



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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

OCTOBER 5, 2025

Thank you for worshiping 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. Sheridan Allmond

Prelude

Prelude on Linstead (10:30 only)

John A. Behnke

*Call to Worship

Lay Reader

Leader: Creator God, Mother and Father of us all, your children worship you.

All: People of every tribe, nation, language and culture praise you!

Leader: Risen Christ, your sisters and brothers around the world give thanks to you.

All: People of every kind and status, in every hut and cathedral sing to you!

Leader: Holy Spirit, you make us one, the Body of Christ, throughout the World.

All: Loving Christ, we come to your table to be together with our sisters and brothers.

Leader: May there be unity among us.

All: May we be one in the love and faith of Christ, one in the Spirit, and one in ministry to all the world, to the glory of God.

Opening Prayer

Lay Reader

God of love, by your grace

give us your eyes to look honestly on the world.

Give us your compassion to love this broken world.

Give us your heart enter into this world with courage.

Plant the mustard seed of your love in us

that we may join you in the healing of the world. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

Proclamation of the Word

Luke 17:5-10 (NRSVUE)

Lay Reader

Pew Bible – New Testament pages 80

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’?

⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Response to the Word

Children’s Message

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

*Hymn #

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1. Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy. Reach - ing out with a
2. Christ is a - ble to make us one. At the ta - ble he
3. Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,
sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard. Je - sus lives a - gain,
love in word and in deed ex - press.
God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Sermon

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Invitation to Discipleship and Giving

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

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 efforts to engage in meaningful worship and vibrant ministry in our community.



Ministry Moment – Stewardship (10:30 only)

Gregg Molander

*I sat down under His shadow with great delight and his fruit was sweet;
I sat down under His shadow with great delight and his fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to the banqueting house and His banner over me was love. (repeat)
I sat down under His shadow with great delight and His banner over me was love.*

*Doxology #94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion

The Invitation, Confession & Pardon

UM Hymnal p. 12

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have
broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our
neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Passing the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

UM Hymnal p. 13-14

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **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: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full
of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one 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: 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: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (9:00 only)

UM Hymnal, #895

All: 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.

Music (10:30 only)

The Lord's Prayer
Carl Morgan, soloist

Swedish

Vår Fader, som är i himmelen.
Helgat varde ditt namn.
Ditt rike kom.
Din vilja ske, på jord, som det sker i
himmelen.
Giv oss idag vårt dagliga bröd.
Och förlåt oss vår skuld, som vi
också förlåta.
Och inled oss icke i frestelse, utan
fräls oss ifrån ondo.
I dig, är riket och makten och äran i
evighet.
Amen.

English

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive
our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation; but
deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Bread & Cup (9:00 only)

All communion bread is gluten-free.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 #614

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Ministry Moment – Stewardship (9:00 only)

Gregg Molander

*Benediction and Dismissal

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Postlude (10:30 only)

Himno (Hymn)

Jesús Guridi



Please visit the Octagon following the 10:30 worship service for a Sipping Ministry time of coffee, sweets, and fellowship.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers are given today by **Jennifer & Carlos, Kristina, and Carlos Falcon**,
in honor of **Shannon Braddock**, loving father & grandfather.

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Sunday, October 12, 2025

9:00 AM – Worship with Communion

10:30 AM – Worship with 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. For questions about announcements, please contact Erin Steele in the church office (stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org).



Welcome! – **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!** Members, friends, and visitors alike are encouraged to use the attendance pads in the pews to share your name and note your attendance today. Please read more about worship at stpaulsk.org/worship.

Sunday School News – *Sunday, Oct. 5.* As is our custom, children attend worship with their families on the first Sunday of the month at 10:30 AM. Infants and toddlers may receive care in the Nursery. Busy bags are available at the Welcome Desk for children's use during worship and restless friends are welcome to take a break in the Library or the Octagon.

Worship Hours – The worship service on Sunday at 9:00 AM includes Communion each week. Worship at 10:30 AM offers Communion on the first Sunday of the month and music led by the Sanctuary Choir each week and livestreams at stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home.

Events and Information

- **Today: Sipping Ministry** – *Sunday, Oct 5.* Visit the Octagon after the 10:30 worship service for coffee, sweets, and fellowship. Sipping Ministry time is held after worship whenever a group, family, or individual wishes to host. Sign up on the office bulletin board and take a “how to” instruction sheet.
- **Today: World Communion Sunday** – *Oct. 5.* As congregations around the world gather for communion, this UMC Special Sunday reminds us how United Methodist congregations are connected. Our contributions join with others from around the globe to fund scholarships for diverse students with big plans to make the world a better place, like Carileigh Jones from Salisbury MD who studied law to become a victim's advocate, Garikai Malunga from Zimbabwe who returned to school to get a doctoral degree in clinical biochemistry and volunteers at the United Methodist Hospital, and David Rangel from Monterrey, Mexico who studied at Southern Methodist University (Perkins School of Theology) in Texas before founding the Spanish Language Leadership Institute. You can read more about these World Communion Scholars and make a donation at stpaulsk.org/giving, use the special offering envelope provided in the bulletin today, or make checks out to St. Paul's UMC with “World Communion Sunday” in the memo line.

- **This Week: Sermon Safari Returns!** – *Wednesday, Oct. 8, 4:00-5:00 PM.* In this come-when-you-can, drop-in Zoom-based study, participants watch a video of a sermon and then discuss it. Sessions have featured sermons from such notable speakers as Senator Rev. Raphael Warnock, and Mariann Budde, Bishop of the National Cathedral. For the Zoom link, contact Dr. Meg Baker at megbaker@verizon.net.
- **This Month: October is Pastor Appreciation Month!** Celebrate Pastor Sheridan and Pastor Joey for their faithful leadership, care, and service to our church family with cards, prayers, food (treats or meals!), or even flowers. Join in the Prayer Marathon with morning, midday, and evening times available throughout the month; go to <https://tinyurl.com/2s3ajwtd> to sign up and join in prayer!
- **This Month: Church Conference** – *Saturday, Oct. 18, 10:00 AM.* The UMC's Baltimore-Washington Conference requires reports each year on the church's ministry, mission, health, and future plans. Church Conference for St. Paul's and other congregations in the Montgomery County Southwest Hub will be hosted this year at North Bethesda UMC (10100 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda MD). All are welcome to attend.
- **This Month: Bible & Brews** – *Saturday, Oct. 18, 5:00-6:00 PM.* All are welcome for this time of interfaith conversation with Pastor Joey, Rabbi Adam, and neighbors from Temple Emanuel, held at BabyCat Brewery (10241 Kensington Pkwy, Kensington MD). Meetings are family friendly and you can purchase food or beverages as you like. Contact Pastor Joey with questions (joeyhm@stpaulsk.org).
- **This Month: RMN Anniversary** – *Sunday, Oct. 19.* Wear your brightest clothes and rainbow colors as we fill the sanctuary with joy, love, and bold witness! This year we celebrate 5 years as a Reconciling Congregation! In worship, we'll give thanks for our journey of inclusion and renew our commitment to justice, welcome, and love for all people. Music at 10:30 will include guest musicians including James Woods and a new contemporary gospel anthem by Mark Miller.
- **This Month: Taste & Sing** – *Tuesday, Oct. 21, 12:00-1:30 PM.* All are invited for this casual afternoon of music, learning, food, and fellowship. We start with a short hymn-sing, with Music Director Tom Pedersen at the keyboard! Then Erin Steele will guide us through a short program about a composer, lyricist, or theme. We finish with a tasty lunch prepared by Ginny Hagberg (\$5 donation).
- **This Month: Sunday Film Series** – *Sunday, Oct. 26, 12:00-2:00 PM.* Join us for a series where we watch powerful films exploring justice and resilience together. The October film is *Till*, about Mamie Till Mobley's brave quest for public accountability after her 14-year old son Emmett was brutally murdered. Free popcorn in the Octagon! Please bring your own lunch. Contact Pastor Joey (joeyhm@tpaulsk.org).
- **Meal Train for Grace Graham** – Grace Graham has broken her right wrist in multiple places and faces an extended recovery time. Grace lives outside our normal "drop off

zone” for meals, but appreciates help through gift cards in any amount to bring in meals. Find all the info here: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/gzw743>

- **Next Month: Pancake Breakfast** – *Saturday, Nov. 1, 8:00-10:30 AM*. All members of the community are invited to the Fellowship Hall on the first Saturday of the month for pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and other breakfast specialties, sponsored by The United Methodist Men and volunteers. Diners are encouraged to make a donation at the door (suggested \$8 per adult, \$2 per child, or \$20 for a family of four). Proceeds benefit local charities and St. Paul’s programs.
- **Lay Readers Wanted** – We’re looking for lay readers! To serve at the 9:00 AM worship service, please sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/42v2k5em>. If you are interested in the 10:30 AM Lay Reader opportunities, or if you have questions, please contact Marge Higgins at higginsmarge@gmail.com.
- **Regular Activities** – Please contact group leaders or the church office for details!
 - **Sanctuary Choir** – *Sundays at 9:30 AM*. Open to grades 7 and up and adult singers. We rehearse each week at 9:30 on Sundays in Room 211 and sing for the 10:30 service. Singers are welcome week-to-week or on a continuing basis!
 - **Children’s Choir** – *Sundays, 11:45-12:30*. Children in grades K-6 will meet in the MPR to have fun and prepare music to share in worship.
 - **St. Paul’s Youth** – *Sundays, 7:00-8:30 PM*. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join SPY for faith, friendship, and fun in the Multi-Purpose Room! Find the full schedule and fill out the permission form at stpaulsk.org/community/youth and contact Pastor Sheridan (sallmond@stpaulsk.org) if you have questions.
 - **Prayerwaves** – *Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30 AM*. To pray together by phone, dial 425-436-6326 a few minutes before 10:00 AM, then enter access code 774042 followed by the # sign. To receive the prayer list by email, please contact Erin Steele in the church office at stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org.
 - **Joyful Ringers** – *Wednesdays, 7:00 PM*. An exciting handbell choir for adults that promises fun and fellowship. We welcome new ringers!
 - **Still Wednesday** – *Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 PM*. Still Wednesday gathers in either the Sanctuary or the Octagon for a guided time of poetry, scripture, music, or art, with about 20 minutes of silent prayer. Come as you feel led.
 - **Yarn Ministry** – *Mondays twice a month, 7:00-8:30 PM*. Bring your knitting, crochet, or other craft project and craft alongside friends in the church library. We will also plan the fall Craft Fair. Contact Karen Codner for up-to-date info: KDC811@gmail.com. Find the full schedule for Fall 2025 at stpaulsk.org/community/calendar-events

- **Lydia Circle Sisters** – *Wednesdays once a month, 2:30-4:00 PM* All ladies are welcome at Lydia Circle gatherings. For updates, contact Susan Schwarz at 301-339-8242 or susan10748@aol.com.
- **Sipping Ministry** – This fellowship time with beverages and snacks is held after worship whenever a group, family, or individual wishes to host. Sign up on the office bulletin board and take a “how to” instruction sheet.
- **Stephen Ministers** – Please contact Martha Lipscomb (301-518-1642) to be connected to a Stephen Minister for confidential care and a listening ear.
- **Sanctuary Flower Sponsors** – To sponsor the flowers that grace the Sanctuary on Sunday morning, please add your name to the Flower Chart on the office bulletin board to reserve a date, then fill out a yellow form with the dedication information. The cost is \$45 and you may take your flowers after worship.
- **Hunger Ministry** – St. Paul’s year-round ministry provides grocery resources for about 150 households in our ZIP code. Learn more about this important way we serve the local community at stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry. Non-perishables pantry staples in good condition may be donated in the bins in the Narthex any time. Financial donations marked for “Hunger Ministry” help us place bulk orders and provide recipients with grocery store gift cards to enable them to buy fresh or frozen meat, dairy, produce, or hygiene products. Thank you for helping us serve beyond the walls of St. Paul’s!



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Lay Leader: Anne Dean

Usher Team: Nathan Bazawada (coordinator), Aiden Bazawada, Ginny Hagberg,
Henry Montgomery, Vince Velasco, Jackson Weaver

Lay Readers: Beth Pierce (9:00 AM); Jonah Chen (10:30 AM)



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.

