



SAINT PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 25, 2019

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

8 Essential Teachings of Jesus: Inclusive Hospitality

Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks

The mission of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church is to be a faithful community of disciples who serve as the heart, hands and feet of Christ so that all people come to know the love of God.

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please see our ushers for large print hymnals and bulletins.
We, also, have hearing loops for hearing aids with t-coil technology.

* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude (8:30) *Prelude on 'Restoration'* D. Phillips
(11:00) *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S. Bach/trans D. Wagner
Handbell Ensemble

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship *Come, We That Love the Lord* Watts/Williams

Call the Worship

Here in this place, there are no foreigners,
for all are welcome in God's house.

Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,
for love is the language of faith.

Here in our lives, there are no divisions,
for God dwells in each of us.

Come, let us worship in unity and love.

* **Opening Hymn** *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* UMH 340

* Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God,
who is love, whose love is manifest
in all Creation, in our lives, and in all people.

We follow Christ, who embodied God's love.
In his life and ministry, his death and resurrection,
and his granting to us of his Spirit,
he filled us with that love as well.

We live by the Spirit, the presence of God's love in us.
In that love we participate in the Church, Body of Christ,
in loving God by loving our neighbors
through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service
and our witness.

Love is our faith, and it is a gift from God.
We thank God, and ask God's blessings,
that we may love and welcome all in the name of Christ
and the power of the Spirit, to God's glory. Amen.

* Gloria Patri

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Special Music (8:30) *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S. Bach/trans D. Wagner
Handbell Ensemble

Special Music (11:00) *Close to Thee* S. Vail/D. Wyrzten

Children's Chat

Scripture

Luke 14:1-14

New Testament pg. 77

Sermon **8 Essential Teachings of Jesus: Inclusive Hospitality**

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Offertory

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

setting by M. Burkhardt

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)

* **Closing Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* UMH 89

* **Benediction**

* **Benediction Response** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (vs. 3)*

* **Postlude** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* arr. H. Hopson

Sermon Notes

Three needs people have relative to hospitality:

- *To be welcomed into God's house*
- *To be recognized and known by name*
- *To be joined with others in offering their lives to God in acts of mission*

(Thomas Long, *Hospitality to the Stranger*)



IN PRAYER AND SYMPATHY

For the family and friends of Jim Allen, who passed away August 16 in Tallahassee.

For Sue Spencer and family on the loss of her brother in Indiana.

Around Saint Paul's

MUSIC AT SAINT PAUL'S

Toddler and Preschool Music Groups will resume on Wednesday, September 4, 5:30-5:55 p.m.

SPARKS Choir resumes Wednesday, September 4. We invite all children in grades K-5 to join us for Bible Chat, Art, and Music!

Youth Choir rehearses this afternoon at 4:30 in the Choir Room. We had a GREAT first rehearsal of the new season last week and are looking forward to more of our youth joining us.

Handbell Choir meets this evening in the sanctuary at 6:00.

Covenant Chancel Choir meets from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. in the Choir Room. This choir sings at the 11:00 worship service weekly and occasionally at the 8:30 worship service. We, also, perform Christmas and Easter cantatas. We would love for you to try us out. For more information email Cynthia Prescott at prescottc1360@gmail.com.

Se'lah If you want to sing but don't feel that you can commit to singing weekly in worship, Se'lah may work for you! We rehearse Tuesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. This group sings once a month in the morning worship services and gives an annual concert. For more information, email Cynthia Prescott at prescottc1360@gmail.com

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL - Every Sunday, 9:45 a.m., room 211 is the time and place to ask questions and explore your faith. Today will be extra-special as we have A Conversation Across Generations with the Burleigh Law Class. Don't miss it! Questions? Give Charlie (559-9423) or Meg (443-4175) Guyon a call.

ADOPT-A-WEEK IN THE MOSAIC GARDEN - The tomatoes are exploding with fruit and Manna on Meridian participants love them! We need a few more groups to Adopt-A-Week to help with the busiest season in the garden, so we are calling on all families, Sunday School classes, and other groups to check your schedule and see if one of the slots works for you. Contact Jessie Perry at perry386@msn.com.

SPARKS with a BAM! Beginning September 4, all kindergarten through 5th graders are invited to join us for a year of Wednesday after-school fun! **Bible Chat, Art, and Music** includes friends and fun, too! Kids will enjoy musical fun with drums and boomwhackers, prepare for our Advent musical show, participate in art projects and cool science experiments, wacky games, and yummy snacks. All while keeping our focus on God's word in our Bible chats. Sign up online today!

COMING SOON - Join us Wednesday evenings, September 4 - 25, for a four-week study called **We Are the Church TOGETHER**. This four-week study is based on a book by Dr. Dana Robert and her inspiring presentation, *The Book of John, Friendship, and Mission Together*, at our recent Annual Conference. All members of the church are invited to this study and discussion as we continue to be the church TOGETHER. Use this link to sign up for the class: <https://saintpauls.umc.breezechms.com/form/98bcfc>

GRANDMOPS, lovers of little ones ages six months through preschool aged littles, are invited to be a part of our special GRANDMOPS team the second and fourth Thursday mornings 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. We have 50+ mamas who come for our MOPS program, and we need your help caring for their little ones. Please let Jill Merryday know if you would be willing to help us this year. We begin September 12.

Around Saint Paul's

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Dinner in Sanders Hall - 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Reservations due by midnight Monday by calling 385-5146 or online at saintpaulsumc.org. \$7 adults, \$3 ages 4 - 12.
August 28: Crispy Chicken, rice, veggie medley

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN RUTH CIRCLE - The Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Our speaker will be Rev. Becky Rokitowski, our new associate pastor. Come hear what she has to share with us.

LAKE ELLA CLEAN-UP - September 14, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Bring your friends and family and help clean up Lake Ella on International Clean Our Shores Day. Free organic cotton t-shirts for everyone who participates! Wear water boots if you'd like to work the shoreline or close-toed shoes on land. We will provide gloves, nets, tongs, collection bags, and hand gel. Kids of all ages love this activity! Meet at Saint Paul's Generations Park playground overlooking Lake Ella at 9:00 a.m. to form teams and pick up supplies. Contact Cara Fleischer at Cares4Creation@gmail.com with any questions.

GOLF CART MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - Please consider serving the church by driving our golf cart on Sunday mornings from 9:25 to noon. We need at least two more volunteers so team members only have to drive once every two months. Email Don Griesheimer to get on the schedule. dgriesheimer@comcast.net

GATHERING TO PRAY - God is answering prayer as we gather in His name. We invite everyone to join us to pray together for the concerns you share with us on the PRAYER REQUESTS cards in the pew, (please place them in the offering plates), or via email, becky@saintpaulsumc.org. Wednesdays, 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. in the church office. God is with us!

This Week at Saint Paul's

Sunday, August 25

4:30 pm Youth Choir/CR
5:15 pm ROOTED Youth Ministry/P
6:00 pm Handbells/S

Monday, August 26

8:00 am Classical Conversations/300-304
5:30 pm Trustees/310

Tuesday, August 27

10:00am Creation Care T-shirt Bags/309
6:15 pm Covenant Chancel Choir/CR
7:30 pm Se'lah Choir/CR

Wednesday, August 28

8:00 am Prayer Group/WR
10:30am Soul Food Bagging/308
1:00 pm Kitchen Committee/L
5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner/SH
6:30 pm Knitters & Crochetiers/311

Friday, August 30

Church Office Closed

9:00 am Alzheimer's Respite/P/CH
6:00 pm Midtown Classical/210-211

Saturday, August 31

9:30am Soul Food Distribution/Lake Ella



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WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today. Nurseries for ages infant to five years are located in the lower level of the sanctuary building. One of our friendly ushers can give directions to restrooms.

AIDS FOR THE VISUALLY AND HEARING IMPAIRED

Are available from our ushers. Kindly return the large-print hymnal at the end of worship. We, also, have hearing loops for hearing aids with t-coil technology.

NAME TAGS

Name tags help us get to know one another better. They are located in the narthexes. If you need a name tag, please indicate so on the attendance pad so we can make one for you. Please wear your name tag each week during worship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A wide variety of adult Sunday School classes and age-appropriate classes for children and youth are offered at 9:45. For details, visit the welcome table in Sanders Hall or call our office.

INTERESTED IN JOINING SAINT PAUL'S?

If you are interested in becoming a member of Saint Paul's, please indicate so on the attendance pad. We will set a date for you to be received with joy!

Financial Snapshot				
Expenses to date:	\$561,964.00	Average weekly expenses (2018): \$18,269.00		
Income to date:	\$535,133.00			
Actual Income:	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
	\$17,929.00	\$10,431.00	\$21,463.00	
August 18 attendance: 8:30: 102 11:00: 176 Sunday School: 138				

We encourage you to give on-line - No wallet required! It's fast, safe, and secure. Use your phone's camera and hover over the image to go directly to the webpage for online giving.



Saint Paul's Staff

Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks, Senior Pastor
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