



# St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

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October 30, 2022

10:30 A.M.

# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 30, 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

Lay Leader

Prelude

*Aria from Delaware Suite*

David Schelat

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

Lay Reader

Leader: Night comes early. Darkness surrounds us.  
The cool night air makes us shiver.

**ALL: Lord, we know your light shines brighter in the darkness.**

Leader: Fear shows its poisonous fangs, paralyzing our progress forward.

**ALL: Lord, we know your love casts out all fear.**

Leader: We set our jaw and face our fear striking out on a path less travelled.

**ALL: Lord, we know we are not alone for you are always with us.**

Leader: May the light of Christ, the love of God,  
and the presence of the Holy Spirit surround you always.

**ALL: Amen and Amen!**

\*Hymn #730

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

Opening Prayer

Lay Reader

**Almighty God, in whom is no darkness at all, grant us your light perpetually, and when we cannot see the way before us, may we continue to put our hope in you. May we be guided and guarded by your love, so that we may be kept from falling, this day and all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Anthems

*Allegro Agitato*

Michael Helman

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

## **Proclamation of the Word**

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Lay Reader

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;

therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>1</sup>I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me

and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time;

it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them,

but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

Luke 19:1-10

Lay Reader

<sup>1</sup>He entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup>A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup>So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup>All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup>Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded

anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn #534

Be Still My Soul

Sermon

“The Great Pumpkin”

Mr. Micah Smartt

## Response to the Word

Invitation to Giving

Mr. Micah Smartt

Offertory

*Let Your Faith Be Stronger Than Your Fear*

Tom Trenney

Sanctuary Choir with Anna Philips Brown, soprano

*In the deserts of your life, I'll not desert you. I will make a way beside a flowing stream.*

*Through the valley, do not fear, for I am with you; my rod and staff to comfort and redeem.*

*In the darkness of your life I will not leave you. In the shadow I'm your light, your lamp, your sun.*

*I will be the star that shines above to guide you, a light unto your path to lead you on.*

*Do not be afraid, I go before you. Do not be afraid, I am by your side.*

*Be still and know that I am with you. Let your faith be stronger than your fear.*

*When you're weary, when you're faint I will be with you. I will raise you up to soar on eagle's wings.*

*I will be the joy that seeks you through your sorrow. Unending hope my resurrection brings.*

*When the storms of life assail, I will uphold you. I will strengthen you; I'll be the help you need.*

*Though the waters rage and foam, fear not, I'm with you. I am the way, the truth, the life, indeed!*

\*Hymn #94

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFRUEN

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion

*Responses will be sung using the United Methodist Hymnal starting on p. 17 (Musical Setting A).*

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: 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: *(Hymnal p. 17)* **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: *(Hymnal p. 18)* **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: *(Hymnal p. 18)* **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The United Methodist Hymnal, #895

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread & Cup

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

Prayer after Receiving

**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 #374

Standing on the Promises

\*Benediction and Dismissal

Mr. Micah Smartt

Postlude

*Marsch* from *The Love for Three Oranges*

Serge Prokofiev/Guillou



WORSHIP NEXT WEEK, NOVEMBER 6, 2022 – ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

9:00 & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Hebrews 11:1-13, 13:1-3

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason, preaching



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

9:00 AM – 30

10:30 AM – 79

Online – 37

Total – 146



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by **the Graff/Hauser family**  
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*St. Paul's Sunday 10:30 AM worship services are streamed through*  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### News and Upcoming Events

**Today: Organ Demonstration** – *Sunday, Oct. 30, 11:45 AM.* Following the 10:30 worship service, organist Marvin Mills will offer an up-close view of St. Paul's remarkable pipe organ in the Sanctuary and will feature music for Halloween.

**Today: Children's Programming** – *Sunday, Oct. 30.* Children should join their families in the Sanctuary at 10:30 AM as there are no Sunday School classes today. Fifth Sunday, One Community is an opportunity to bring together all of our worshipers, young and old. Childcare for infants and preschoolers is available in the 2nd floor Nursery and children's "busy bags" are available at the Welcome Desk. For details about Sunday School programming, contact Dr. Meg Baker ([mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org)).

**Today: SPY Halloween Hoopla** – *Oct. 30. Middle School meets 4:30-6:00 PM; High School meets 7:00-8:30 PM.* All friends of St. Paul's in middle and high school grades are invited to today's Halloween party. We'll watch movies, make Halloween-themed crafts, and enjoy snacks. Enter the MPR through the back door on Fawcett Street. Questions? Contact Mr. Micah Smartt, [msmartt@stpaulsk.org](mailto:msmartt@stpaulsk.org).

**Today: Apple Sale** – *Oct. 30, 11:30 AM-5:00 PM.* Visit the UMM's "apple stand" for a variety of local apples, apple cider, apple butter, and applesauce. Pre-orders may be picked up today; walk-up customers may make purchases using cash or check.

**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: Renovation News** – Visit [stpaulsk.org/community/renovation](http://stpaulsk.org/community/renovation) for more info!

- *Now Open:* Men's, Women's, and Family restrooms in the office wing near the Library are fully functional. There is a water fountain with a bottle filling station in the office wing. The Octagon and serving room are open. The pick-up/drop-off shelf in the main office is available for small items. The Memorial Garden is accessible using the sidewalk from Armory Avenue.
- *Out of Service:* Parking lot areas closest to the church, the parking lot door, and nearby sidewalks are unavailable. Some minor repairs and cosmetic work remain. Phones are disconnected; new phones will be installed in the coming weeks.
- *Weekdays:* The church office is open Monday-Thursday, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Please use the Mitchell St. door. Appointments encouraged; email your clergy and staff!

**Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the UMC** – Elected delegates of the Northeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church will gather in College Park, MD, Nov. 2-5, to see to the business of the entire jurisdiction. Pastor Pat is privileged to serve as the Local Host Chairperson, caring for all the details that make up the conference experience for attendees. As a result, Pastor Pat will be away from St. Paul's Oct. 30 through Nov. 9. Rev. Joey Heath-Mason will care for the church during that time. Please pray for all who will be present at the conference as we seek to do the work God desires.

**The Craft Fair Is Coming!** – Nov. 6 & 13 after worship; additional hours TBA. The annual St. Paul's Craft Fair features all types of crafts donated by St. Paul's members and friends. Proceeds from past craft fairs have supported numerous local and international charities. This year, funds from will stay closer to home and support St. Paul's ministries. Income from craft sales will be matched up to \$1,000 by an anonymous donor. If you would like to donate handmade items, have questions, or need help with craft pick-up, contact Karen Codner ([kdc811@gmail.com](mailto:kdc811@gmail.com)) or Mary Revenis ([mrevenis@cnmc.org](mailto:mrevenis@cnmc.org)).

**Personal Hygiene Items Drive** – Nov. 6-20. St. Paul's Justice and Compassion group welcomes donations of personal hygiene items for Asylee Women Enterprise (AWE). AWE provides wrap-around services and support to asylum seekers resettling in the



Baltimore area, with priority given to women and children. Bring donations to the Narthex, Nov. 6-20 during church hours. Requested items include: deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, hairbrushes, diapers, pull-ups, baby wipes, and maxi pads (all sizes).

**Sipping Ministry** – *Nov. 20, after 10:30 worship.* J&C will host a Thanksgiving-themed Sipping Ministry (formerly known as “coffee hour”). No, there won't be gravy for your coffee, but there will be warm cider and homemade sweets for all to enjoy!

**Special Consecration Sunday Worship** – *Nov. 20, one service only at 10:30 AM.* Our long-awaited renovations are nearly completed, and for that we give God praise! To honor and celebrate this achievement, November 20, 2022, has been deemed Consecration Sunday. We will have only one service at 10:30 AM. Our District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Gerard Green, will be our guest preacher and will consecrate all the renovated spaces. Please join us as we give thanks for what God and God’s faithful servants have done.

**Holiday Giving Tree** – To make this holiday season brighter for those with limited means, St. Paul’s will hold a Giving Tree gift drive. Look for the Giving Tree to be set up in the Narthex on *Nov. 20*. We will provide wrapped gifts or Target gift cards, along with a goody bag of cookies and cocoa, to Hunger Ministry families and those referred to us by our partners at the Montgomery Co. Dept. of Health & Human Services Holiday Giving Project. If you would like to volunteer for organizing gifts on *Dec. 11* or helping distribute to the families on *Dec. 12*, please contact Pastor Pat [pallen@stpaulsk.org](mailto:pallen@stpaulsk.org).

**Community Pancake Breakfast** – The UMM group is planning a Pancake Breakfast on *Dec. 3*. Although the UMM holds the breakfast, everyone from throughout the community will enjoy the pancakes and other breakfast foods, and proceeds benefit St. Paul's and regional charities. We can only hold this event if we can secure a sufficient number of volunteers! There are plenty of volunteer spots for men, women, youth, and even families. Please contact Jerry Watkins ([j50.09w@verizon.net](mailto:j50.09w@verizon.net)) to find out more.

**Masks Optional** – Masks are now optional in nearly all St. Paul's spaces. (Masks are still required for staff & volunteers working in the Nursery.) 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 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).

**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 continue to serve hungry families in the 20895 ZIP code. New volunteers and those able to step in month-by-month are welcome! Email [hunger@stpaulsk.org](mailto:hunger@stpaulsk.org). Find the grocery items we need at [stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry](http://stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry). To make a financial donation, visit [stpaulsk.org/giving](http://stpaulsk.org/giving) or make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC with "Hunger Ministry" on the memo line.

**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.

**Wednesday Bible Study: Sermon Safari** – *Wednesdays Nov. 2, 9, 16, 4:00-5:00 PM by Zoom.* For this Sermon Discussion Group, each session includes viewing a video sermon and then discussing and responding to the message. This is a no-prep, no-stress, come-when-you-can opportunity! To participate contact Dr. Meg Baker at [mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org).

**Second Saturday Bible Study** – *Nov. 12, 10:00-11:00 AM.* Join this drop-in gathering for videos, discussion, and study using guides from The Bible Project. Contact Dr. Meg Baker ([mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org)) for the Zoom link.

**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.

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

**Assistance for Migrants** – The UMC's Baltimore-Washington Conference invites 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).

**Lay Readers Wanted** – You can assist with worship at 9:00 AM by serving as a lay reader. Go to [stpaulsk.org/community/calendar-events](http://stpaulsk.org/community/calendar-events) to sign up, or contact Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org if you have questions.

**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) to learn more.

**Yarn Ministry** – Meeting by Zoom 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 #.



**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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Nathan Bazawada

## **Lay Leader**

Marge Higgins

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Appointments encouraged! Please use staff email addresses.

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