



St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

Full
to the **Brim** *Even in the desert*

March 6, 2022

9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MARCH 6, 2022

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. As we gather in-person, we will err on the side of caution and expect all those present today 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)

Announcements

Lay Leader

Prelude (10:30 AM only) *Scalpus suis (Offertory for Lent I)*

Gerald Near

He Shall Cover You with His Pinions/Psalm 91:4-5

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

Lay Reader

One: Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.

All: **Jesus went into the city to heal.**

One: Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love.

All: **Jesus went to the water's edge to teach.**

One: Jesus went to places of peace and connection,

All: **but Jesus also went to the wilderness.**

One: There is nowhere we can go that God does not walk with us.

All: **We are in God's house. Let us worship Holy God.**

*Hymn #127 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Prayer of Confession (9:00 & 10:30 AM only)

Lay Reader

One: Holy God, when we think that expansive life is about power —

All: Teach us a new way.

One: Gracious Creator, when we think that expansive life
is about material wealth—

All: Teach us a new way.

One: Gracious Author, when we think that expansive life is about control —

All: Teach us a new way.

One: Teach us to live as you live. Teach us to love as you love

**All: Forgive us, for we have failed to live and love as you have called us.
Gratefully we pray, amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton

One: Siblings in Christ,
no matter how many times we mess up,
no matter how far we wander, no matter how lost we feel,
God's grace is full to the brim.
It overflows in desert places.
It finds us where we are and it covers us in mercy.
Hear and believe this good news — God's love is overflowing.

**All: We are drenched in mercy.
Thanks be to God, amen.**

Naming of Names

*During this moment of worship, simply call out the names of persons whom you wish
our prayers to support. You are also invited to submit a written prayer request by
coming forward to place it in our wooden prayer bowl. Please feel welcome to kneel at
the chancel rail at any time during these focused moments of intercessory prayer.*

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

Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton

Children's Message (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Dr. Meg Baker

Sanctuary Choir

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

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

Lay Reader

Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV)

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

¹¹and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (NRSV)

¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God:

"A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #2112 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley



1. Je - sus walked_____ this lone-some val- ley;_____ he had to
2. We must walk_____ this lone-some val- ley;_____ we have to
3. You must go_____ and stand your tri - al;_____ you have to



walk_____ it by him - self;_____ O, no-bo - dy else____
walk_____ it by our - selves._____ O, no-bo - dy else____
stand_____ it by your - self._____ O, no-bo - dy else____



_____ could walk it for him,_____ he had to
_____ can walk it for us;_____ we have to
_____ can stand it for you;_____ you have to



walk_____ it by him - self._____
walk_____ it by our - selves._____
stand_____ it by your - self._____

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Even in the Desert

Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton

Response to the Word and Sending Forth

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

Lay Reader

Offertory (10:30 AM only)

Prelude on Ville du Havre

Craig Phillips

*Hymn #95 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Doxology

OLD 100TH

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 #377 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) It is Well with My Soul

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

Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton

Postlude (10:30 AM only) *Fugue in e minor, BWV 555b*

attr. J. S. Bach



UPCOMING WORSHIP

March 13, 2022

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

livestreaming at 10:30 AM

Luke 13:31-35 and Psalm 27

Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton, preaching



JOY
We celebrate the birth of **Vincent Paul BiGiovine**
great-grandson of **Ann Ball**.



*St. Paul's Sunday 10:30 AM worship services are streamed through
stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and Upcoming Events

Lenten Devotionals and Resources – Lent is a time of repentance, self-examination, and reflection in preparation for the coming of Easter. Pick up one of these in the Narthex:

- *Full to the Brim*, a weekly devotional using lectionary Bible readings, poetry, art, and journal prompts.
- *The Sanctuary for Lent 2022*, a guide with brief readings for each day from Ash Wednesday through Easter.
- *What is Lent?*, a children's coloring and activity book geared towards ages 6-9.

Children's Programming – *for March 6.* Nursery Care for infants and preschoolers is available during both worship services today. Older children (and their teachers) will begin in the Sanctuary every Sunday throughout the season of Lent. Children will be invited forward for a children's message, after which they will transition to the Sunday School classrooms with their teachers. Children in K through 2nd grades meet in Room 200, and children in 3rd-5th grades meet in the Parlor.

SPYs Meeting – Youth are meeting in-person each Sunday in March! Middle School 4:30-6:00 PM; High School 7:00-8:30 PM. Bring a mask and a water bottle. Questions? Contact Micah Smartt (msmartt@stpaulsk.org) or visit stpaulsk.org/community/youth.

Daily Breath – *Wednesdays, 9:00 AM.* Schedule change! These live online sessions will now be held once a week, reminding us to keep us calm and connected through a time of sharing, prayer, or music with St. Paul's leaders. Visit facebook.com/stpaulskensington.

Lent Kits – If you or someone you know would like a set of Lenten materials mailed to their home for study and reflection, request a Lent Kit! Use this online form <https://forms.gle/ZjvMTk4QVvKsmNB66> or contact Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org, 301-933-7933 ext 104)

Lenten Study: Witness at the Cross – *Tuesdays at 6:00 PM (begins March 8) OR Wednesdays at 4:00 PM (begins March 9).* We will travel through the story of the crucifixion through the eyes of the witnesses along the way, including the soldiers, women, mothers, convicts, disciples, and friends present in the Gospels. To sign up, email Meg at mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

Second Saturday Bible Study – *Saturday, March 12, 10:00-11:00 AM, Zoom.* These gatherings featuring the videos, studies, and podcasts from The Bible Project. All are welcome! No prep required. (Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86967492600>).

New Members – If you are not yet a full member of St. Paul's but are interested in becoming one, contact Pastor Kate (kfulton@stpaulsk.org) to discuss what's involved. The next date we will be receiving new members in worship will be *Sunday, March 13, 2022.*

Coffee Hour – *Sunday, March 13, after 10:30 AM worship.* Put on your green and jig over to the Octagon courtyard for St. Patrick's Day themed coffee hour. The 2x4s (folks in the roughly 20s-to-40s age range) will provide coffee from Java Nation, a local favorite, plus Irish soda bread and cookies. Sláinte!

Taste & Sing – *Tuesday, March 15, 12:00 noon, Octagon.* Our time together opens with an opportunity to share a few favorite hymns, then moves into a short program focusing on a composer or lyricist. Join our praying, playing, singing staff, sing along, 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 although donations for lunch are welcome. Contact Meg Baker with questions (mbaker@stpaulsk.org, 301-933-7933 ext 104).

Church Council Meeting – *Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 PM by Zoom.* At the March meeting the Council plans discuss new Lay Members to Annual Conference, the renovation, the Easter Special Offering, and the possibility of a “one board” model for 2023. All friends of St. Paul's may attend; for the Zoom link, email Pastor Kate at kfulton@stpaulsk.org.

Save the Date: Still Weekend Retreat – *Register by March 18, 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, join us for a variety of optional contemplative activities, rest, and time in nature. Contact Kenzie Raulin at kenzier@rcn.com or 301-237-1520 if you have questions. Register here: <https://forms.gle/wpXZjQjMsLtJ584QA>.

Better Humans Book Club: *Rising* – *Discussion March 22, 7:00 PM by Zoom.* The next selection is *Rising* by Elizabeth Rush, about American vulnerability to rising seas. The book club reads great fiction from historically underrepresented voices and nonfiction that challenges us to work for a better world. To join the discussion, email Travis Stalcup at justice@stpaulsk.org for the Zoom link.

Read Through The Bible – The entire congregation is invited to read through the Bible, in whole or in part, together over the next two years. Find the reading schedule at

stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education. The March Zoom session to share thoughts and questions will be on *March 31 at 6:30 PM*.

Help Wanted! – We are in need of a few volunteers to staff the welcome table and guide people as they enter for worship on Sundays. To learn more about becoming part of the Welcome Ministry, contact Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org or 301-933-7933 ext. 104.

Recognizing Our Volunteers – The St. Paul's SPRC knows our many volunteers are vital to helping us maintain our beloved community. Please use this form to submit the names of those St. Paul's servants and volunteers who have helped make our church special: <https://forms.gle/DafEZY91hZeKpiX69>. (Music ministries will be recognized separately.)

Announcements: Ongoing Activities

Pastoral Leave – Beginning Thursday March 3 through Tuesday May 31, Pastor Pat will be on Sabbath Renewal Leave. During that time, Pastor Kate will lead the congregation.

Hunger Ministry – Over 100 families rely on our Hunger Ministry each month. Our volunteers make this possible! To volunteer, email hunger@stpaulsk.org. Can you donate a bag of groceries? Use the shopping list to fill a St. Paul's bag, or place individual items in the bins. To make a financial donation, visit stpaulsk.org/giving or make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC with "Hunger Ministry" on the memo.

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. Sign up by simply typing in your name and email address.

Sanctuary Flowers – To sponsor Sanctuary flowers, sign up on the flower chart in the main office. Forms for dedications are available next to the chart.

Inclement Weather Policies – For weekday inclement weather, St. Paul's follows Montgomery County Public Schools announcements for students regarding delays or closures. For Sundays, the pastors will assess the weather and make a decision about in-person services by Saturday evening.

Renovation Update – The conversations between the contractors and the church have concluded and a start date will be announced soon. Visit our Renovation page at stpaulsk.org/community/renovation for more details.

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 #.

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.



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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All plans are subject to change as the covid situation evolves and we work to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for your understanding!

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Masks required. Appointments encouraged.



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