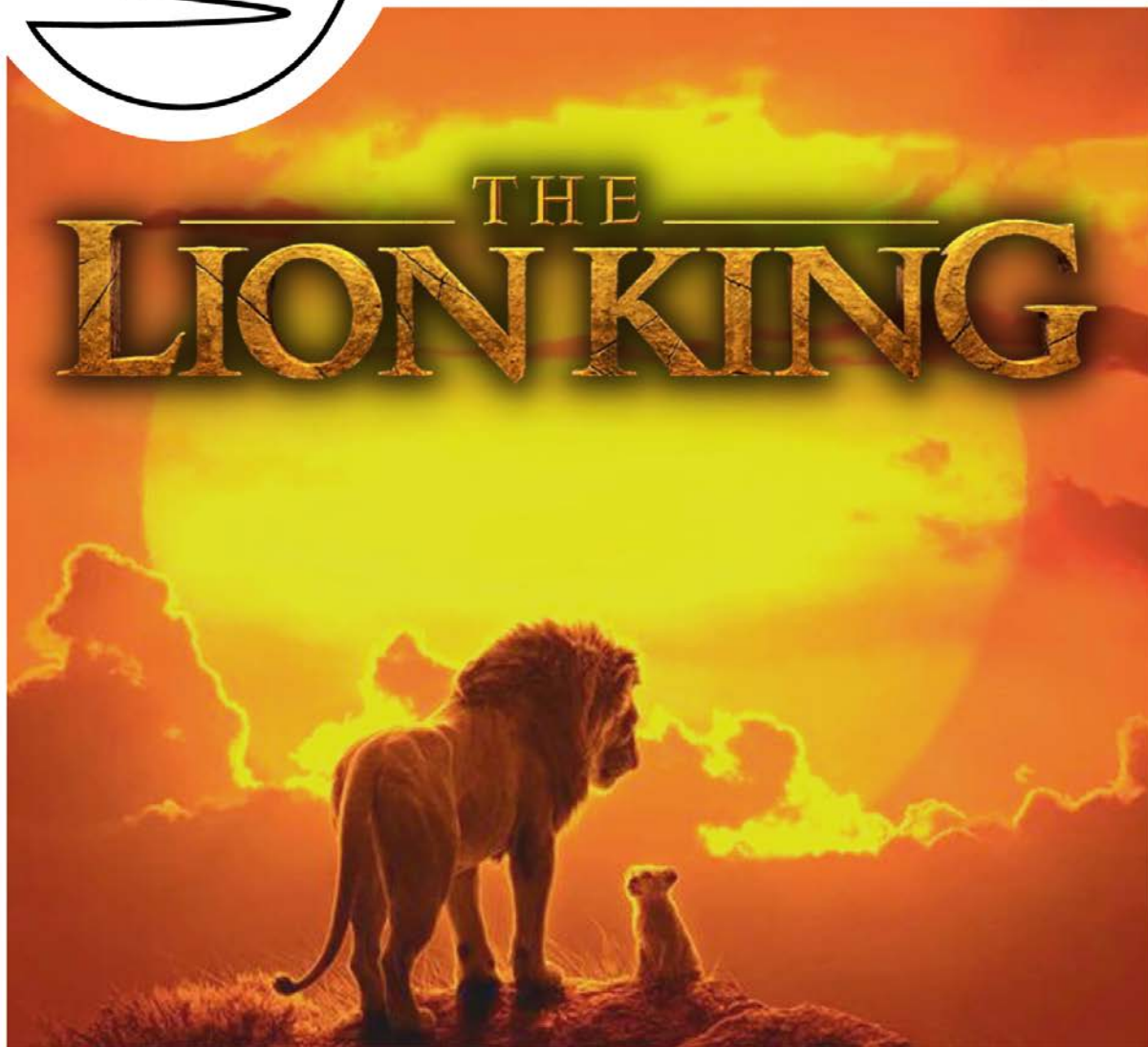




St. Paul's

GOES TO DISNEY



January 30, 2022

10:30 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

JANUARY 30, 2022

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.

Due to covid-related concerns, there will be no in-person worship service offered in January. Thank you for worshiping with us online at stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home. We will resume in-person worship in the Sanctuary at 9:00 and 10:30 on February 6. Other announcements and more helpful information can be found on the following pages.

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

*Prelude on UNSER HERRSCHER
from Chorale Improvisations, Set I*

Paul Manz

Centering Prayer

God, like a bakerwoman, you bring the leaven which causes our hopes to rise. With your strong and gentle hands, shape our lives. Warm us with your love. Take our common lives and touch them with your grace, that we many nourish hope among humanity. We pray trusting in your name, through Jesus our Christ. Amen.

Hymn #578

God of Love and God of Power

*Verse 1: God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour
Grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.*

*Verse 2: We are not the first to be banished by our fears from thee;
Give us courage, let us hear heaven's trumpets ringing clear.*

God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

Verse 3: All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty;
Slaves are we whene'er we share that devotion anywhere.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

Verse 4: God of love and God of power, make us worthy at this hour;
Offering lives if that's thy will, keeping free our spirits still.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

Proclamation of the Word

First Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (The Message)

This is what God said: "Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you: A prophet to the nations — that's what I had in mind for you." But I said, "Hold it, Master God! Look at me. I don't know anything. I'm only a boy!" God told me, "Don't say, 'I'm only a boy.' I'll tell you where to go and you'll go there. I'll tell you what to say and you'll say it. Don't be afraid of a soul. I'll be right there, looking after you." God reached out, touched my mouth, and said, "Look! I've just put my words in your mouth — hand-delivered! See what I've done? I've given you a job to do among nations and governments — a red-letter day! Your job is to pull up and tear down take apart and demolish, and then start over, building and planting."

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 4:21-30 (NRSV)

²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'"²⁴ And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years

and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Hymn

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. Marvin Mills

Verse 1: I want Jesus to walk with me (repeat);
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Verse 2: In my trials, Lord, walk with me (repeat);
When the shades of life are falling, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Verse 3: In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me (repeat);
When my heart within is aching, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Sermon

*St. Paul's Goes to Disney:
Learnings from The Lion King*

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Response to the Word and Sending Forth

Thanksgiving for Our Gifts

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Hymn

I Know the Lord's Laid His Hand on Me

Verse 1: O I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me.
Did ever you see the like before;
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me;
King Jesus preaching to the poor?
I know the Lord has laid his hand on me.

Verse 2: O I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me.
O wasn't that a happy day;
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me;
When Jesus washed my sins away?
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me.

Verse 3: O I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me.
Some seek the Lord and don't seek him right;
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me;
They fool all day and pray all night.
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me.

Verse 4: O I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me.
My Lord's done just what he said;
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me;
He's healed the sick and raised the dead.
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me.

Benediction and Dismissal

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
from Spiritual Suite for Organ

Calvin Taylor



UPCOMING WORSHIP

February 6, 2022

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary, in person

Online worship livestreaming at 10:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen, preaching

"St. Paul's Goes to Disney: Finding Nemo"

Luke 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11



*St. Paul's Sunday 10:30 AM worship services are streamed through
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and Upcoming Events

Martha Circle – *Wednesday, Feb. 2, 10:30 AM*. Martha Circle ladies plan to hold meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM starting in February and following months while the covid situation and church policies allow. All ladies

interested may contact coordinator Ginny Hagberg (mdcatlover@aol.com, 301-770-7624) for updates.

J&C Movie Night: *Hidden Figures* – *Saturday, Feb. 5, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall.* All are welcome at this family friendly movie night hosted by St. Paul's Justice & Compassion Team. We'll watch the hit feature film *Hidden Figures*, about the Black women whose mathematical calculations made it possible for NASA's early space flights to succeed. Childcare is available upon request; email Travis Stalcup at justice@stpaulsunited.org for childcare.

Renovation Update – The conversations between the contractors and the church have concluded! Soon (yes, soon) you will receive information about the start date of the renovation. Please know that the renovation will require some major adjustments on the parts of staff and the congregation. Access to the building will be restricted; staff will be working from home as necessary; and worship will be impacted. We pray for your understanding and patience as we navigate these changes, so that we may complete the renovation in as timely a manner as possible. You will receive more specific information once it is finalized. Please visit our Renovation page at stpaulsk.org/community/renovation for more details.

SPYs Return with Everyone's Birthday Party! – *Sunday, Feb. 6; Middle School 4:30-6:00 PM, High School 7:00-8:30 PM.* To welcome everyone back to in-person programming, we're planning one of our favorite events for February 6 - Everyone's Birthday Party! If we were to celebrate each birthday as it came up, we'd be celebrating birthdays almost every week. Instead, we save them all up and celebrate every birthday on the same day. No need to bring anything other than yourself, your mask, and a bottle of water in case you get thirsty! Stay safe! Contact Micah Smartt at msmartt@stpaulsk.org with questions or visit stpaulsk.org/community/youth.

Pastoral Leave – Pastor Kate will begin a time of rest and restoration Friday January 28, 2022 through Saturday February 19, 2022. During that time all pastoral care concerns should be directed to Pastor Pat. Beginning Thursday March 3, 2022 through Tuesday May 31, 2022 Pastor Pat will be on Sabbath Renewal Leave. Every seven years, clergy are entitled to request up to ninety (90) days of renewal leave. Pastor Pat is in her fifteenth year of pastoral ministry and, at the encouragement and approval of our District Superintendent Rev. Gerry Green and St. Paul's SPRC, is availing herself

to this opportunity. During her absence, Pastor Kate will lead the congregation. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Pastor Pat.

Wednesday Study: *When Strivings Cease* – *Wednesdays, 4:00 PM, Zoom.* Our Wednesday Bible Study is back in session! All are welcome as we journey through *When Strivings Cease: Replacing the Gospel of Self-Improvement with the Gospel of Life-Transforming Grace* by Ruth Chou Simons. After a time of welcome and prayer, we delve into the study, watching the week's video segment, followed by a time of both open and guided discussion. Participants are welcome to join this six-week study on a regular or drop-in basis (Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84496369587>). For more information, please contact Dr. Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org, 301-933-7933 ext. 104.

Saturday Morning Bible Study – *Saturdays, 10:00-11:00 AM, Zoom.* We are once again offering weekly gatherings featuring the videos, studies, and podcasts from The Bible Project (www.bibleproject.com). All are welcome! The group meets from 10:00-11:00 a.m. (please note earlier time!) on Saturdays (Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86967492600>). For more information, please contact Dr. Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org, 301-933-7933 ext. 104.

Coffee Hour Returns! – *Sunday, February 13, after 10:30 AM worship.* Justice & Compassion will host a time for coffee and cookies following the 10:30 AM service on February 13. J&C will serve coffee from Black Acres Roastery, a Black-owned roaster in the Station North district of Baltimore.

Better Humans Book Club – *Meeting February 24 at 7:00 PM by Zoom.* Start reading now! The Better Humans Book Club will discuss *My People, My People, My God*, by Rev. Don Marbury, senior pastor of Ebenezer AME Church in Hagerstown, MD. Email Travis Stalcup at justice@stpaulsk.org for the Zoom invite.

Read Through The Bible – *Ongoing.* Pastor Pat and Pastor Kate are offering the entire congregation the opportunity to read through the Bible together over the next two years. There is a reading schedule at stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education or look in the Epistle. A monthly Q&A session over Zoom will allow everyone to discuss the readings, ask questions, and share your discoveries. Email Pastor Kate at kfulton@stpaulsk.org for the Zoom log in.

Save the Date: SPY Retreats and Summer Trips – All youth and friends of St. Paul's in grades 6-12 are welcome on retreat. Senior High Retreat dates are March 4-6; Middle High Retreat dates are March 18 – 20. We will follow all covid precautions established by West River and the BWC Camping & Retreat policies. Our dates for hiking through God's creation on the Appalachian Trail with Wilderness Trail are July 26 - July 31. Contact Micah at msmartt@stpaulsk.org or look for sign-up information in the SPY email news!

Save the Date: Still Weekend Retreat – April 8-10 at the Dayspring Retreat Center in Germantown, MD. This is also a wonderful opportunity for time in nature (a lake, pond and hiking trails, meadow, and labyrinth on 250 acres). Specific details will be available from our Still Wednesday leaders soon!

Hunger Ministry – Over 100 families rely on our Hunger Ministry each month. Our volunteers make this program possible! Thank you! To volunteer, email Dawn Ely at hunger@stpaulsk.org and she'll send you the sign-up link. Donations of non-perishable pantry staples are appreciated! Place groceries in the bins in the Narthex any time the building is open. Your monetary donations help us provide bulk groceries and supermarket gift cards so families can buy perishables and hygiene items. To donate, visit stpaulsk.org/giving or make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC with "Hunger Ministry" on the memo line. Thank you!

Announcements: Ongoing Activities

Office Hours and Inclement Weather Policies – Although in-person worship is canceled for January, we plan for the church office to be open as scheduled, Mon-Thurs, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. Masks are required and appointments are strongly recommended. For weekday inclement weather, St. Paul's follows Montgomery County Public Schools announcements for students. When county schools are running on a 2-hour delay, our offices will open at 12:00 noon. When schools are closed, the office and building will also be closed and staff may be unavailable.

Daily Breath – *Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 AM*. Live online sessions are designed to help keep us calm and connected during covid-19, and provide a time of sharing, prayer, or music led by St. Paul's clergy and staff. Visit facebook.com/stpaulskensington.

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.

Lydia Circle – All interested ladies should contact Susan Schwarz (susan10748@aol.com or 301-339-8242) for the latest news about meetings.

Yarn Ministry – We are now meeting 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 #.

Stephen Ministry – Trained lay-people provide comfort to those who need a listening ear as they navigate life’s challenges. Contact Pastor Kate (kfulton@stpaulsk.org) or Virginia Bickford (301-598-5496) to learn more.

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. 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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situation evolves and we
work to keep everyone as
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for your understanding!*

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Travis Stalcup

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Masks required. Appointments encouraged.
