



# St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

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FROM  
GENERATION  
TO GENERATION...

*There's room for every story*

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November 27, 2022

9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

# FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

ORDER OF WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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## 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.*

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### Gathering for Worship

(\* - please stand in body or spirit)

Announcements (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Leader

Prelude (10:30 AM only)     *Prelude on Divinum mysterium*

Maureen Howell

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

Lay Reader

Leader: Eager for the coming of Christ,

let us enter into the mystery of God's dawning presence among us.

**ALL:    Loving God, we open our hearts to you,  
and await your gracious coming.**

Leader: In the winter darkness we long for your light.

**ALL:    We confess our need for your grace,  
for the sin of our lives and the brokenness of this world.**

Leader: Come, O Lord! May your peace dawn on our world.

**ALL:    Come, O Savior! May your grace be born in our hearts.**

Leader: Bless the darkness, that we may wait with hope.

**ALL:    Bless the silence, that we may listen for your coming.**

Leader: Grant us stillness, that with patience and courage  
we may prepare room in our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ.

**ALL:    Come, O Savior, Come!**

\*Hymn #196 (9:00 & 10:30)     Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Opening Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

**Gentle God, the darkness draws in around us. In our hearts, in our communities,  
in the nation and the world there is mistrust and fear and despair; there is hurt**

**and injustice. Yet you promise your light. You promise you are coming. Ready our hearts, God, for your coming. Help us to see signs of hope. Help us to see the coming of Christ. Amen.**

Advent Wreath Lighting (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Pastor: Over a hundred people, from the ages of two to eighty years old, were asked the question, "What gives you hope?" From the voices of different generations, hear their answers.

*The Advent Readers share the responses.*

Youth Reader: Today we light the candle of hope to remind ourselves that God is at work in this world. From generation to generation, God has brought good news of love and compassion, justice and community. Let us rest and abide in that good news. Amen.

Anthem (10:30 AM only) *There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth*  
Sanctuary Choir

F. Mendelssohn / Mills

There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and a Sceptre from Israel rise up,  
And dash in pieces Princes and Nations, There shall a star from Jacob come forth.  
How brightly beams the morning star! With sudden radiance from afar.  
With light and comfort glowing! Thy Word, Jesus, inly feeds us,  
Rightly leads us, Life bestowing Praise, oh praise such love o'erflowing!

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.**

Sacrament of Baptism (10:30 AM only)

*Theofilo Nicholas Phang*

Congregational Response (10:30 AM only)

**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.**

## **Proclamation of the Word**

Matthew 1:1-17 (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

<sup>1</sup>An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

<sup>2</sup>Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, <sup>3</sup>and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, <sup>4</sup>and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, <sup>5</sup>and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup>and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, <sup>7</sup>and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, <sup>8</sup>and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, <sup>9</sup>and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, <sup>10</sup>and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, <sup>11</sup>and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

<sup>12</sup>And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, <sup>13</sup>and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, <sup>14</sup>and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, <sup>15</sup>and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, <sup>16</sup>and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, who bore Jesus, who is called the Messiah.

<sup>17</sup>So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Isaiah 2:1-5 (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn #706 (9:00 & 10:30)

Soon and Very Soon

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

### **Response to the Word**

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

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Offertory (10:30 AM only)

*Prelude on Hyfrydol*

Wilbur Held

\*Hymn (9:00 & 10:30)

Doxology

Tune: DUKE STREET

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

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

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Breaking the Bread (9:00 AM only)

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

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

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 #672 (9:00 & 10:30). God Be with You till We Meet Again

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

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Postlude (10:30 AM only)

*Prelude on Wachet auf*

Aaron David Miller



WORSHIP NEXT WEEK, DECEMBER 4, 2022

9:00 & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary  
Second Sunday in Advent  
Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen, preaching



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY  
10:30 AM – 157      Online – 42      Total – 199



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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### News and Upcoming Events

**Today: Children's Programming** – *Sunday, Nov. 27.* Children will attend the 10:30 worship service today and worship with their families. Busy Bags with quiet children's activities are available at the Welcome Desk. Childcare for babies and preschoolers is available in the second floor Nursery. For Children's programming questions, contact Dr. Meg Baker ([mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org)).

**Today: Holiday Giving Project** – In addition to serving our Hunger Ministry families, St. Paul's is proud to be a community partner of the Montgomery County Department of Health & Human Services "Holiday Giving Project."

- **Thanksgiving Feast:** This year, we assisted families by providing a special one-time Thanksgiving grocery card valued at \$50 to purchase food for their feast. To donate, make checks payable to St. Paul's with "Thanksgiving" in the memo line or [stpaulsk.org/giving](http://stpaulsk.org/giving) then click on "Additional Contribution Options."
- **Giving Tree:** *Thru Dec. 5.* We will provide families with wrapped children's gifts or \$25 Target gift cards. Pick a tag from the Giving Tree today and return a wrapped gift (with tag attached) by Monday, *Dec. 5.* Bakers, please consider donating cookies for the cookie & cocoa goodie bags! Contact cookie coordinator Dupeh Palmer at [dupehpalmer@gmail.com](mailto:dupehpalmer@gmail.com). (No nuts or peanut butter, please.) If you would like to volunteer to organize gifts on *Dec. 11* or help distribute to the families on *Dec. 12*, please contact Pastor Pat at [pallen@stpaulsk.org](mailto:pallen@stpaulsk.org).

**Today: Pledge Your Support** – Faithful giving makes it possible for St. Paul's UMC to do everything we do, and your pledge makes it possible for the church to plan a financially sustainable year engaged in worship, ministry, and work in the community. To pledge your support for 2023, go to [stpaulsk.org/giving](http://stpaulsk.org/giving) or use the QR code for the online pledge form, or look for paper forms in the Narthex.



**Today: Advent Study: *Almost Christmas*** – *Classes start Nov. 27.* Rev. Joey Heath-Mason will lead this study connecting Wesleyan heritage with the traditional Advent themes of Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace. The cost is \$25 per person and includes one book and four meals. Classes meet each Sunday in Advent, 12:00-1:00 PM. Sign up online at [stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education](http://stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education) or use the form in the office. Questions? Email Pastor Joey ([joeyhm@stpaulsk.org](mailto:joeyhm@stpaulsk.org)).



**This Week: Men's Bible and Brew** – Nov. 29. According to Ben Franklin, beer is proof God loves us and wants us to be happy. SPUMC's men are invited to get together for an engaging and informal Bible study while enjoying some craft beer or other beverage. Please contact Travis Stalcup (travisstalcup@gmail.com) for location and time.

**This Week: Advent Study: *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes*** – Wednesdays, Nov. 30 – Dec. 21, 4:00-5:00 PM by Zoom. This four-week study invites us to look at the lessons in the familiar pop-culture classic *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* through the lens of faith. For more info or to receive the Zoom invite, contact Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org).

**This Week: Pancake Breakfast** – Dec. 3, Fellowship Hall. Everyone from throughout the community will enjoy the pancakes and other breakfast foods prepared by the UMM and volunteers, and proceeds benefit St. Paul's and regional charities. Serving hours: 8:00-10:30 AM. Families are asked to make a goodwill donation; suggested amount is \$8 for adults and \$2 for children, or \$20 for a family of 4. No carry out. Questions? Contact Jerry Watkins at j50.09w@verizon.net.

**This Week: Children's Advent Craft Workshop** – Dec. 3, 9:30-11:00 AM, Multipurpose Room. After you enjoy the pancake breakfast, come downstairs where children and their accompanying adults will enjoy making a variety of Advent and Christmas themed crafts! Free, but donations welcome. We still need youth and adult craft leaders! Contact Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org to get involved.

**Poinsettias** – order Dec. 4-11. Poinsettias will brighten our Sanctuary for Christmas. You may sponsor a poinsettia and make a dedication in honor or in memory of loved ones. The cost is \$20 per plant (red or white), and you may take your plant home any time after Christmas Day worship. We will also have a limited number of door wreath dedications available. Look for the online order form starting Dec. 1. In-person orders will be taken Dec. 4 & 11, immediately following worship, or in the office during the week.

**Masks Optional** – Masks are now optional in nearly all St. Paul's spaces. We expect all members of the St. Paul's community to treat others with respect, whether mask-wearing or non-mask-wearing. You can read more mask-related FAQs at [stpaulsk.org/worship](http://stpaulsk.org/worship).

### **Announcements: Ongoing Activities**

**Joyful Ringers**—Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Room 109. Come ring in our bell choir! To learn more, contact Tom Pedersen, director of music, at [tpedersen@stpaulsk.org](mailto:tpedersen@stpaulsk.org).

**Sanctuary Choir** – *Sundays, 9:30 AM, Room 211.* The Sanctuary Choir continues to welcome new members! We sing for the 10:30 worship service weekly. Questions? Contact Tom at [tpedersen@stpaulsk.org](mailto:tpedersen@stpaulsk.org).

**SPY** – All friends of St. Paul's in middle and high school grades are invited to St. Paul's Youth (SPY) fellowship on most Sunday evenings. Contact Mr. Micah Smartt, [msmartt@stpaulsk.org](mailto:msmartt@stpaulsk.org) or go to [stpaulsk.org/community/youth](http://stpaulsk.org/community/youth) to sign up for the youth news email for details, including holiday schedule changes!

**Still Wednesday** – *Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 PM.* We offer a weekly space for reflection and calm. The exact format changes week to week, but typically offers: poetry, scripture, or art; 20 minutes of silent contemplative prayer; a chance to reflect privately or share. For up-to-date info, contact Kenzie Raulin (301-237-1520, [Kenzie@krdesign.net](mailto:Kenzie@krdesign.net)).

**Hunger Ministry** – We provide food assistance year-round for hungry families in the 20895 ZIP code. New volunteers and those able to help month-by-month are welcome! Find the grocery items we need and more information: [stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry](http://stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry).

**Read-Thru-the-Bible** – For the reading schedule and information about monthly Q&A discussion sessions via Zoom, visit [stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education](http://stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education). You can jump in at any time!

**Daily Breath** – *Wednesdays, 9:00 AM.* These once-a-week online sessions provide a morning time of sharing, prayer, or music led by St. Paul's clergy, staff, or volunteer leaders. Visit [facebook.com/stpaulskensington](https://facebook.com/stpaulskensington) - no Facebook account required.

**Lydia Circle** – The Lydia Circle sisters meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Ladies who are interested should contact Susan Schwarz at [susan10748@aol.com](mailto:susan10748@aol.com) or 301-339-8242 for more information.

**Tuesday with Friends** – This group, open to all men and women, will meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 AM for fellowship and interesting lessons. Those who would like to stay for Taste & Sing will enjoy lunch afterwards. Contact Ginny Hagberg if you have questions: 301-770-7624.

**UMM Driver Service** – The United Methodist Men's group now offers a service to take adult St. Paul's members to medical-related appointments. A list of volunteer drivers is posted in the church office. Contact Rich Higgins at [rgh1954@verizon.net](mailto:rgh1954@verizon.net) if you have UMM questions.

**Assistance for Migrants** – We invite all who are able to support the work of Capitol Hill UMC in offering respite and resources to legal immigrants being bussed to Washington DC from Texas and Arizona. Please read more and find contact information at [stpaulsk.org/service/justice-and-compassion](http://stpaulsk.org/service/justice-and-compassion).

**Stephen Ministry** – Trained lay-people provide comfort to those who need a listening ear as they navigate life challenges like birth and death, job changes, divorce, illness, or depression. Contact Meg Baker ([mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org)) to learn more.

**Yarn Ministry** – Meeting by Zoom twice a month. All crafters welcome! Contact Karen Codner ([kdc811@gmail.com](mailto:kdc811@gmail.com)).

**Prayerwaves** – *Wednesdays, 10:00 AM by phone*. Pray with St. Paul's friends for our community and people around the world. Call 425-436-6326 at 9:55 AM. When prompted for the "access code," type in 774042 followed by #.



### 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](mailto: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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# St. Paul's Staff

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# Assisting with Worship

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## **Tech Team**

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## **Lay Leader**

Marge Higgins

## **Lay Readers**

Meg Baker - 9:00  
Jan Aamodt - 10:30

## **Advent Readers**

Lyn Walker  
Kathy Mullens  
Natalie Mullens  
Jackson Weaver

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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