



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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

OCTOBER 26, 2025

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 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 OLIVET (10:30 only)

Wilbur Held

*Call to Worship

Lay Reader

Leader: The time of our departure may come,
but we gather now in the presence of God.

People: We come to worship the One who stood by Paul and strengthened him.

Leader: We have fought the good fight, we are running the race,
we are keeping the faith.

People: The crown of righteousness awaits all who long for the Lord's appearing.

Leader: Though we may feel abandoned, the Lord stands with us.

**People: He rescues us from every evil,
and brings us safely into His heavenly kingdom.
To God be the glory forever and ever. Amen!**

*Hymn #393

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Opening Prayer

Lay Reader

Giver of dreams and visions, pour out your Spirit on our fellowship, for we need your presence in our lives. Show your portents in the heavens and set your signs on the earth and the seas. Touch our spirits with the awe of your majesty, that we may humbly dwell within your courts in peace and harmony. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

The Lord's Prayer (10:30 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.**

Proclamation of the Word

2nd Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (NRSVUE)

Lay Reader

Pew Bible – New Testament p. 213

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Response to the Word

*Hymn #514

Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus

Sermon

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

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)

Crown Him!
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

Alleluia!

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne:
Hark! how the heavn'ly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity. Alleluia!

Crown Him the Lord of love: Behold His hands and side--
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright. Alleluia!

Crown Him the Lord of life! Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die. Alleluia!

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n: One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified! Alleluia!

*Doxology #94

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*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

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.

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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 #133

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

*Benediction and Dismissal

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

Postlude (10:30 only)

*Sonata de 1° tono
Sonata on the 1st tone*

José Lidon



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 Anne Dean,
in celebration of 17 years of marriage with my best friend Stephen.

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Sunday, November 2, 2025

All Saints Sunday

9:00 AM Worship with Communion

10:30 AM Worship with Communion & 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. 26.* 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: Pastor Appreciation Sipping Ministry** – *Sunday, Oct 26.* Visit the Octagon after the 10:30 worship service join us for a special Sipping Ministry in gratitude for our Pastors as part of Pastor Appreciation Month. To host a Sipping Ministry, sign up on the office bulletin board and take a “how to” instruction sheet.
- **Today: Names for All Saints** – *Due Today!* 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 by Oct. 26. We will include these names in the Memorial Bulletin for worship on Sunday, November 2.
- **Today: 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@tpaulsk.org).
- **Today: 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.
- **This 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 are interested in 10:30 AM Lay Reader opportunities, or have questions, 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: Deanna Hodgson (9:00 AM); Del Harris (10:30 AM)

Guest Choir Conductor: Mollie Weikert



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.

