



St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

Full
to the **Brim** } *You are worthy*

March 20, 2022

9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MARCH 20, 2022

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.

Gathering for Worship

(* - please stand in body or spirit)

Announcements

Lay Leader

Prelude (10:30 AM only) *Qui biberit aquam (Communion for Lent III)*
He Who Drinks Water (John 4:13, 14)

Gerald Near

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

Lay Reader

One: Come, all who are thirsty.

All: Come, all who are seeking.

One: Come, all who are waiting.

All: Come, all who labor.

One: Come, all who need rest.

All: Come, all who dream dreams.

One: Come —

whether you're young or old,
confident or curious,
lonely or hopeful.

All: This is God's house. All are welcome here.
Let us worship holy God.

*Hymn #384 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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

Lay Reader

We are a scattered people, God.

The world is moving faster than we can keep up.

So we pray — scoop us up.

Catch our eye.

Open our ears.

Capture our attention.

We are here. We long to be close to you. Amen.

Naming of Names

During this moment of worship, simply call out the names of persons whom you wish our prayers to support. You are also invited to submit a written prayer request by placing it in our wooden prayer bowl near the rear of the Sanctuary. Please feel welcome to kneel at the chancel rail at any time during these focused moments of intercessory prayer.

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

Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton

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.

Children's Message (10:30 AM only)

Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton

All children in Grade 5 and younger are invited to come forward. Following the message, they may return to sit with their families or transition directly to Sunday School classes with their teachers.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Campbell Clare Thomas Maloney

Congregational Response

Through baptism

you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit

into God's new creation

and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you

as a member of the family of Christ.

Anthem (10:30 AM only)

Come, Ye Disconsolate

Marvin Mills

Sanctuary Choir

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,

come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.

Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;

Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,

Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!

Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,

"Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure."

Here see the bread of life, see waters flowing

Forth from the throne of God, pure from above.

Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing

Earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.

Proclamation of the Word

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

Lay Reader

Luke 13:1-9 (NRSV)

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Isaiah 55:1-9 (NRSV)

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #269 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

You Are Worthy

Dr. Meg Baker

Response to the Word

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

Lay Reader

Offertory (10:30 AM only)

Prelude on Land of Rest

Richard Proulx

*Hymn #95 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Doxology

OLD 100TH

Prayer of Dedication (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion (9:00 AM only)

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.

Sending Forth

*Hymn #438 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

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

Dr. Meg Baker

Postlude (10:30 AM only) *Fugue in d minor, BWV 555b*

attr. J. S. Bach

Please find the note "Postludes during Lent" on the last page of this bulletin and enjoy learning more about these selections from organist Marvin Mills.



UPCOMING WORSHIP

March 27, 2022

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

livestreaming at 10:30 AM

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Rev. Dr. Donald Marbury, guest preacher



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm & Passion Sunday: Sunday, April 10

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM - Sanctuary at St. Paul's and livestreamed at stpaulsk.org. Communion at 9:00 AM and reception of new members at 10:30 AM. Anyone interested in becoming a full member on this day should contact Pastor Kate (kfulton@stpaulsk.org, 301-933-7933 ext 103).

Stations of the Cross: Monday, April 11 - Friday, April 15

11:00 AM-1:00 PM & 5:00-7:00 PM in the Octagon

The J&C team with other sponsors will offer this self-guided experience of contemplation throughout Holy Week, honoring the ancient story of Jesus' death while recognizing the ways this narrative speaks to ecological injustices facing our world today.

Maundy Thursday Worship: April 14, 2022

7:00 PM in the Sanctuary and livestreamed at stpaulsk.org. This worship time commemorates the events of the day before Jesus's execution, including The Last Supper and the arrest of Jesus. Mr. Micah Smartt preaching, with music from the Sanctuary Choir.

Good Friday: April 15, 2022

7:00 PM in the Sanctuary and livestreamed at stpaulsk.org. Sometimes called Black Friday, this somber service focuses on the death of Jesus and will feature music selections from Marvin Mills and a message from Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton.

Easter Sunday: April 17, 2022

- 7:00 AM - outdoors in Clum-Kennedy Park (parking available across the street at Old Town Market & Johnson's Flowers in Kensington)
- 9:00 AM - Sanctuary at St. Paul's
- 10:30 AM - Sanctuary at St. Paul's
- Kids' Easter Eggstravaganza egg hunt immediately following the 10:30 worship service.



*St. Paul's Sunday 10:30 AM worship services are streamed through
stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and Upcoming Events

UMCOR Ukraine Relief – The United Methodist Committee on Relief "International Disaster Response and Recovery" fund is aiding communities in crisis in Ukraine and the refugees fleeing the war there. Through local partners on the ground and its own trained early responders, UMCOR moves quickly to provide aid, and can remain in a community for rebuilding work that goes well beyond the initial response. 100% of your UMCOR donation goes to assist victims of man-made and natural disasters. To donate online, go to stpaulsk.org/giving. If you prefer to donate by check, make it payable to St. Paul's UMC with "UMCOR - Ukraine" on the memo line, and place it in the offering plate or mail it to St. Paul's UMC, Attn: Michelle Gregonis, 10401 Armory Ave., Kensington MD 20895.

Better Humans Book Club: *Rising* – Discussion Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 PM by Zoom. The next selection is *Rising* by Elizabeth Rush, about American communities' vulnerability to rising sea levels. The book club reads great fiction from historically underrepresented voices and nonfiction that challenges us to work for a better world. All are welcome! To join the discussion, email Travis Stalcup at justice@stpaulsk.org for the Zoom link.

Easter Lilies – Order March 27 and April 3. St. Paul's Sanctuary will have Easter lilies this year. All friends of St. Paul's are invited to sponsor a lily in memory or in honor of a loved one. The cost is \$17 per plant. In-person orders will be taken between worship services on Sundays, March 27 and April 3 for those wishing to use cash or check. Online ordering by credit card will be available as well – look for links in the next Weekly News email.

Read Through The Bible – Q&A Thursday, March 31, 6:30 PM. 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. For the Zoom link to share thoughts and questions during the next Q&A session, contact Pastor Kate (kfulton@stpaulsk.org).

Coffee Hour – Sunday, April 3. The J&C Team will host the next coffee hour after the 10:30 worship service on April 3 in the courtyard by the Octagon. Come for coffee, cookies, and good cheer.

Hunger Ministry Needs – This month, we are having some trouble sourcing 1-pound bags of rice and shelf-stable milk cartons. We always need cold and hot cereal. Your donations of these and other items are always appreciated. (Find the printed list of pantry items we provide each month on the table by the office or visit stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry). To volunteer, contact volunteer coordinator Dawn Ely at hunger@stpaulsk.org. She will send you the sign-up link with descriptions of the many different tasks. To make

a financial donation towards grocery store gift cards and bulk food purchases, *visit stpaulsk.org/giving* or make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC with "Hunger Ministry" on the memo line. Thank you for feeding over 100 families every month right here in the 20895 ZIP code!

Daily Breath – *Wednesdays, 9:00 AM*. Schedule change! These live online sessions will now be held once a week, reminding us to keep us calm and connected through a time of sharing, prayer, or music with St. Paul's leaders. Visit *facebook.com/stpaulskensington*.

Lenten Study: Witness at the Cross – *Wednesdays at 4:00 PM, Zoom*. We will travel through the story of the crucifixion through the eyes of the witnesses along the way, including the soldiers, women, mothers, convicts, disciples, and friends present in the Gospels. Each week involves a different chapter and different point of view, so you may join the class at any time. To sign up, email Meg at mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

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 or 301-933-7933 ext. 104.

Recognizing Our Volunteers – The St. Paul's SPRC knows our many volunteers 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>. (Music ministries will be recognized separately.)

Announcements: Ongoing Activities

Lenten Devotionals and Resources – Lent is a time of repentance, self-examination, and reflection in preparation for the coming of Easter. Pick up one of these in the Narthex:

- *Full to the Brim*, a weekly devotional using lectionary Bible readings, poetry, art, and journal prompts.
- *The Sanctuary for Lent 2022*, a guide with brief readings for each day from Ash Wednesday through Easter.
- *What is Lent?*, a children's coloring and activity book geared towards ages 6-9.

Children's Programming – *for March 20*. Nursery Care for infants and preschoolers is available during both worship services today. Older children (and their teachers) will begin in the Sanctuary every Sunday throughout the season of Lent. Children will be invited forward for a children's message, after which they may transition to the Sunday School classrooms with their teachers or return to sit with their families. "Busy Bags" with

quiet activities are available at the welcome desk. Children in K through 2nd grades meet in Room 200, and children in 3rd-5th grades meet in the Parlor.

SPYs Meeting – Youth are meeting in-person each Sunday in March! Middle School 4:30-6:00 PM; High School 7:00-8:30 PM. Bring a mask and a water bottle. Questions? Contact Micah Smartt (msmartt@stpaulsk.org) or visit stpaulsk.org/community/youth.

Lent Kits – If you or someone you know would like a set of Lenten materials mailed to their home for study and reflection, request a Lent Kit! Use this online form <https://forms.gle/ZjvMTk4QVkJsmNB66> or contact Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org, 301-933-7933 ext 104)

Pastoral Leave – From Thursday March 3 through Tuesday May 31, Pastor Pat will be on Sabbath Renewal Leave. During that time, Pastor Kate will lead the congregation.

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 and click the button to be taken to the sign-up sheet. Sign up by simply typing in your name and email address.

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 for more details.

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, 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 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).

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 #.

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.



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.

Postludes During Lent

A message from Organist Marvin Mills

Though J. S. Bach was revered as the leading organist of his time, he was seen as old fashioned in his compositional style. This was partly due to his use of older forms, but particularly to the emergence of a new style (the *style gallant*) which signaled the end of the Baroque and the beginnings of the Classical Period. This new style moved away from a contrapuntal (linear) method of composing, as exemplified by Bach, to a more homophonic (vertical) one. The music of Bach represents the apex of the Baroque Period; synthesizing national (Italian, French and German) and regional (North and South Germanic) influences into a crystalline style which yields outward display while achieving intense contemplation.

The fugal form can be traced back to the Middle Ages where canons and simple imitative parts evolved in works that were often interchangeable vocally or instrumentally. By the middle Renaissance the fugue had become a distinct form, attesting to the skill of a composer in his crafting of the counterpoint between voices. The 8 *Kleine Präludien und Fugen*/Eight Little Preludes and Fugues, BWV 553-560, were attributed to Bach until 1987, when research determined they were most probably composed by one of his students though still to be determined which of them.

Why focus on fugues in minor keys during Lent? The conversational nature of *fugue* engenders reflection and study, an apropos posture during the season. The tonality of minor keys provides ample opportunity to explore a richer harmonic palette.

Soli Deo Gloria!

March 6 – Fugue in e, BWV 555b

March 13 – Fugue in a, BWV 559b

March 20 – Fugue in d, BWV 554b

March 27 – Fugue in g, BWV 558b

April 3 – Fugue in c, BWV 537b

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Lay Leader

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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!

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