



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

TRINITY SUNDAY AND EDUCATIONAL AWARD & SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

10:30 AM

MAY 31, 2026

Thank you for worshipping 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. Joey Heath-Mason

Prelude (10:30 AM)

Prelude on NICAEA

Calvin Hampton

*Call to Worship

Lay Reader

Leader: On this Trinity Sunday, we come to praise the Triune God – Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit!

People: We praise God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

Leader: We come to wade into the depths of the divine mystery of God, the One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

People: We seek an ever-deepening faith in God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

Leader: We come to witness the interconnectedness of the Triune God, to marvel at the divine dance of partnership and cooperation.

People: We receive the invitation to join the divine dance of God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

Leader: Come, let us worship the Triune God – Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit!

People: Come, let us worship the Triune God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

Opening Prayer

Lay Reader

**Creator God, when you call us to the mountain we worship you even as we doubt.
We recognize that you have authority given to you even as we doubt.
You challenge us to go and make disciples even as we doubt.
You are with us even as we doubt.
Lord, let us receive your word today with the confidence to walk with you in all
things. Let us have ears to hear, eyes to see, and the courage to follow you.
Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

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.**

Proclamation of the Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20 (NRSVUE)

Lay Reader

Pew Bible – New Testament page 34

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Response to the Word

Educational Award and Senior Recognition

The Jim Smith Educational Award for 2026

Jonathan Smith, Ari Woldeab

Jonah Chen

High School Senior Recognition 2025-2026

Grace Graham, Anne Rush

Alexandra Bond

Jonah Chen

Charlotte DeLong

James Fitzpatrick

Libby Heaton

Casey Ruhlen

R.J. Soderstrum

Aidan Waner

Kyla Winter

Stella Yeskey

*Hymn #389

Freely, Freely

Sermon

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

Invitation to Discipleship & Giving

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

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 work engaging in meaningful worship and vibrant ministry in our community.



Offertory

Roll Down, Justice
Sanctuary Choir

Mark A. Miller

*There's a voice strong and clear, ringing out far and near,
"Let justice roll down, let justice roll down!"
Like the rush of a stream comes a powerful dream,
Let justice roll down, justice rolls down!*

*Let the earth be restored, every soul be reformed,
Let the healing renew, creation reborn.
Here in this sacred space with the strength of God's grace,
Let justice roll down, justice rolls down!*

*Roll down! Roll down, justice!
Roll like an ever-flowing stream.*

*Let your heart soar, open the doors wide,
Let your mind be transformed, let it be opened by love.*

*On this glorious day give courage, we pray,
That justice rolls down, let justice roll down.
Let this vision take flight and God will delight,
As the waters flow down, justice abounds!*

*Roll down! Roll down, justice!
Roll like an ever-flowing stream.*

*Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace.
Streams of justice, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.*

*Roll down! Roll down, justice!
Roll like an ever-flowing stream.*

*Doxology #94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Sending Forth

*Hymn #670

Go Forth for God

*Benediction and Dismissal

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

Postlude

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers are given today by the congregation of St. Paul's
in celebration of our graduating seniors.

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Sunday, June 7, 2026

9:00 AM – Worship with Communion

10:30 AM – Worship with Communion and 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. You can also find the submission buttons to share news and announcements.



Welcome! – Today we gather at 10:30 AM for “Fifth Sunday, One Community,” a single worship service for all friends of St. Paul’s, held when a month has five Sundays. **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!** Please use the attendance pads in the pews to share your name and note your attendance with us today. Read more at stpaulsk.org/worship.

Office Hours – St. Paul’s office is typically open for weekday drop-in visits and phone calls Monday-Thursday, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We encourage appointments since staff hours vary! If you have a pastoral emergency when the office is closed, please call the emergency line for Rev. Sheridan Allmond (410-205-5568) and she will be notified of your call.

Sunday School – *May 31*. The Sunday School programming year has come to an end! All children in grades K-5 will worship in the Sanctuary with their families. If you would be interested in helping to lead Summer Sunday School activities, please contact Rev. Joey Heath-Mason (joeym@stpaulsk.org). Nursery care is available for children in Pre-K and younger during the 10:30 worship hour. Busy Bags with quiet children’s activities are available at the Welcome Desk near the front doors. Restless friends (accompanied by an adult) are welcome to take a break in the Octagon or the Library near the restrooms.

Peace with Justice Sunday Special Offering – *May 31*. One of our denomination’s six Special Sundays, Peace with Justice Sunday calls the church to strengthen its capacity to advocate publicly and care for underserved communities throughout the world. When you give, you

support UMC Peace with Justice programs like these recent grant recipients: Book Blessings in Calhoun, Georgia providing free books to elementary students learning English; Helping Our Neighbors in Kalamazoo, Michigan providing cell phones for people transitioning out of homelessness to make medical appointments or set up job interviews; and the Summer Arts camp at United Methodist Church of the Redeemer in Temple Hills, Maryland offering a safe, supportive, creative space for lower-income youth during the summer months. To donate, use the envelope in the worship bulletin or give online at stpaulsk.org/giving.

Events, Activities, and Information

- **Today: Spaghetti Lunch** – *Sunday, May 31, serving 11:30-12:45.* The SPY spaghetti lunch fundraiser is here! Support youth activities by dining in the fellowship hall after worship! Tickets are available at the door, \$10 each cash or by credit card using the QR code. The youth families will be serving spaghetti with vegetarian marinara sauce or meatballs, salad, garlic bread, dessert, tea, coffee, and lemonade.
- **Today: *The Librarians* Film Screening and Book Drive** – *Sunday, May 31, 12:00 noon.* Come to the Octagon following worship for a special screening of the award-winning documentary *The Librarians*, exploring the critical role librarians play in protecting access to information and intellectual freedom in their communities. (Yes, you can bring your plate of spaghetti downstairs and eat while you watch the film!) We are still gladly welcoming gently used books for our book drive to support the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County.
- **Today: The Jim Smith Educational Award** – The Jim Smith Educational Award, presented in worship today, is named in memory of St. Paul's late member and teacher James B. Smith, Jr. This modest financial award, presented each year since 1989 to one or more of our graduating high school seniors, is our way of saying, "We are proud of you, praying for you, and behind you as you move toward college, university, or other post-secondary education!" Help keep the Jim Smith Educational Award strong for years to come by donating using the Miscellaneous option at stpaulsk.org/giving and entering "Ed Award" as the designated cause, or by check made out to St. Paul's UMC with "Ed Award" on the memo line.
- **Today: SPY Schedule** – *Sunday, May 31.* St. Paul's Youth will be hard at work in the kitchen for today's fundraiser lunch. SPYs will not meet tonight, May 31. We plan to meet at our usual time 7:00-8:30 PM on June 7 & 14 before breaking for the summer. All friends of St. Paul's in grades 6-12 are invited for fellowship, fun activities, Bible study, and food! Contact Pastor Sheridan at sallmond@stpaulsk.org with questions. Go to stpaulsk.org/community/youth for the full meeting schedule.



- **This Week: Lydia Circle Sisters** – *Wednesday, June 3*. The final meeting of the season for the Lydia Circle will be a special luncheon at the Suley home. Any ladies who wish to join should contact Susan Schwarz at 301-339-8242 or susan10748@aol.com for details.
- **This Week: Funeral Service for Ed Braytenbah** – *Friday, June 5, 1:00 PM*. A funeral service celebrating the life and faith of Mr. Ed Braytenbah will be held in the Sanctuary at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 10401 Armory Avenue, Kensington MD on Friday, June 5, 2026 at 1:00 PM. The livestream from the Sanctuary will be available for online viewing at stpaulsk.org/worship/memorials
- **This Week: Pancake Breakfast** – *Saturday, June 6, serving 8:00-10:30 AM*. Join friends and neighbors at St. Paul's fellowship hall for pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, grits, fruit, beverages, and a specialty treat. Suggested donation is \$20 for a family of four; cash at the door with proceeds to benefit local charities. This is the final breakfast of the season! We take a summer break in July and August, but plan to return in September!
- **Next Week: Children's Choir Rehearsal** – *Sunday, June 7, 11:45-12:30*. Children in grades K-6 will meet in the MPR to prepare music! Children will share their anthems in worship on June 14, then take a break for the rest of the summer. Email Ms. Christina Griffin, director, at childrenschoir@stpaulsk.org, for up to date schedules and info.
- **Next Week: Kensington House & Garden Pilgrimage** – *Sunday, June 7, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM*. Enjoy the historical architecture, gardens, and vibrant activity in Kensington on this self-guided tour. Please allow extra time and patience for driving and parking around town! Ticket holders receive exclusive access to properties and private interior spaces, including Warner Mansion, that are only open on the day of the tour. The tour also includes the Kensington Train Station (with restroom facilities). Book by June 1 and you can add an optional boxed lunch for a picnic in the park! No pets, please. Recommended for children age 10 and older. Purchase tickets at <https://www.mhgp.org/kensington> – proceeds from the Kensington Tour will benefit Noyes Children's Library, a place for young book lovers since 1893!
- **Coming Up! Kensington Juneteenth Festival** – *Saturday, June 13, 12:00-4:00 PM*. St. Paul's will have a table at the Kensington Juneteenth Festival, and we'd love for you to be part of the day! Volunteers are needed to help welcome neighbors and represent our church's commitment to justice, community, and joy. Contact Pastor Joey (joeyhm@stpaulsk.org) to join the St. Paul's table. Whether you volunteer or attend with family and friends, your presence is a meaningful way to celebrate and support this community gathering.

- **Coming Up! RSVP for Summer Kick Off Lunch** – *Sunday, June 14, 10:30 AM*. We'll kick off the start of our summer schedule with a special Bluegrass Sunday and Fellowship Lunch. Worship will feature our Sanctuary Choir and some toe-tapping bluegrass gospel from guest musicians. After worship, head up to the Fellowship Hall for a picnic-inspired meal. Tickets are free, but please reserve your spot! Go to stpaulsk.org/worship/music and click the button to make your reservation! Serving hours are 11:45 AM - 1:45 PM. The menu (subject to change) follows a picnic theme: Sloppy Joe's & Hot Dogs with fixin's, Summer Salads, Cookies & Brownies, and Beverages. This special lunch to start the summer is organized by the Sanctuary Choir, and underwritten by generous donors to support the Music Ministry and celebrate the St. Paul's community. From June 14 through the summer months, we will worship together each week with a single Sunday service at 10:30 AM, and will return to our regular schedule of two Sunday worship times in September.
- **Next Month: Still Wednesday Summer Schedule** – *Wednesday, June 17*. This hour of reflection, contemplation, togetherness, and silent prayer is a haven in the midst of busy days. Still Wednesday will be extra still this summer. We will meet in the Sanctuary or Octagon once a month this summer, on June 17, July 15, and August 19. We will return to weekly meetings in September.
- **Next Month: Capital Pride Parade** – *Saturday, June 20*. Join St. Paul's and dozens of other United Methodists as we celebrate love, inclusion, and community at the Capital Pride Parade! We have reserved 10 spots for those who would like to walk with us. Exact time and location details will be shared closer to the date. Learn more at <https://capitalumcpride.com/>. To reserve a spot or ask questions, contact Rev. Joey Heath-Mason at joeyhm@stpaulsk.org.
- **Next Month: Bible & Brews** – *NEW DATE! Sunday, June 21, 5:00-6:00 PM*. We have moved the June meeting date so we don't conflict with Juneteenth celebrations! Gather for casual interfaith conversations with Pastor Joey, Rabbi Adam, and friends from Temple Emanuel. All our meetings are family friendly! We meet at local restaurants offering food and drink that you can purchase as you like. For June we will be at BabyCat Brewery (10241 Kensington Pkwy). We plan to meet again July 18 and August 15. Contact Pastor Joey at joeyhm@stpaulsk.org with any questions.
- **Summer Break!** – Many groups adjust their schedules or take a break between Memorial Day and Labor Day. We encourage everyone to check directly with group leaders to confirm changes in meeting hours! Currently on break:

 - Taste & Sing
 - Sunday School
 - Yarn Ministry
 - Joyful Ringers

- Still Wednesday (reduced meeting schedule)
- **Ongoing: Hunger Ministry** – Our Hunger Ministry currently feeds 170 households. We gratefully receive all kinds of nonperishable pantry staples. For the month of May, we are asking for donations of Cooking Oil (canola oil, vegetable oil, etc.) in plastic bottles. Pick up a flyer with a list of the other items we need every month by the donation bin in the Narthex or online at stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry. We are thankful that our congregation provides generously so we can serve those in our ZIP code facing food insecurity. Email hunger@stpaulsk.org for volunteer opportunities!
- **Ongoing: Spiritual Gifts** – Spiritual gifts are given to build up the body of Christ. Each of us is equipped by the Spirit to serve in unique ways. In the United Methodist tradition, leadership is a calling rooted in service, humility, and faithfulness. The Church Leadership Team encourages you to discern your gifts, and respond to God's call to lead! Take the UMC Spiritual Gifts quiz!
<https://www.umc.org/en/content/exploring-your-spiritual-gifts> Please reach out to Anne Dean at annepdean@gmail.com or speak to one of the pastors about ways to share your spiritual gifts.
- **Ongoing Activities** – *Please contact group leaders directly to confirm meeting times!*
 - **Sanctuary Choir** – *Most Sundays*. Open to grade 7 and up and adult singers. We rehearse each week at 9:30 AM on Sundays in Room 211 and sing for the 10:30 service. Contact Tom Pedersen (tpedersen@stpaulsk.org).
 - **Children's Choir** – *Most Sundays, 11:45-12:30*. Children in grades K-6 will meet in the MPR to prepare music to share in worship. Email Ms. Christina Griffin, director, at childrenschoir@stpaulsk.org, for up to date schedules and info.
 - **Yarn Ministry** – *Mondays twice a month, Sept.-May, 7:00-8:30 PM*. Bring your knitting, crochet, or other craft project and craft alongside friends in the church library. Contact Karen Codner for meeting info: KDC811@gmail.com.
 - **Joyful Ringers** – *Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Sept.-May*. A handbell ensemble for adults! If you've never played bells, we can teach you! Contact Tom Pedersen: tpedersen@stpaulsk.org
 - **Prayerwaves** – *Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30 AM*. To pray together by phone, dial 425-436-6326 then enter access code 774042 followed by the # sign. To receive the prayer list by email, please contact Erin at stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org.
 - **Sermon Safari** – *Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 PM*. In this drop-in Zoom study, we watch a video of a sermon by a notable speaker, and then discuss it. Contact Dr. Meg Baker at megbaker@verizon.net for the Zoom link.
 - **Still Wednesday** – *Wednesdays weekly Sept.-May, 7:00-8:00 PM*. Still Wednesday gathers in either the Sanctuary or the Octagon for a guided time of poetry,

scripture, music, and about 20 minutes of silent prayer. Text/call Marty Bartley at 301-873-6630.

- **Lydia Circle Sisters** – *Wednesdays once a month, Sept.-June, 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.
- **Bible & Brews** – *Saturday or Sunday, once a month.* Join us at a local restaurant for family-friendly interfaith conversations with Rabbi Adam and neighbors from Temple Emanuel. Contact Pastor Joey: joeym@stpaulsk.org.
- **Pancake Breakfast** – *First Saturday each month, Sept.-June.* Enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, grits, fruit, beverages, and a specialty treat, served 8:00-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. \$20 for a family of four.
- **Stephen Ministers** – Move through difficult seasons of life with a Stephen Minister by your side. Contact Martha Lipscomb (301-518-1642) to be connected to a trained Stephen Minister.
- **Sanctuary Flower Sponsors** – The flower chart for 2026 is 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.
- **Sipping Ministry** – To host this fellowship time with coffee and snacks, sign up on the office bulletin board and take a “how to host” guide.
- **St. Paul’s Leadership** – St. Paul’s leaders will be meeting on the fourth Monday of the month throughout the year to attend to the mission, ministry, and wellbeing of the church. All meetings are open to the public. To confirm meeting times or for virtual attendance options, contact Chairperson Bill Stephens (wtstephens@verizon.net). To learn more about our leaders, go to stpaulsk.org/community/meet-the-staff and scroll down to the Leadership Team section.



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<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship>

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Children's Choir Director: Ms. Christina Griffin

Lay Leader: Mrs. Anne Dean

Usher Coordinator: Mr. Nathan Bazawada

Lay Reader: Mr. Bill Stephens



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.

