



St. Paul's

United Methodist Church



February 5, 2023

9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

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.

Gathering for Worship

(* - please stand in body or spirit)

Prelude (10:30 only)

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

arr. Larry Shackley

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

Lay Reader

Leader: When the way is difficult and dangerous,

All: let us still choose what is good and just.

Leader: When evil comes to break us down and break us apart,

All: let us still choose to carry on with each other.

Leader: When power from on high strikes fear in our hearts,

All: let us still choose the courage to persist.

Leader: For we know that the love and power of God,
which abides in us, will not be overcome.

*Hymn #159 (9:00 & 10:30)

Lift High the Cross

Opening Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Open unto me, light for my darkness. Open unto me, courage for my fear.

Open unto me, hope for my despair. Open unto me, peace for my turmoil.

Open unto me, joy for my sorrow. Open unto me, strength for my weakness.

Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion. Open unto me, forgiveness for my sins.

Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness. Open unto me, love for my hates.

Open unto me, Thy Self for myself.

Lord, Lord, open unto me!

Sanctuary Choir

In this moment of remembrance, the sacrament is spread,
Here we celebrate Christ's presence through the wine and broken bread.
At this table of communion in the light shed from above,
We are sheltered in his mercy and surrounded by his love.
There is healing and forgiveness, there is strength as we partake;
Here we know the Savior's promise that he never will forsake.
"Take and do this in remembrance" are the words that Christ our Savior said:
And we join now in his presence through the wine and broken bread.
"Take and do this in remembrance of me."

Pastoral Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Proclamation of the Word

Matthew 5:13-20 (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

¹³"Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

¹⁴⁻¹⁶"Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand — shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

¹⁷⁻¹⁸"Don't suppose for a minute that I have come to demolish the Scriptures — either God's Law or the Prophets. I'm not here to demolish but to complete. I am going to put it all together, pull it all together in a vast panorama. God's Law is more real and lasting than the stars in the sky and the ground at your feet. Long after stars burn out and earth wears out, God's Law will be alive and working.

¹⁹⁻²⁰"Trivialize even the smallest item in God's Law and you will only have trivialized yourself. But take it seriously, show the way for others, and you will find honor in the kingdom. Unless you do far better than the Pharisees in the matters of right living, you won't know the first thing about entering the kingdom.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment (10:30 only)

Dr. Meg Baker

*Hymn #333 (9:00 & 10:30) I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30)

"The Gift of Public Witness"

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Invitation to Giving (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Offerings by check should be made out to St. Paul's UMC. Scan the QR code to see one-time and recurring online giving options at stpaulsk.org. Your support makes it possible for St. Paul's to engage in meaningful worship and vibrant ministry in our community.



Offertory (10:30 only)

Steal Away

Simon Clark

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

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*Prayer of Dedication (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion (9:00 & 10:30)

Responses at 9:00 AM worship will be spoken.

Responses at 10:30 AM will be sung using the United Methodist Hymnal starting on p. 17 (Musical Setting A).

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: 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 (9:00 & 10:30)

The United Methodist 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 (9:00 & 10:30)

Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

Prayer after Receiving (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.

*Hymn #514 (9:00 & 10:30) Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude (10:30 only)

Lift High the Cross

Donald Busarow



WORSHIP NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 12, 2022
9:00 AM & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary
10:30 AM livestreaming through stpaulsk.org

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK FOR FIFTH SUNDAY, ONE COMMUNITY WORSHIP
10:30 AM – 104 online – 45
Total: 149



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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements – News of events and activities at St. Paul’s are shared through our Weekly News message. Read the latest message at stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news.

Welcome Visitors! – Thank you for joining us! **Restrooms** including a family restroom with changing table can be found past the church office and down the hall near the water fountain. **Large print Bibles and Hymnals** are available from our ushers. **T-coil hearing aids** work in our Sanctuary; you may listen to the service directly by turning on the “t-coil.” If your hearing aid does not have a “t-coil,” you may request a headset from the ushers. **Attendance pads** in the pews provide a space to share your name and, if you wish, contact information so we may welcome you.

Today: Children’s Programs – *Sunday, Feb 5.* Families will begin in the Sanctuary at 10:30 AM. Following the Children’s Message, children and teachers will transition to Sunday School. Adults should pick up their children after worship; grades 3-5 will be in the Parlor; grades K-2 will be in Room 200. Nursery care is available during both services. Questions? Contact Dr. Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org).

Today: SPY – *Sunday, Feb. 5, 4:30-6:30 PM.* All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us for fun and fellowship. Use the back door on Fawcett Street to enter the Multi-Purpose Room. Questions? Contact Mr. Micah Smartt (msmartt@stpaulsk.org).

Today: Lenten Study Sign-Up – *Now-Feb. 22.* The class “Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, & Outlaws” will be led by Mike McCurry, meeting Tuesdays, Feb. 28-April 4, 7:00-8:15 PM in-person at St. Paul’s. The cost is \$15 per person and includes the book by Adam Hamilton. Read more about the class and register at stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education, or use the sign-up form in the church office. Enrollment is limited. Contact Dr. Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org, 301-933-7933 ext. 104) if you have questions or need help registering.

Updates: Offering Envelopes – Our printing partners experienced a supply chain issue this winter and were unable to produce offering envelopes on the usual schedule. Those who normally receive offering envelopes should see them in the mail this Spring. In the meantime, you may make offerings using any envelope; simply write in the word “offering” and your name, then leave it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

Updates: Epistle Schedule – For 2023, our Epistle newsletter will be produced in two-month issues, starting with the February/March edition. Please read more, including how to submit and share your news and activities, at stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news.

This Month: Meal Train – *Now-March 3*. Show Ben & Laura Kallen the love and support of their St. Paul's friends as they celebrate and adjust to life with their new baby, Jacob. Go to <https://mealtrain.com/6v4r3k> to sign up and take them a meal.

This Month: Sipping Ministry – *Sunday, Feb. 19*. The 2x4s (those in the roughly 20s-to-40s age range) will host the Sipping Ministry after the 10:30 worship service. 2x4s helpers should contact Anne Dean (annepdean@gmail.com) to sign up.

This Month: Scout Sunday – *Sunday, Feb. 19*. We will celebrate all Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and our relationships with these organizations. Any scouts interested in participating in worship should contact Dr. Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org). St. Paul's UMM has a proud tradition of hosting Boy Scout Troop #439, Cub Scout Pack #478, and Venture Crew #439.

This Month: Taste & Sing – *Tuesday, Feb. 21, 12:00-1:00 PM*. Come to the Octagon for a casual hymn-sing featuring your song requests, and the stories behind some of our worship music. Stay for lunch! Contact Meg Baker with questions: mbaker@stpaulsk.org, 301-933-7933 ext 104.

This Month: SAM Meeting – *Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7:00-8:30 PM*. Meetings of church leadership in the new Simplified Accountability Model are open to all! SAM gathers together numerous committees, ministries, and the governing group formerly known as Church Council, connecting St. Paul's leaders to streamline communication and decision-making. For the Zoom link, contact SAM Chairperson Rachel Stalcup at rachelstalcup@gmail.com.

This Month: Ash Wednesday Worship – *Feb. 22*. Ash Wednesday worship with the imposition of ashes will be offered at 1:00 PM (please note this updated time for the mid-day service!) and at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Take time to mark this special day as we enter the season of Lent.

Next Month: Pancake Breakfast – *Saturday, March 4*. The UMM-led community breakfast will be serving pancakes and other breakfast foods, 8:00-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Instead of a fixed price, diners are invited to make a donation - as a guide, we suggest \$20 for a family of four. Sorry, no carryout. Read more at stpaulsk.org/community/pancake-breakfast.

Visioning Retreat Recap – We realize not everyone was able to attend our visioning retreat held on January 21, 2023. So, the pastors will be hosting a recap for all who would like to hear about that experience. Stay tuned for the date and time of this opportunity!

ONGOING

Hunger Ministry – We provide food assistance year-round for families in the 20895 ZIP code. Find the grocery items we need and more information: stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry. New volunteers and those able to help month-by-month are welcome!

Read-Thru-the-Bible – The pastors offer reflection questions to guide your journey through the Bible. Go to stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education and read along. Jump in at any time!

Adult Bible Study – *Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 PM, Zoom*. This weekly sessions offers a “Sermon Safari Series” through Feb. 15. On March 1, we begin a Lenten study. For more information or to receive the Zoom link, contact Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

Altar Flowers in 2023 – The flower chart for 2023 is now available on the bulletin board in the church office. Reserve a date and use the yellow form to sponsor the Sanctuary flowers.

Communion Bread – Copies of the St. Paul's Communion Bread recipe and a sign-up sheet for bakers are now available on the bulletin board in the church office.

Daily Breath – *Wednesdays, 9:00 AM*. Enjoy about 10-20 minutes of sharing, prayer, or music led by St. Paul's clergy, staff, or volunteer leaders. Go to facebook.com/stpaulskensington.

Tuesday with Friends – *Third Tuesday of each month, 11:00 AM*. This group, open to all men and women, meets for fellowship and interesting lessons. Those who would like to stay for Taste & Sing enjoy lunch afterwards. Contact Ginny Hagberg: 301-770-7624.

Lydia Circle – *First Wednesday of each month, 2:30 PM*. Ladies interested in joining the Lydia Circle sisters should contact Susan Schwarz at susan10748@aol.com or 301-339-8242.

Yarn Ministry – Knit, crochet, or craft along with friends, over Zoom during winter. Find the schedule at stpaulsk.org/community/calendar-events. Contact Karen Codner for the Zoom link or details: kdc811@gmail.com.

Stephen Ministers – We offer a listening ear to those going through a difficult situation or life change. Use us. Contact Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org) or Virginia Bickford (301-598-5496) to learn more.

Masks Optional – Masks are optional in nearly all St. Paul's spaces. You can read more mask-related FAQs at stpaulsk.org/worship.

Sipping Ministry – This time of fellowship after worship was previously known as coffee hour – but we're not limited to coffee! If your group would like to sponsor a Sipping Ministry time, contact Erin in the church office (stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org) for available dates.



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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Lay Leader

Marge Higgins

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
Appointments encouraged!



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