



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

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

NOVEMBER 2, 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. Sheridan Allmond

Prelude

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (10:30 only)
Adorn Thyself, O Dear Soul

Max Reger

*Call to Worship

Lay Reader

Leader: God of love, we gather surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.

All: Blessed and upheld with all the saints, we praise you.

Leader: We come at Christ's invitation, with the poor and the outcast.

All: Healed and made new with all the saints, we thank you.

Leader: We shine with the gifts of your Spirit.

All: Gifted and anointed with all the saints, we serve you.

In gratitude and joy, with all the saints, we worship you!

*Hymn #711

For All the Saints

Opening Prayer

Lay Reader

God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for all the saints who have gone before us. We open our hearts that you may fill us with the light that filled them, that we may live with the love they lived with, that we may take our place among the communion of saints who serve you, blessed and led by your Word in Christ. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

Proclamation of the Word

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 (NRSVUE)

Lay Reader

Pew Bible – New Testament page 203

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

²Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Response to the Word

Children's Message

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

*Hymn #712

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Invitation to Discipleship and Giving

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

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)

The Saints of God
Sanctuary Choir

James Bassi

*The saints of God, their conflict past, and life's long battle won at last,
No more they need the shield or sword; they cast themselves before their Lord:
O happy saints, forever blest, at Jesus' feet how safe your rest.*

*The saints of God, their wanderings done, no more their weary course they run,
No more they faint, no more they fall, no foes oppress, no fears appall:
O happy saints, forever blest, in that dear home how sweet your rest.*

*The saints of God, life's voyage o'er, safe landed on that blissful short,
No stormy tempests now they dread, no roaring billows lift their head:
O happy saints, forever blest, in that calm haven of your rest.*

*The saints of God their vigil keep, while yet their mortal bodies sleep,
Till from the dust they too shall rise and soar triumphant to the skies.
O happy saints, rejoice and sing: He quickly comes, your Lord and King!*

*Doxology #94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

Honoring the Saints

Each member of the church who has died in the past year will now be named. As the roll is called, you are invited to stand in body or spirit, in silent remembrance of these departed persons who were members of your family or who were influential in your spiritual journey. Each name will be followed by a single toll of the bell. The All Saints Memorial Bulletin features photographs of St. Paul's members named here today, as well as the names of constituents and family members who died in the past calendar year and who we honor today.

Roll Call of the Saints
November 1, 2024 – October 26, 2025

William P. “Bill” Butz

Melinda Fox Proctor

Susie Propes

Larry D. Shinn

Byron Zeigler

The names of beloved family and constituents will not be called individually, but all who hold them in their hearts are invited to stand in collective solidarity as the bell tolls a final time.

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion

The Invitation, Confession & Pardon

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

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Bread & Cup

All communion bread is gluten-free.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 #525

We'll Understand It Better By and By

*Benediction and Dismissal

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Postlude (10:30 only)

*Placre Christe servulis
O Christ, Forgive Thy Servants*

Marcel Dupré



Please visit the Octagon following the 10:30 worship service for a Sipping Ministry time of coffee, snacks, and fellowship.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers are given today by the congregation in celebration and appreciation of
Pastor Sheridan and Pastor Joey.

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Sunday, November 9, 2025

9:00 AM – Worship with Communion

10:30 AM – Worship with 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, November 2.* All children will be in worship with their families on the first Sunday of the month. Childcare for pre-K and younger ages is available in the Nursery on the second floor. Busy bags with quiet children's activities can be

borrowed from the Welcome Desk. Students in grades K-5 will be in Sunday School at 10:30 AM next week; 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: Sipping Ministry** – *Sunday, Nov. 2.* Visit the Octagon after the 10:30 worship service for coffee, treats, and fellowship. To host a Sipping Ministry, sign up on the office bulletin board and take a “how to” instruction sheet.
- **New: Care During a Shut-down** – We know that members of our St. Paul’s community are facing extra challenges due to the current government shut-down. We want to remind everyone that grocery resources are available to members of St. Paul’s, regardless of your ZIP code, on a short-term or ongoing basis. For needs that are outside of our own programs, we can often provide contact information for other organizations set up to provide assistance. Sometimes spiritual care feels as important as meeting practical needs; please reach out to Pastor Sheridan (sallmond@stpaulsk.org) or Pastor Joey (joeyhm@stpaulsk.org) or call 301-933-7933 to arranger for pastoral care.
- **Today: Apple Sale** – Apples will be available for sale after church as supplies allow – cash, check, or pay using the QR code with your mobile device. Find your new favorite apple or enjoy well-known and heirloom apples fresh from Scenic View Orchard, plus apple sauce, apple butter, or cider! The fall apple sale is sponsored by the United Methodist Men.
- **Today: Chains of Oppression** – This November we are acknowledging the chains that oppress in our world. Each Sunday, please take a paper slip and write an example of oppression that’s on your heart. We’ll link them together throughout the month and then, on Christ the King Sunday, we’ll symbolically break the chains. Slips can be dropped in the tray in Narthex or the offering plates.
- **Today: Grocery Donations Needed** – Please consider donating to St. Paul’s year-round ministry to provide grocery resources for households in our ZIP code. With extra pressure on our government-backed safety-net systems and the current federal shut-down, we anticipate an increase in local need. While we accept donations of all non-perishables in good condition, here is our list of most-needed pantry staples: Box of breakfast cereal, Instant oatmeal, Canned Chicken Breast, Canned Tuna (or other fish), Peanut Butter, Soup, Rice, Beans, Pasta, Pasta Sauce in can or plastic jar, Canned

Vegetables, Fruit including applesauce in cans or plastic jars, Mac & Cheese, Shelf-stable cartons of milk, oat milk, or nut milk, Ground coffee, Cooking oil (vegetable oil, canola oil, etc.). Please remember, no items past their use by / sell by date, and no glass containers. (Glass breaks and creates a hazard.) Items may be placed in the bins in the Narthex near the office door. Financial donations marked for “Hunger Ministry” also help us provide recipients with grocery store gift cards, enabling them to buy fresh or frozen meat, dairy, produce, or hygiene products. You can find more details at stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry. Thank you for contributing as you are able to serve community needs beyond the walls of St. Paul’s!

- **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.
- **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.





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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); Willa Stalcup (10:30 AM)

Bell Ringer: Jim Heins



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.

