sanctuary flowers, sign up on the flower chart in the main office. Forms for dedications are available next to the chart.

**Inclement Weather Policies** – For weekday inclement weather, St. Paul's follows Montgomery County Public Schools announcements for students regarding delays or closures. For Sundays, the pastors will assess the weather and make a decision about in-person services by Saturday evening.

**Renovation Update** – The conversations between the contractors and the church have concluded and a start date will be announced soon. Visit our Renovation page at [stpaulsk.org/community/renovation](http://stpaulsk.org/community/renovation) for more details.

**Daily Breath** – *Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 AM.* Live online sessions are designed to help keep us calm and connected during covid-19, and provide a time of sharing, prayer, or music led by St. Paul's clergy and staff. Visit [facebook.com/stpaulskensington](https://facebook.com/stpaulskensington).

**Still Wednesday** – *Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 PM.* All are welcome! The exact format of Still Wednesday changes week to week, but typically includes 20 minutes of silent contemplative prayer. To Zoom, use Meeting ID: 815 9385 9811, passcode Oliver.

**Martha Circle** – Meetings usually held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM in the Octagon. All ladies interested may contact coordinator Ginny Hagberg ([mdcatlover@aol.com](mailto:mdcatlover@aol.com), 301-770-7624) for updates.

**Lydia Circle** – Meetings usually held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. All interested ladies should contact Susan Schwarz ([susan10748@aol.com](mailto:susan10748@aol.com) or 301-339-8242) for the latest schedule.

**Yarn Ministry** – Meeting either by Zoom or in-person in the Library at St. Paul's twice a month. All crafters welcome! Contact Karen Codner ([kdc811@gmail.com](mailto:kdc811@gmail.com)).

**Prayerwaves** – *Wednesdays, 10:00 AM by phone.* Call 425-436-6326 at 9:55 AM. When prompted for the "access code," type in 774042 followed by #.

**Stephen Ministry** – Trained lay-people provide comfort to those who need a listening ear as they navigate life’s challenges. Contact Pastor Kate (kfulton@stpaulsk.org) or Virginia Bickford (301-598-5496) to learn more.

**Pledges & Thank You Gifts** – Each household that pledges for 2022 will receive a St. Paul’s folding camp chair as a special “thank you.” Blank pledge forms are available in the church office and at *stpaulsk.org/giving*.

**Pastoral Leave** – Pastor Kate is engaging in a time of study, rest, and restoration. Beginning Thursday March 3 through Tuesday May 31, Pastor Pat will be on Sabbath Renewal Leave. During that time, Pastor Kate will lead the congregation. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Pastor Pat.



**Visitor Information**

Thank you for joining us! 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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# Assisting with Worship

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## **Tech Team**

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## **Lay Readers**

Jeri Rhodes, 9:00 AM  
Anne Dean, 10:30 AM

## **Usher Coordinator**

Nathan Bazawada

## **Children's Music Leader**

Christina Griffin

*All plans are subject to change as the covid situation evolves and we work to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for your understanding!*

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Masks required. Appointments encouraged.

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