



St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

Journeying Together Since 1885

9:00 & 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP

JANUARY 28, 2024

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 worship service today. More helpful information can be found following the order of worship.

Gathering for Worship

(- please stand in body or spirit)*

Announcements (10:30 AM only)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Prelude (10:30 AM only)

Prelude on Cwm Rhondda

Wilbur Held

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

Lay Reader

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, what hopes do you bring to worship?

People: We bring hope for health and wholeness.

Leader: What afflictions do you bring to worship? Physical pain?

People: From illness and injury.

Leader: Emotional pain?

People: From sad and scary life situations.

Leader: Mental pain?

People: From dis-ease of many kinds.

Leader: With all of these afflictions,

it's a miracle that any of us have made it to worship this morning!

People: But where else would we be? We yearn to know God's powerful love and to know that wholeness is possible.

Leader: In today's gospel, a person with an "afflicting spirit" interrupts Jesus,

People: and Jesus frees him.

Leader: And where does the miracle of his story and our stories begin?

**People: When we bring all of who we are —hopeful, afflicted, bold—
into relationship with the Divine.**

Leader: So come, let us enter this sanctuary with our whole selves:

ALL: —hopeful, afflicted and bold. Come, let us worship!

*Hymn #127 (9:00 & 10:30) *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Opening Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Speak with authority in our lives, Christ.

Speak to us, and to what is in us, so that we might be whole.

**Speak to us, with love, with hope, and with strength, so that we might hear you,
and know, deep inside, that we are your people, and that you are our God.**

Let it be so.

Pastoral Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Anthem (10:30 AM only) *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*
Sanctuary Choir

T. Frederick H. Candlyn

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high be near; Daystar in my heart appear.*

*Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.*

*Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, Radiancy Divine; scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day. Amen.*

Proclamation of the Word

Mark 1:21-28 NRSVUE (9:00 & 10:30)
Pew Bible: New Testament page 35

Lay Reader

²¹They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching — with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Response to the Word

*Hymn #528 (9:00 & 10:30)

Nearer, My God, to Thee

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30)

"Extra! Extra! Read All About It!"

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Offerings by check may be made out to St. Paul's UMC. Scan the QR code here 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.



Offertory (10:30 AM only)

Prière, Op. 47, No. 4

Alexandre Guilmant

*Doxology #94 (9:00 & 10:30)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Holy Communion (9:00 & 10:30)

The United Methodist Hymnal

The Invitation

Confession & Pardon (*UM Hymnal* p. 12)

Passing the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving (*UM Hymnal* p. 13-14)

The Lord's Prayer (*UM Hymnal*, #895)

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Bread & Cup (*Communion bread is gluten-free.*)

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

ALL: 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)

Prelude on Cwm Rhondda

Paul Manz



JOY

We celebrate the birth of
Juniper Bates Smartt, born January 19, 2024,
daughter of Micah & Holly Smartt.

SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathies to the family of
Becky Little
following her death at age 106 on January 21, 2024.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers today are given by the Dean family in celebration of
Karter Dean's 13th birthday.



COMING UP

Drop-in office hours: Monday–Thursday, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Staff & clergy available other times by appointment!

We follow Montgomery County Schools for weather-related delays and closures.

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Sunday, February 4, 2024

9:00 AM and 10:30 AM



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly News – Visit stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news or scan the QR code to find all the announcements and event details shared in our Weekly News. For questions about announcements, please contact Erin Steele in the church office (stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org).



Featured Events and Upcoming Activities

- **“This Is Us”** – *New date! Sunday, February 11.* Church leaders will hold a congregation-wide meeting on Feb. 11 following the 10:30 worship service to share key points from the pastors’ “This Is Us” report, and share survey responses. Please find the link to the document and the survey at stpaulsk.org.
- **Pancake Breakfast** – *Saturday, Feb. 3.* Serving hours 8:00-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and other breakfast treats with members of the community. Suggested donation \$20/family of four.
<https://stpaulsk.org/community/pancake-breakfast>
- **Memorial Service for Jim Smith** – *Saturday, February 3 at 12:00 noon.* All friends and family are invited to a celebration of the life and faith of Mr. James (Jim) Smith, Jr. in the Sanctuary at St. Paul’s. A reception time off-site will follow.
- **Drumming the Beloved Community** – *Wednesday, February 7, 7:00-8:00 PM, Sanctuary.* Guest leader and renowned drummer Katy Gaughan leads a contemplative prayer

form using the rhythm of drums. No experience necessary; drums provided or bring your own. Free; donations welcome. stpaulsk.org/worship/still-wednesday

- **Lenten Study Classes** – *Sign up now-February 11*. During Lent, special study opportunities include an in-person class led by Mike McCurry, in-person book group led by Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen, and an online Zoom class led by Dr. Meg Baker. stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education
- **Pastor Joey Renewal Leave** – Rev. Joey Heath-Mason is on Sabbath Renewal time and will return to St. Paul's on Easter Sunday. Read more at stpaulsk.org/we-are-all-about/the-pastors-page

Welcome! – **Restrooms** including a family restroom with changing table can be found past the church office, near the water fountain. **Children** in grades K-5 will be in Sunday School starting in the Chapel at 10:30 today; families with infants and preschoolers may make use of the Nursery on the second floor. To receive Sunday School updates by email, contact Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org. **Large print Bibles and Hymnals** are available from our ushers. **T-coil hearing aids** work in our Sanctuary. **Say Hello!** Please use the attendance pads in the pews to share your name and note your attendance with us today. **Masks** are optional in St. Paul's spaces. Please read more at stpaulsk.org/worship.





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Children's Choir Director: Christina Griffin

Lay Leader: Anne Dean

Usher Coordinator: Nathan Bazawada

Lay Readers: Deanna Hodgson (9:00); Debbie Zechar (10:30)

