



St. Paul's

GOES TO DISNEY



February 6, 2022

9:00 & 10:30 AM

Thank you for worshiping 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. As we gather in-person, we will err on the side of caution and expect all those present to wear masks, covering the mouth and nose, regardless of vaccination status. Other announcements and more helpful information can be found on the following pages.

Gathering for Worship

(* - please stand in body or spirit)

Prelude (10:30 AM only) *Prelude on Pescador de Hombres*
from *Bayoubüchlein*

Michael Emmerich

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

Leader: Prepare the way, cause God's gonna do it!

People: **Every valley gonna be filled,
and every mountain and hill gonna be made low,
and the crooked gonna be made straight,
and the rough ways gonna be made smooth.**

Leader: We're all gonna see it!

People: **God's gonna do it!**

Hymn #77 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) How Great Thou Art*Opening Prayer (9:00 & 10:30 AM)**

**God of fresh starts, of new beginnings,
of renewal and restoration,
we awake to your grace,**

embraced by love unconditional.
With each morning
you birth new possibilities in us; around us.
We are surrounded by Sacred potential.
There are so many ways to love.
May we rise to the day's call,
to listen for the aches,
to give voice to the beauty,
to be a companion to justice.

Pastoral Prayer (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Anthem (10:30 AM only) *In This Moment of Remembrance*
Sanctuary Choir

Dale Wood

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, in remembrance of me."

Proclamation of the Word

First Scripture Reading (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Luke 5:1-11 (NRSV)

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put

out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Second Scripture Reading (9:00 & 10:30 AM) 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (The Message)

Friends, let me go over the Message with you one final time — this Message that I proclaimed and that you made your own; this Message on which you took your stand and by which your life has been saved. (I’m assuming, now, that your belief was the real thing and not a passing fancy, that you’re in this for good and holding fast.)

The first thing I did was place before you what was placed so emphatically before me: that the Messiah died for our sins, exactly as Scripture tells it; that he was buried; that he was raised from death on the third day, again exactly as Scripture says; that he presented himself alive to Peter, then to his closest followers, and later to more than five hundred of his followers all at the same time, most of them still around (although a few have since died); that he then spent time with James and the rest of those he commissioned to represent him; and that he finally presented himself alive to me. It was fitting that I bring up the rear. I don’t deserve to be included in that inner circle, as you well know, having spent all those early years trying my best to stamp God’s church right out of existence.

But because God was so gracious, so very generous, here I am. And I’m not about to let his grace go to waste. Haven’t I worked hard trying to do more

than any of the others? Even then, my work didn't amount to all that much. It was God giving me the work to do, God giving me the energy to do it. So whether you heard it from me or from those others, it's all the same: We spoke God's truth and you entrusted your lives.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Affirmation (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

We believe that our spiritual invitation is to follow the example of Jewish teacher, Palestinian refugee, and poor person, Jesus:

To live in community; to share our resources; to centralize the stories of poor people, children, and people of marginalized genders; to turn power structures on their heads.

We honor all teachers who show us how to defy abusive structures and how to co-create expansive ways of living.

We believe in rooting out the holds that the systemic sins of white supremacy, cisheterosexism, misogyny, ableism, fatphobia, and Christian supremacy have on our hearts, our behaviors, and our patterns of thinking.

We believe that liberation is experienced through our bodies and that our liberation is bound up with one another's.

We believe in access to healthcare, to free time, to safety, to a home, to nourishing food, and to clean water for all people and creatures.

We believe in joy, play, rest, dance, pleasure, creativity, tenderness, and shared abundance.

We believe that God — Faithful Advocate, Lure Towards Compassion, Blessed Interdependence, Great Mystery, Holy Becoming, Sacred Undoing — is with us, is in us, and moves between us.

We believe that resurrection is both a gritty spiritual practice and happens without our effort, as a gift, as the seasons change.

We believe that all beings are worthy of flourishing. Amen.

*Hymn (9:00 & 10:30 AM) *I Know Who Holds Tomorrow*



1. I don't know__ a-bout to-mor-row__ I just live__ from day to
 2. Ev - ry step__ is get-ting bright-er__ As the gold - en stairs I
 3. I don't know__ a-bout to-mor-row,__ It may bring__ me pov-er-



day;
 climb;
 ty;
 I don't bor - row from its sun-shine,__ For its
 Ev - 'ry bur - den's get - ting light er,__ Ev - 'ry
 But the One__ who feeds the spar-row,__ Is the



skies__ may turn to gray. I don't wor - ry o'er the
 cloud__ is sil - ver lined. There the sun__ is al - ways
 One__ who stands by me. And the path__ that is my



fu - ture,__ For I know__ what Je - sus said; And to -
 shin-ing,__ There no tear__ will dim the eye, At the
 por-tion,__ May be through__ the flame or flood; But His



day__ I'll walk be-side Him,__ For He knows what is a - head.
 end - ing of the rain-bow,__ Where the moun - tains touch the sky.
 pres - ence goes be-fore me,__ And I'm cov - ered with His blood.



Sermon (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Finding Nemo:

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

I Can't Do This by Myself

(To view the key scene illustrating today's message, visit
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxiFNdpLi_Q)

Response to the Word and Sending Forth

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Offertory (10:30 AM only)

The Gift

Judith Bingham

*Hymn #94 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion

The Invitation (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

The Great Thanksgiving (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

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.

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 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: **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 & 10:30 AM)

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 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Giving the Bread and Cup (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Please receive the wafer and juice packet, then take it with you and consume it prayerfully and safely at home following the service.

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

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 #344 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) Tu Has Venido a la Orilla

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore
(*We will sing together using the English text.*)

Benediction and Dismissal

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude

Hour of Peace

Florence B. Price



UPCOMING WORSHIP

February 13, 2022

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary, in person

Livestreaming at 10:30 AM at stpaulsk.org

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen, preaching

“St. Paul’s Goes to Disney: Hercules”

Jeremiah 17:5-10 and Luke 6:17-26



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and Upcoming Events

A Special Message from Pastor Pat – There are absolutely no words to adequately express how deeply touched and grateful I am for your overwhelming outpouring of

love and support as my family and I grieve my dad's death. Truly each and every card, every donation made in his memory has been the soothing and comforting presence that helps in times such as these. What a blessing you are to me! ~Pastor Pat

Help Wanted! – If you can spare a few hours, please consider participating in St. Paul's Welcome Ministry. We are in need of a few volunteers to staff the welcome table and guide people as they enter the building for worship on Sunday mornings. To volunteer, contact Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org or 301-933-7933 ext. 104.

SPY News – *Sunday, Feb. 6; Middle School 4:30 - 6:00, High School 7:00 - 8:30.* Our first event for 2022 is today! We'll be celebrating Everyone's Birthday Party! Because we can't celebrate everyone's birthday each time one comes up, we wait until February to hold one big party! We'll have fun and games and send everyone home with a few goodies! Bring yourself, a mask, and a bottle of water in case you get thirsty. Also coming up, please see our sign-up for our Combined Middle and High School Spring Retreat for the weekend of March 4-6, which has more information about the retreat and can be found at stpaulsk.org/community/youth. For questions, contact Micah Smartt at msmartt@stpaulsk.org.

Children's Programming – *for Feb. 6.* Nursery Care for infants and preschoolers is available during both worship services today. During the family-friendly February sermon series "St. Paul's Goes to Disney," children of all ages are encouraged to attend worship online at 10:30 AM or in-person. Busy Bags with quiet activities for children are available at the Welcome Desk. While in-person Sunday School is on a break this month, children in fifth grade and younger are invited to join together for a brief time of sharing via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 11:45 AM. Students, parents, and teachers are all welcome! To Zoom with us, use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86312380845>.

Second Saturday Bible Study – *Saturday, Feb. 12, 10:00-11:00 AM, Zoom.* Saturday Bible Study will now be held monthly on the second Saturday. These gatherings featuring the videos, studies, and podcasts from The Bible Project (www.bibleproject.com). All are welcome! No prep required. (Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86967492600>). For more information, please contact Dr. Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org, 301-933-7933 ext. 104.

Scout Sunday – *Feb. 13.* Next week we will celebrate all Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and our relationships with these organizations. Any scouts interested in participating in this celebration should contact Dr. Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org or 301-933-7933 ext. 104. St. Paul's UMM has a proud tradition of sponsoring Boy Scout Troop #439, Cub Scout Pack #478, and the co-ed Venture Crew #439.

Coffee Hour – *Sunday, Feb. 13, after 10:30 AM worship.* Justice & Compassion will host a time for coffee and cookies following the 10:30 AM service on February 13, outdoors in the courtyard by the Octagon. J&C will serve coffee from Black Acres Roastery, a Black-owned coffee roaster in Baltimore.

Taste & Sing – *Tuesday, Feb. 15, 12:00 noon.* Join our praying, playing and singing staff to sing along to some favorite hymns and learn more about the stories behind our worship songs. No musical experience needed! Stay for a tasty lunch provided by Ginny Hagberg. There is no cost to attend, although donations for lunch are welcome. Questions? Contact Dr. Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org, 301-933-7933 ext 104). Drop-ins welcome.

Recognizing Our Volunteers in Ministry – The St. Paul's SPRC knows many people work alongside our staff and clergy as volunteers, and they are vital to helping us maintain our beloved community. We invite you to send us names of long-time volunteers who have been so important at St. Paul's, so that they can be recognized and so that others may better understand opportunities that exist to serve. Please use this simple form to submit the names of those St. Paul's servants who have helped make our church special: <https://forms.gle/DafEZY91hZeKpiX69>. (Note – Music ministries will be recognized separately later in the year.)

Wednesday Study: *When Strivings Cease* – *Wednesdays, 4:00 PM, Zoom.* All are welcome as we journey through *When Strivings Cease: Replacing the Gospel of Self-Improvement with the Gospel of Life-Transforming Grace* by Ruth Chou Simons. After a time of welcome and prayer, we watch the week's video segment and have both open and guided discussion time. Participants are welcome to join this six-week study on a regular or drop-in basis (Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84496369587>). Questions? Contact Dr. Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org, 301-933-7933 ext. 104.

9:00 Lay Readers – Would you like to assist with worship at 9:00 AM by serving as a lay reader? Go to stpaulsk.org/community/calendar-events and click the button to be

taken to the sign-up sheet. You'll see available dates and can sign up by simply typing in your name. Questions? Contact Erin Steele (stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org).

Better Humans Book Club – *Meeting Feb. 24 at 7:00 PM by Zoom.* Start reading now! The Better Humans Book Club will discuss *My People, My People, My God*, by Rev. Don Marbury, senior pastor of Ebenezer AME Church in Hagerstown, MD. Email Travis Stalcup at justice@stpaulsk.org for the Zoom invite.

Read Through The Bible – *Ongoing; Q&A Feb. 24, 7:00 PM by Zoom.* Pastor Pat and Pastor Kate are offering the entire congregation the opportunity to read through the Bible together over the next two years. There is a reading schedule at stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education or look in the Epistle. A monthly Q&A session will allow everyone to discuss the readings, ask questions, and share your discoveries. Please email Pastor Pat for the Zoom link. All are welcome, whether you're reading with us or not!

Renovation Update – The conversations between the contractors and the church have concluded! Soon (yes, soon) you will receive information about the start date for the renovation. Please know that the renovation will require some major adjustments from the congregation, staff, and volunteers. Please visit our Renovation page at stpaulsk.org/community/renovation for more details.

Sanctuary Flowers – To sponsor Sanctuary flowers for Sundays in 2022, sign up on the flower chart in the main office. Forms for dedications are available next to the chart. The cost has been reduced to \$45 and our flower team will create one arrangement, which you may choose to take with you or have delivered to those who might need extra cheer.

Save the Date: Still Weekend Retreat – *April 8-10 at the Dayspring Retreat Center in Germantown, MD.* If you desire time to unplug and deeply listen on your spiritual journey, consider joining us for a variety of optional contemplative activities, rest, and time in nature with a lake, pond, hiking trails, meadow, and labyrinth on 250 acres. The cost is \$235 (scholarships available) and includes vegetarian meals. Register no later than March 18: <https://forms.gle/wpXZjQjMsLtJ584QA>. Contact Kenzie Raulin at kenzier@rcn.com or 301-237-1520 if you have questions.

Hunger Ministry – Over 100 families rely on our Hunger Ministry each month. Our volunteers make this possible! Thank you! To volunteer, email Dawn Ely at

hunger@stpaulsk.org and she'll send you the sign-up link with descriptions of the tasks. Can you donate a full grocery bag? Use the shopping list to fill a brown or white bag, if you're able, or place individual pantry items in the bins any time the building is open. To make a financial donation towards grocery store gift cards and bulk purchases, visit stpaulsk.org/giving or make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC with "Hunger Ministry" on the memo line.

Announcements: Ongoing Activities

Inclement Weather Policies – For weekday inclement weather, St. Paul's follows Montgomery County Public Schools announcements for students. When county schools are running on a 2-hour delay, our offices will open at 12:00 noon. When schools are closed, the office and building will also be closed and staff may be unavailable.

Daily Breath – *Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 AM*. Live online sessions are designed to help keep us calm and connected during covid-19, and provide a time of sharing, prayer, or music led by St. Paul's clergy and staff. Visit facebook.com/stpaulskensington.

Still Wednesday – *Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 PM*. All are welcome! The exact format of Still Wednesday changes week to week, but typically includes 20 minutes of silent contemplative prayer. To Zoom, use Meeting ID: 815 9385 9811, passcode Oliver.

Martha Circle – Meetings usually held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM in the Octagon. All ladies interested may contact coordinator Ginny Hagberg (mdcatlover@aol.com, 301-770-7624) for updates.

Lydia Circle – Meetings usually held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. All interested ladies should contact Susan Schwarz (susan10748@aol.com or 301-339-8242) for the latest schedule.

Yarn Ministry – Meeting either by Zoom or in-person in the Library at St. Paul's 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 #.

Stephen Ministry – Trained lay-people provide comfort to those who need a listening ear as they navigate life’s challenges. Contact Pastor Kate (kfulton@stpaulsk.org) or Virginia Bickford (301-598-5496) to learn more.

Pledges & Thank You Gifts – Each household that pledges for 2022 will receive a St. Paul’s folding camp chair as a special “thank you.” Blank pledge forms are available in the church office and at *stpaulsk.org/giving*.

Pastoral Leave – Pastor Kate is engaging in a time of study, rest, and restoration now through Saturday Feb. 19. All pastoral care concerns should be directed to Pastor Pat until then. Beginning Thursday March 3 through Tuesday May 31, Pastor Pat will be on Sabbath Renewal Leave. Every seven years, clergy are entitled to request up to ninety days of renewal leave and, at the encouragement and approval of our District Superintendent Rev. Gerry Green and St. Paul's SPRC, Pastor Pat is availing herself of this opportunity. During that time, Pastor Kate will lead the congregation. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Pastor Pat.



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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keep everyone as safe as possible.
Thank you for your understanding!*



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Masks required. Appointments encouraged.
