



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

## PRIDE SUNDAY

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

JUNE 7, 2026

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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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(\* - please stand in body or spirit)

### **Gathering for Worship**

Announcements

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

Prelude (10:30 AM)

*Psalm 33*

Emma Lou Diemer

\*Call to Worship

Lay Reader

Leader: God said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred to the land that I will show you."

**People: We hear Your call, O God, to step out in faith and courage.**

Leader: God said, "I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

**People: On this Pride Sunday, we celebrate the unique blessing of our diverse identities.**

Leader: God calls us out of the shadows of fear and into the light of authenticity.

**People: We come to worship as our full, beautiful selves, woven together in Your love.**

Leader: Come, let us journey together into God's inclusive grace.

**People: Let us worship the God of new beginnings and endless love!**

Opening Prayer

Lay Reader

**Just as You called Abram to leave the familiar and step out in faith toward a new land, You call us to step out boldly, authentically, and courageously.**

**On this Pride Sunday, we celebrate the diverse tapestry of Your creation. We thank You for the courage to live out loud, to break down the walls of exclusion, and to embrace the beautiful, vibrant identities You have given us.**

**As we worship, open our hearts to our neighbors and bless us to be a blessing to the world. Fill us with Your radical love, that we may become a haven of acceptance and a beacon of Your inclusive grace.**

**In Your many holy names, we pray. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

### **Proclamation of the Word**

Genesis 12:1-9 (NRSVUE)

Lay Reader

Pew Bible – Old Testament page 10

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

## Response to the Word

\*Hymn #560

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

Sermon

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Invitation to Discipleship & 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](http://stpaulsk.org). Thank you for supporting St. Paul's work engaging in meaningful worship and vibrant ministry in our community.*



Offertory (10:30 only)

*Draw the Circle Wide*  
Sanctuary Choir

Mark A. Miller

Draw the circle wide, draw the circle wide.  
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.  
Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.  
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

\*Doxology #94

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\*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

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

*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 #444

*O Young and Fearless Prophet*

\*Benediction and Dismissal

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Postlude (10:30 AM)

*Trumpet Tunes*

Calvin Hampton



### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers are given today to the glory of God  
by our flower volunteers.

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

**Sunday, June 14, 2026**

### **Bluegrass Sunday & Summer-Kick Off Celebration**

10:30 AM – Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Children’s Choir, Bluegrass Band  
Fellowship Lunch to follow worship!

*There is no 9:00 worship service.*



### 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, links, and event details shared in our Weekly News. You can also find the submission buttons to share news and announcements.



**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!** Please use the attendance

pads in the pews to share your name and note your attendance with us today. Read more at [stpaulsk.org/worship](http://stpaulsk.org/worship).

**Office Hours** – St. Paul’s office is typically open for weekday drop-in visits and phone calls Monday-Thursday, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM until June 14, then we will shift to summer hours! We encourage appointments since staff hours vary. If you have a pastoral emergency when the office is closed, please call the emergency line for Rev. Sheridan Allmond (410-205-5568) and she will be notified of your call.

**Children’s Programming** – *June 7*. All children in grades K-5 will worship in the Sanctuary with their families. If you would be interested in helping to lead activities for a Summer Sunday School experience, please contact Rev. Sheridan Allmond ([sallmond@stpaulsk.org](mailto:sallmond@stpaulsk.org)). Nursery care is available for children in Pre-K and younger during the 10:30 worship hour. Busy Bags with quiet children’s activities are available at the Welcome Desk near the front doors. Restless friends (accompanied by an adult) are welcome to take a break in the Octagon or the Library near the restrooms. The summer Vacation Bible School mini-camp will be taking place at Bethesda UMC this year! Look below for more details.

### **Events, Activities, and Information**

- **Summer Break!** – Many groups adjust their schedules or take a break between Memorial Day and Labor Day. We encourage everyone to check directly with group leaders to confirm changes in meeting hours! Currently on break:
  - Taste & Sing
  - Sunday School
  - Yarn Ministry
  - Joyful Ringers
  - Still Wednesday (reduced meeting schedule)
  - Lydia Circle Sisters
  - Sermon Safari
  - Pancake Breakfast
- **New! “Echoes of Freedom” Art Show & Reception** – *June 14, 4:00-6:00 PM*. We are hosting a special art exhibit in the Octagon, in collaboration with the 5th Anniversary of Kensington Juneteenth Celebrations and Collective Glow Art Exhibitions. Please join us for an Opening Night reception on Sunday, June 14, 4:00-6:00 PM in the Octagon! The theme is “Echoes of Freedom: Finding Our Path,” and featured works by several artist in a variety of mediums. The exhibit is open to the public from June 3 to July 7. If none of the viewing times listed below work for you, contact the church office to see about other availability! Please visit:
  - Sundays 12:00-2:00 PM

- Tuesdays 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM & 5:00-7:00 PM
- Wednesdays 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Thursdays 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- **Still Available! Vacation Bible School** – *June 22-26, 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon.* VBS is on! This summer, “Snowball Mountain Challenge” VBS is the minicamp that will take kids on a playful, winter-themed journey to Bible stories, songs, and fun. There are still spots for campers and for volunteers, including youth! VBS is for children in pre-K (age 4 and potty-trained) to rising-5th-grade. All events will be held with our partners at Bethesda United Methodist Church at 8300 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 21704. Register at <https://vbspro.events/pl/events/6ca1be> or email Pastor Joey if you want to volunteer!
- **Today: Children’s Choir Rehearsal** – *Sunday, June 7, 11:45-12:30.* Children in grades K-6 will meet to prepare anthems they will sing in the summer kick-off worship service on June 14. After that we take a break for the rest of the summer! Email Ms. Christina Griffin, director, at [childrenschoir@stpaulsk.org](mailto:childrenschoir@stpaulsk.org), for up to date schedules and info.
- **Today: SPY Schedule** – *Sunday, June 7, 7:00-8:30 PM.* St. Paul’s Youth will meet at our usual evening times on June 7 & 14 before breaking for the summer. All friends of St. Paul’s in grades 6-12 are invited for fellowship, fun activities, Bible study, and food! Contact Pastor Sheridan at [sallmond@stpaulsk.org](mailto:sallmond@stpaulsk.org) with questions. Go to [stpaulsk.org/community/youth](http://stpaulsk.org/community/youth) for the full meeting schedule.
- **Today: RSVP for Summer Kick Off Lunch – Plus Ice Cream!** – *Sunday, June 14.* We’ll kick off the start of our summer schedule with a special Bluegrass Sunday and Fellowship Lunch. Worship will feature our Sanctuary Choir, Children’s Choir, guest musicians, and toe-tapping bluegrass & country gospel music. After worship, head up to the Fellowship Hall for a picnic-inspired meal. Tickets are FREE but your reservation is important so our cooks know the headcount! Go to [stpaulsk.org/worship/music](http://stpaulsk.org/worship/music) and click the button to make your reservation or scan the QR code here! Serving hours are 11:45 AM - 1:45 PM. The menu (subject to change) follows a picnic theme: Sloppy Joe’s & Hot Dogs with fixin’s, Summer Salads, Cookies & Brownies, and Beverages. Bonus! The ice cream cart from our neighbors at La Gelatteria will be here serving four of their most popular flavors of ice cream, gelato, or sorbet for a special frozen treat! This special lunch to start the summer is organized by the Sanctuary Choir, and underwritten by generous donors to support the Music Ministry and celebrate the St. Paul’s community.
- **Today: Kensington House & Garden Pilgrimage** – *Sunday, June 7, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM.* Enjoy the historical architecture, gardens, and vibrant activity in Kensington on this self-guided tour. Please allow extra time and patience for driving and parking around town! Ticket holders receive exclusive access to properties and private interior spaces,



including Warner Mansion, that are only open on the day of the tour. The tour also includes the Kensington Train Station (with restroom facilities). No pets, please. Recommended for children age 10 and older. Purchase tickets at <https://www.mhgp.org/kensington> – proceeds from the Kensington Tour will benefit Noyes Children's Library, a place for young book lovers since 1893!

- **This Week: Hunger Ministry** – On Monday night, St. Paul's faithful volunteers will start food distribution for the month of June, feeding about 170 households in the 20895 ZIP code. We are also seeing a change in our supply chain for the coming months! Please help out by donating items! We especially request: canned tuna, canned chicken, cold cereal, quick-cook or instant oatmeal.
- **This Week: Kensington Juneteenth Festival** – *Saturday, June 13, 12:00-4:00 PM.* St. Paul's will have a table at the Kensington Juneteenth Festival, and we'd love for you to be part of the day! Volunteers are needed to help welcome neighbors and represent our church's commitment to justice, community, and joy. Contact Pastor Joey ([joeyhm@stpaulsk.org](mailto:joeyhm@stpaulsk.org)). Whether you volunteer or attend with family and friends, your presence is a meaningful way to celebrate and support this community gathering.
- **Next Week: Summer Hours.** From June 14 through the summer months, we will worship together each week with a single Sunday service at 10:30 AM. We will return to our regular schedule of two Sunday worship times in September. The office will be open for drop-in visits or phone calls this summer on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, plus other times by appointment. Go to [stpaulsk.org/community/meet-the-staff](http://stpaulsk.org/community/meet-the-staff) for contact info for our clergy and staff.
- **Next Week: Still Wednesday Summer Schedule** – *Wednesday, June 17, 7:00-8:00 PM.* This hour of reflection, contemplation, togetherness, and silent prayer is a haven in the midst of busy days. Still Wednesday will meet in the Sanctuary or Octagon once a month this summer, on June 17, July 15, and August 19. We will return to weekly meetings in September.
- **Next Week: Capital Pride Parade** – *Saturday, June 20.* Join St. Paul's and dozens of other United Methodists as we celebrate love, inclusion, and community at the Capital Pride Parade! We have reserved 10 spots for those who would like to walk with us. Exact time and location details will be shared closer to the date. Learn more at <https://capitalumcpride.com/>. To reserve a spot or ask questions, contact Rev. Joey Heath-Mason at [joeyhm@stpaulsk.org](mailto:joeyhm@stpaulsk.org).
- **This Month: Bible & Brews** – *Sunday, June 21, 5:00-6:00 PM.* Gather for casual interfaith conversations with Pastor Joey, Rabbi Adam, and friends from Temple Emanuel. All our meetings are family friendly! We meet at local restaurants offering food and drink that you can purchase as you like. For June we will be at BabyCat

Brewery (10241 Kensington Pkwy). We plan to meet again July 18 and August 15. Contact Pastor Joey at joeyhm@stpaulsk.org with any questions.

- **Ongoing Activities** – *Please contact group leaders directly to confirm meeting times!*
  - **Sanctuary Choir** – *Most Sundays until June 14.* Open to grade 7 and up and adult singers. We rehearse each week at 9:30 AM on Sundays in Room 211 and sing for the 10:30 service. Contact Tom Pedersen (tpedersen@stpaulsk.org).
  - **Children’s Choir** – *Most Sundays until June 14, 11:45-12:30.* Children in grades K-6 will meet in the MPR to prepare music to share in worship. Email Ms. Christina Griffin, director, at childrenschoir@stpaulsk.org, for up to date schedules and info.
  - **Prayerwaves** – *Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30 AM.* To pray together by phone, dial 425-436-6326 then enter access code 774042 followed by the # sign. To receive the prayer list by email, please contact Erin at stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org.
  - **Stephen Ministers** – Move through difficult seasons of life with a Stephen Minister by your side. Contact Martha Lipscomb (301-518-1642) to be connected to a trained Stephen Minister.
  - **Sanctuary Flower Sponsors** – The flower chart for 2026 is available in the church office! Please add your name to the chart to reserve a date, then fill out a yellow form with dedication information. The cost is \$45.
  - **Sipping Ministry** – To host this fellowship time with coffee and snacks, sign up on the office bulletin board and take a “how to host” guide.
  - **St. Paul’s Leadership** – St. Paul’s leaders will be meeting on the fourth Monday of the month throughout the year to attend to the mission, ministry, and wellbeing of the church. All meetings are open to the public. To confirm meeting times or for virtual attendance options, contact Chairperson Bill Stephens (wtstephens@verizon.net). To learn more about our leaders, go to [stpaulsk.org/community/meet-the-staff](http://stpaulsk.org/community/meet-the-staff) and scroll down to the Leadership Team section.



## 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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## LEADING AND SERVING

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**Lay Leader:** Mrs. Anne Dean

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**Lay Readers:** Kenzie Raulin (9:00 AM), Carter Dean (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.*





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