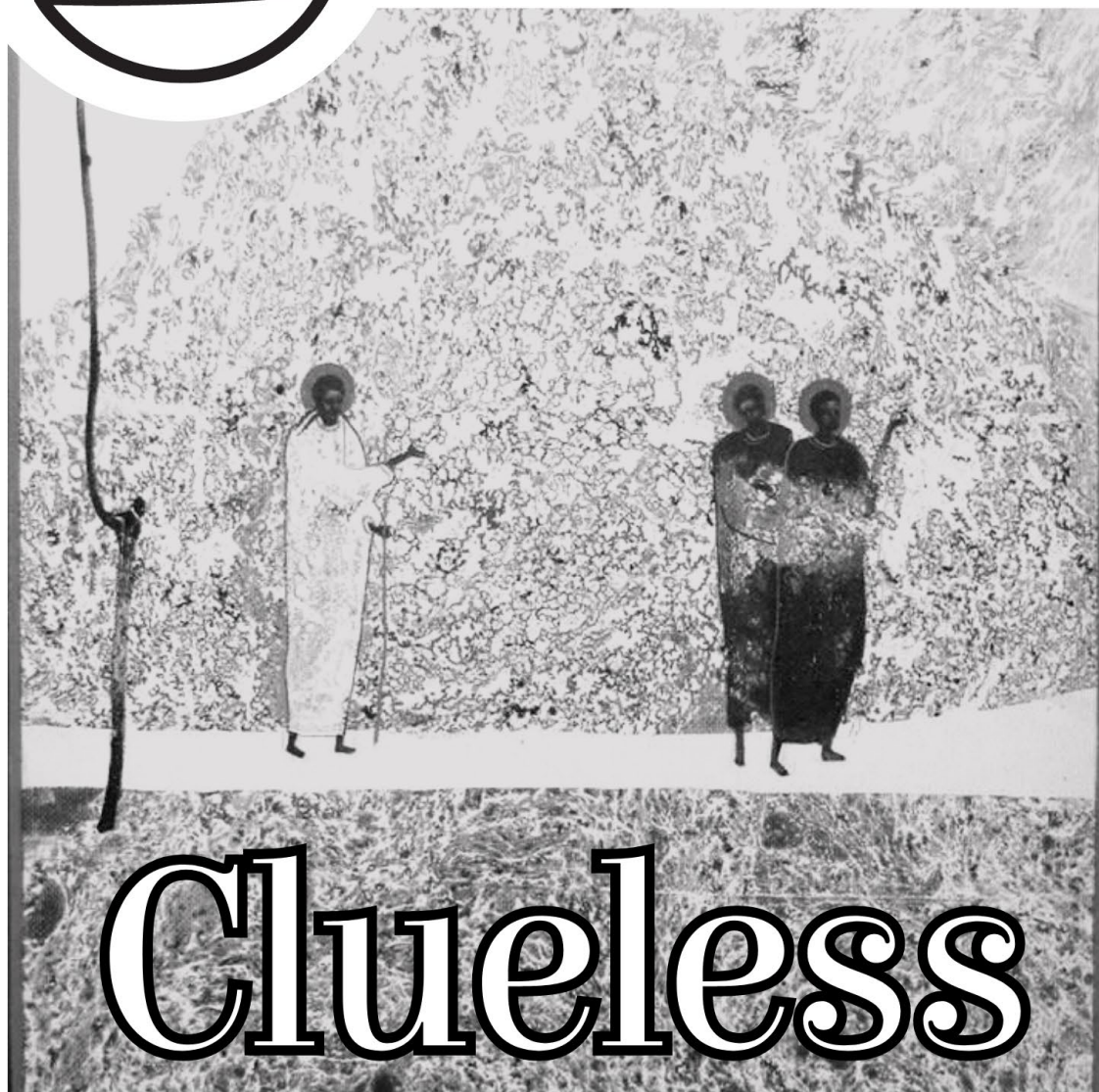




St. Paul's

United Methodist Church



April 23, 2023

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. Announcements and helpful information can be found on the pages following the order of worship.

Gathering for Worship

(* - please stand in body or spirit)

Announcements

Lay Leader

Prelude (10:30 AM only) *In dir ist Freude (In Thee Is Gladness), BWV 615*

J.S. Bach

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

Lay Reader

Leader: Our Lord Jesus spoke to the storm, saying "Peace, be still."

All: As we gather in worship, Jesus speaks to our hearts and spirits now, saying "Peace, be still."

Leader: As we rest in your presence, Lord, may all our storms grow quiet within us. Bring rest to our hearts, O Lord; may we feel like a leaf after a storm, when the wind is still.

**All: May we know both your presence and your peace;
May you receive both our praise and our thanksgiving.**

*Hymn #369 (9:00 & 10:30)

Blessed Assurance

Moment of Reflection (9:00 & 10:30)

Opening Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

**May all I say, and all I think, be in harmony with thee,
God within me, God beyond me, maker of the trees.**

*Passing the Peace (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Pastoral Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

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

The United Methodist 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.

Anthem (10:30 AM only) *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*
Sanctuary Choir

Dale Wood

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone;
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one.
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.
To this temple where we call Thee, come O Lord of hosts today;
With Thy wonted loving kindness hear Thy servants as they pray,
And Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.
Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run.*

Children's Message (10:30 AM only)

Dr. Meg Baker

Proclamation of the Word

Luke 24:13-35 (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb

early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

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| *Hymn #407 (9:00 & 10:30) | Close to Thee | |
| Sermon (9:00 & 10:30) | “Clueless” | Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen |

Response to the Word

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| Invitation to Giving (9:00 & 10:30) | Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen |
| <i>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 all of St. Paul’s efforts to engage in meaningful worship and vibrant ministry in our community.</i> | |



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| Offertory (10:30 AM only) | <i>Prelude on ASSURANCE</i> | Jon Spong |
| *Doxology #94 (9:00 & 10:30) | | LASST UNS ERFREUEN |

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 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 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)

The United Methodist 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 St. Paul's communion bread is gluten-free.

Prayer after Receiving (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 #723 (9:00 & 10:30) Shall We Gather at the River

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

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

André J. Thomas



WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

April 30, 2023

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

10:30 AM livestreaming through *stpaulsk.org*

Heritage Sunday

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

9:00 AM – 28 10:30 AM – 112 online – 61

Total: 201

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers today are given by **Donna and Christina Griffin**
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements – News of events and activities at St. Paul’s are shared through our Weekly News message. Read the latest message at stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news.

Welcome Visitors! – Thank you for joining us. **Restrooms** including a family restroom with changing table can be found past the church office and down the hall near the water fountain. **Large print Bibles and Hymnals** are available from our ushers. **T-coil hearing aids** work in our Sanctuary and ushers can provide headsets. **Attendance pads** in the pews provide a space

to share your name and, if you wish, contact information so we may welcome you. **Masks** are optional in almost all St. Paul's spaces. You can read more at stpaulsk.org/worship.

Today: Day of the Book – *Sunday, April 23*. Enjoy this Kensington town street festival celebrating books of all kinds, with guest speakers, poetry presentations, music, children's activities, food trucks, and more, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM around Howard Ave. (Please note, some roads will be closed during the festival.) Visit www.dayofthebook.com.

Today: Congregational Survey Open– *now-May 1*. You are a valued part of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Kensington. Without you, we would not be. And because you are such an integral part of who we are, we want to hear from you. Please tell us what we, as St. Paul's community, do well - and how we can do more. Go to stpaulsk.org/we-are-all-about/the-pastors-page and click the "Survey" button. Paper survey forms will be available in the Narthex.

Today: Sunday School & Nursery – *Sunday, April 23*. Children will be in worship with their families in the Sanctuary; there are no Sunday School classes today. Care for infants and toddlers is available in the Nursery during the 10:30 service. Due to the special worship days in April, the pastors have decided that all children will attend worship with their families in the Sanctuary throughout the month of April. Children's "busy bags" are available at the Welcome Desk. Families with young children who need a break are welcome to make use of the Octagon room opposite the Sanctuary doors or the Library down the hall by the restrooms. For email updates about Children's programs, contact Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org).

Today: Native American Ministries Special Sunday – The Native American Ministries Sunday is an opportunity to recognize the contributions and heritage of Native American people. One of the United Methodist denomination's six special offerings, the Native American Ministries Sunday offering equips and empowers indigenous pastors, congregations, and seminary students to find fresh and culturally appropriate ways to minister to their communities in urban and rural spaces. Half of our gifts stay with local ministries in this annual conference and half support the work of Native American United Methodist ministries nationally. Read some of the ways these Special Sunday funds strengthen Native American communities and the UMC, and find the online giving button, at stpaulsk.org/giving.

This Week: "After the Sermon" – Reflection questions about Sunday's Scripture, posed by Jim Holland, can be found in the Weekly News email and at stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education. Share your thoughts with Jim: hollandjim1357@gmail.com.

This Week: UMC 101 – *Sundays, April 23, 30, May 7, 21; 12:00-1:00 PM, in the Octagon.* Each week will cover a different part of what makes the UMC unique. Open to everyone - new folks and those looking for a refresher. Snacks will be provided. All you need to bring is yourself! No signup necessary. Email Pastor Joey with any questions, joeyhm@stpaulsk.org

This Month: Registration for VBS – *Register by April 30.* St. Paul's is partnering with Bethesda UMC for VBS at their location (8300 Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda MD), June 19-23! Registration is now open! Read more about the "Hero Hotline" VBS theme and find camper/volunteer registration at stpaulsk.org/community/children or contact Meg Baker: mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

This Month: Musical Theatre Camp Sign-Up – *Accepting the first 24 applicants!* For one week in July, musical theatre camp hosts middle-school age performers, plus youth and parent helpers, as they put together a one-act musical on a biblical theme under the direction of Mrs. Robin Mayhew. Camp sessions for 2023 are held July 10-14, Monday-Friday, 9AM to 3PM with performances Sunday, July 16 during worship. Camp registration forms and more info can be found online at stpaulsk.org/community/musical-theatre-camp.

This Month: Brookewood School Play – *April 28 & 29 at 7:00 PM and April 30 at 2:00 PM.* Students from the Brookewood School, our weekday tenants, will be presenting the comedy *You Can't Take It With You* in the Fellowship Hall; pay-what-you-will at the door.

Next Month: Community Pancake Breakfast – *Saturday, May 6.* The UMM-led community breakfast will be serving pancakes and other breakfast foods, 8:00-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Rather than charge a fixed price, diners are encouraged to make a generous goodwill donation at the door (as a guide, we suggest \$8 per adult or \$20 for a family of four) to support the mission and ministry work identified by the United Methodist Men through St. Paul's church and community. Read more at stpaulsk.org/community/pancake-breakfast.

Next Month: Piano Recital – *May 7, 12:00 PM in the Sanctuary.* Young people who have been taking piano lessons and are interested in performing in this recital should contact Dr. Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org). If a student has been taking lessons on a different musical instrument, they are welcome to participate as well. Congregants are encouraged to attend the recital, enjoy the music, and support our young musicians! A light reception will follow.

ONGOING

Hunger Ministry – This signature ministry serves over 100 households monthly with pantry staples and grocery store cards. Please donate non-perishables in the bins in the Narthex. (Please note, we can't give out expired food or glass containers.) To find the list of most-needed food items and other ways to help, visit stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry.

SPY News – *Most Sundays, 4:30-6:00 PM.* All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join St. Paul's Youth for fun and fellowship. Be sure to sign up for the SPY email newsletter to get updates in your inbox. Questions? Contact Mr. Micah Smartt (msmartt@stpaulsk.org).

Wednesday Sermon Safari – *Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 PM.* The Wednesday Bible Study group meets over Zoom. Each week we'll watch a sermon and engage in a discussion. For more info or receive the Zoom link, contact Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

Still Wednesday – *Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 PM.* Gather in-person most Wednesdays in the Sanctuary for quiet prayer and contemplative, creative reflection. Contact Kenzie Raulin at 301-237-1520 or Kenzie@krdesign.net.

Prayerwaves – *Wednesdays, 10:00 AM.* All are welcome at this time of prayer by conference-call over the phone. Dial 425-436-6326, then use the access code 774042 followed by the # sign. To receive the prayer list by email contact Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org).

Daily Breath – *Wednesdays, 9:00 AM.* Enjoy about 10-20 minutes of sharing, prayer, or music led by St. Paul's clergy, staff, or volunteer leaders. Go to facebook.com/stpaulskensington.

Taste & Sing – *Third Tuesday of each month, 12:00-1:00 PM.* Come to the Octagon for a casual hymn-sing, short program exploring the stories behind some of our worship songs, and lunch.

Tuesday with Friends – *Third Tuesday of each month, 11:00 AM.* This group, open to all men and women, meets for fellowship and lessons. Contact Ginny Hagberg: 301-770-7624.

Lydia Circle – *First Wednesday of each month, 2:30 PM.* Ladies interested in joining the Lydia Circle sisters should contact Susan Schwarz at susan10748@aol.com or 301-339-8242.

2-Year Read-Thru-the-Bible – Find the reading plan at stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education.

Altar Flowers in 2023 – The flower chart for 2023 is now available in the church office.

UMM Driver Service – Volunteer drivers are listed on the office bulletin board and are available to take adult St. Paul's members to medical appointments around the county.

Stephen Ministers – We offer a listening ear to those going through a difficult situation or life change. Contact Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org) or Virginia Bickford (301-598-5496).

Sipping Ministry – Coffee and treats are offered following worship whenever a group, family, or class volunteers to sponsor this time of fellowship. Contact Erin Steele in the church office (stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org) to find available dates.



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