



# St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

*Journeying Together Since 1885*

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

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## 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.*

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## Gathering for Worship

(\* - please stand in body or spirit)

Announcements (10:30 only)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Prelude (10:30 only)

*Prelude on There Is a Balm in Gilead*

Adolphus Hailstork

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

Lay Reader

Leader: The words God speaks are the life and sustenance of all that exists.

**All: The life Jesus gives is the re-creation and renewed birth of all that is broken and worn.**

Leader: The Spirit's stirring in our souls is the inspiration for creativity, compassion, joy, and community.

**All: Life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God; may our whole lives be worship. In all things, may we seek to connect with and to reflect your love and your hope.**

\*Hymn #61 (9:00 & 10:30)

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Opening Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

**Holy Spirit: With astonishment, we see that you renew our strength constantly.  
Allow us not to forget your presence, even in adversity. And, in our turn, we  
will renew our gratefulness and we will sing for your love. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Anthem (10:30 AM only)

*Immortal Love, Forever Full*  
Sanctuary Choir

Gordon Young

*Immortal Love, forever full, forever flowing, forever free,  
Forever shared, forever whole, a never ebbing sea.  
We may not climb the heav'nly steps to bring the Lord Christ down,  
In vain we search the lowest deeps for him no depths can drown.  
The healing of his seamless dress is by our beds of pain;  
We touch him in life's throng and press and we are whole again.  
O Lord and master of us all, whate'er our name or sign,  
We own thy sway, we hear thy call, we test our lives by thine.*

## **Proclamation of the Word**

Mark 1:29-39 NRSVUE (9:00 & 10:30)

*Pew Bible: New Testament p. 35*

<sup>29</sup>As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Response to the Word

Children's Message (10:30 AM only)

Lesley Maloney

\*Hymn #367 (9:00 & 10:30)

*He Touched Me*

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30)

"Secrets, Secrets, Secrets"

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](http://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)

*Prelude on Let Us Break Bread*

Chelsea Chen

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

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\*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

Spoken Responses (*UM Hymnal* p. 13-14) – 9:00 AM

Musical Setting A (*UM Hymnal* p. 17-18) – 10:30 AM

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 (*Communion bread is gluten-free.*)

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

**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 #395 (9:00 & 10:30)

*Take Time to Be Holy*

\*Benediction and Dismissal (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude (10:30 only)

*Obangiji (God, Almighty)*

Fela Sowande



#### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers today are given by **Bill Butz**  
in loving memory of **Mary and Bill Burnett.**



#### 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.

### **Sunday Worship**

**February 11, 2024**

**9:00 AM and 10:30 AM**

### **Ash Wednesday Worship**

**February 14, 2024**

**1:30 PM and 7:30 PM**



*Please note we will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2024 for the Presidents Day holiday.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Weekly News** – Visit [stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news](http://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](mailto:stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org)).



### Featured Events and Upcoming Activities

- **Sipping Ministry** – *Sunday, Feb. 4.* Enjoy a beverage and time of fellowship in the Octagon following the 10:30 AM worship service this week, hosted by the Dean Family. Sipping Ministry time is offered whenever a family, group, or class chooses to sponsor and host; find the sign-up sheet and instructions on the office bulletin board.
- **SAM Meeting** – *Monday, Feb. 5; 6:30-8:00 PM by Zoom.* St. Paul's leaders serving in the unified Simplified Accountability Model (formerly the church council and various committees) hold open meetings; the February agenda focuses on the church budget. Contact chairperson Rachel Stalcup at [rachelstalcup@gmail.com](mailto:rachelstalcup@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.
- **Drumming the Beloved Community** – *Wednesday, Feb. 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](http://stpaulsk.org/worship/still-Wednesday)
- **"Getting to Know You" with our Lay Leader** – *Thursday, Feb. 8; 7:30-8:30 PM.* Anne Dean, new Lay Leader for St. Paul's, invites everyone for a quick "get to know me, get to know you" Zoom. Email [annepdean@gmail.com](mailto:annepdean@gmail.com) for the Zoom link or more info.
- **"This Is Us"** – *Sunday, Feb. 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 document and the survey at [stpaulsk.org](http://stpaulsk.org).
- **Lenten Study Classes** – *Sign up now-Feb. 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](http://stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education)
- **Scout Sunday** – *Sunday, Feb. 11.* We will recognize all scouts and St. Paul's relationship with scouting organizations. To participate, contact Meg Baker by February 8.
- **Ash Wednesday** – *Feb. 14, 1:30 & 7:30 PM.* The Wednesday afternoon service at 1:30 PM will follow a traditional format with reading, prayer, and the imposition of ashes. The evening service at 7:30 PM will feature jazz-influenced music and selections for prayer and reflection by Rev. Howard Thurman along with ashes.

- **Sponsors Needed for Stations of the Cross** – *reply by Feb. 18.* Six sponsors are needed in order to hold the Holy Week experience “The Way of Sorrows” (March 25-29). Theme and creative ideas provided! Contact Meg Baker ([mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org)).
- **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](http://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 worship with their families this Sunday. “Busy bags” with quiet children’s activities are available at the Welcome Desk, and those who need a break may use the Octagon room across from the main Sanctuary door or the Library near the restrooms. Childcare for infants and preschoolers is available in the Nursery on the second floor. To receive Sunday School updates by email, contact Meg Baker at [mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto: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](http://stpaulsk.org/worship).





## SOURCES AND LICENSING

Livestreaming each week at 10:30 AM at [stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home](http://stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home).

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Opening Prayer: posted on “The Sacred Pauses” blog, <http://www.sacredpauses.com/>

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## LEADING AND SERVING

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen, [pallen@stpaulsk.org](mailto:pallen@stpaulsk.org)

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**A/V Team:** John & Biljana Regan; John Stephens

**Children's Choir Director:** Christina Griffin

**Lay Leader:** Anne Dean

**Usher Coordinator:** Nathan Bazawada

**Children's Message:** Lesley Maloney (10:30 AM)

**Lay Readers:** Lorraine Stalcup (10:30 AM)

