

Thank you for worshiping 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

Prelude (10:30 AM only) Laetatus sum (Gradual for Lent IV)

I Was Glad (Psalm 122:1)

Gerald Near

Lay Leader

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

Lay Reader

One: God's reach is endless.

All: God's mercy is unstoppable.

One: God's grace is lavish.

All: God's love is constant.

One: God's wisdom is vast.

All: God's hope is stubborn.

One: God's presence is here—

with us, among us,

moving through us.

All: Breathe easy.

Breathe deeply.

We are in God's house.

^{*}Hymn #339 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

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

Lay Reader

God of open doors,

We often long to come home to you,

to love, and to ourselves, but we aren't always sure how to get there.

We know that we need you,

but the road back to you is heavy with distractions.

So if we can dare to be so forward, we pray — reach into the cacophony of our hearts and minds and make yourself known.

Quiet everything but your Word for us today.

Leave us awestruck. Drown out the distractions.

Come as thunder or come as a still, small voice;

we don't care which, we just pray that you will come.

Turn on the light. Speak through these words.

Find the parts of us that are lost.

With hope we pray, 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 coming forward to place it in our wooden prayer bowl. 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)

Dr. Meg Baker (9:00 AM) Mr. Micah Smartt (10:30 AM)

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)

Dr. Meg Baker

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.

Anthem (10:30 AM only)

O Saviour of the World Sanctuary Choir

John Goss

O Saviour of the world, O Saviour of the world, Who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, Save us, and help us, save us and help us, We humbly beseech thee, O Lord. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

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

Lay Reader

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (NRSV)

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable:

^{11b}"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." 20So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer

worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (NRSV)

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #2214 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) Lead Me, Guide Me



Response to the Word

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

Lay Reader

Offertory (10:30 AM only) Prelude on Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

George Shearing

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

Doxology

OLD 100^{TH}

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

Dr. Meg Baker (9:00 AM)

Mr. Micah Smartt (10:30 AM)

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.

We lift them up to the Lord. P:

I .: 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 so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven L: 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:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus L: 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 #378 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) Amazing Grace

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

Rev. Dr. Donald Marbury

Postlude (10:30 AM only) Fugue in g minor, BWV 558b attr. J. S. Bach Please find the note "Postludes during Lent" on the last page of this bulletin.

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Following the 10:30 AM service, enjoy coffee and fellowship in the courtyard by the Octagon, sponsored today by Anne Rush and Grace Graham in honor of Rev. Marbury.



UPCOMING WORSHIP: April 3, 2022

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary; livestreaming at 10:30 AM John 12:1-8 and Isaiah 43:16-21 Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton, preaching

ABOUT OUR GUEST PREACHER

Reverend Donald L. Marbury is an ordained African Methodist Episcopal Church elder and currently serves as the senior pastor of Ebenezer AME Church in Hagerstown, MD. Marbury is a cum laude graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary. Marbury retired as an adjunct professor of reading, writing, and English at Montgomery College, Germantown in 2018 after 18 years; he was also an adjunct professor, from 2001 until 2010, in the Radio, Television, Film and Video Department of the Howard University School of Communications, where he taught numerous courses in broadcasting. Marbury left a 27year career in public broadcasting in 1997 to pursue his ministerial studies. He retired from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the parent company of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), as its Vice President of Domestic and International Programs. His programming decisions brought scores of Emmys and Oscars to public television and gave starts to many then-fledgling producers who are now icons of the industry. Broadcasting Magazine called him "one of the most powerful African-American men in television in America." He is also a well known performance art poet and published author. His poetic autobiography, My People, My People, My God was the 2019 third-place competition winner of the coveted Fischer Prize for Poetry and the fourth honorable mention in the prestigious 2020 Tom Howard/John H. Reid Fiction and Essay Contest.

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: Self-guided experience in the Ocagon, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM & 5:00-7:00 PM.

Maundy Thursday Worship: April 14, 2022: 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary and livestreamed at stpaulsk.org. 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. Featuring music selections from Marvin Mills.

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.

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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 Special Sunday – When individuals and churches donate to UMCOR relief efforts, 100% of donations go toward aid. This is because UMCOR's day-to-day operations, including managing logistics and training emergency responders, is covered by the UMCOR Special Sunday offerings. Because we join our church's offerings with those of United Methodist congregations around the world today, UMCOR remains strong and can respond quickly and efficiently, as they have done since 1940. Give online to UMCOR Special Sunday at *stpaulsk.org/giving* or make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC and note "UMCOR Special Sunday" in the memo line. To donate to relief efforts, please see "Ukraine Relief" below or contact the office for other options.

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. Through local partners on the ground and trained early responders, UMCOR moves quickly to provide aid and can remain in a community for rebuilding work. 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.

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 is 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, contact Pastor Kate (kfulton@stpaulsk.org).

Coffee Hour – *Sunday, March 27 & April 3.* Coffee hour following the 10:30 AM worship service today will be hosted by Anne Rush and Grace Graham in honor of our guest

preacher Rev. Dr. Don Marbury. The J&C Team will host coffee hour after 10:30 worship 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 appreciated! (Find the printed list of pantry items on the table by the office or visit <code>stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry</code>). To volunteer, contact Dawn Ely at hunger@stpaulsk.org. To make a financial donation towards grocery store gift cards and bulk food purchases, <code>visit stpaulsk.org/giving</code> or make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC with "Hunger Ministry" on the memo line. Thank you!

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 Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

Stations of the Cross Volunteers – St. Paul's Justice & Compassion team will be hosting a self-guided Stations of the Cross event in the Octagon throughout Holy Week. Church groups, individuals, or families are encouraged to sponsor one of the ten stations, setting up the station by Sunday, April 10 and disassembling by Saturday, April 16. Those who choose to adopt a station will be provided a meditation and prayer for that particular station as well as guidance as needed in creating a display. Volunteers are also needed to help with greeting participants. Those who wish to adopt a station or volunteer as greeters should contact Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org or 301-933-7933 ext. 104.

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
- The Sanctuary for Lent 2022
- What is Lent?, a children's coloring and activity book.

Children's Programming – for March 27. Nursery Care for infants and preschoolers is available during both worship services today. Older children (and their teachers) will begin in the Sanctuary for 10:30 AM worship. Children will be invited forward for a children's message, after which they my 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 grades K-2 meet in Room 200; children in grades 3-5 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! 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.

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 are 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 are 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.

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.

Other:

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 were 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 27 – Fugue in g, BWV 558b April 3 – Fugue in c, BWV 537b

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

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!