



January 5, 2020

Epiphany Sunday

Starting Over

Rev. Becky Rokitowski

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.

Prelude *Take My Life, and Let It Be* arr. J. Trivette

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Becky Rokitowski

Choral Call to Worship *Good News*
Revised Edition

Call to Worship Fotena Zirps
God of all creation, God of new life, we come before you on the first Sunday of this New Year, looking back, looking forward, and giving thanks.
Fill us with hope, that we can always make a fresh start with you.
Fill us with your peace, that you are present here with us.
Fill us with love, so that we might know how deeply you care for us, and so that we might transform the world with your love.
Amen

* **Opening Hymn** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* UMH 117

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Fotena Zirps

Anthem *Swing Down Chariot*
Revised Edition

Children's Chat

Offering *Meditation on 'Neumark'* M.E. Kendrick

* **Doxology**

Scripture Matthew 2:13-23 New Testament pg. 2

Sermon **Starting Over**
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Covenant Prayer in the Wesley Tradition

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside by thee.
Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine.
So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

UMH 50

Sacrament of Holy Communion

* **Closing Hymn**

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

* **Benediction**

Postlude

Postlude on 'St. Anne'

G. Young



I Beg to Differ

JANUARY CLASS

Friends and strangers clash with each other over issues large and small. Coworkers have conflicts in the office. Married couples fight over finances. People demonize each other on social media. Is there any hope for civil discourse?

This course led by Rev. Dr. Brooks, will provide a strategy for having difficult conversations, helping us move from contentious debate to constructive dialogue. Using insights from Scripture and communication theology, this class will provide practical ways to manage disagreements and resolve conflicts.

We can disagree without being disagreeable. Find out how.

Class will meet Wednesday, January 29 - February 19, in room 326. Please go to <https://saintpaulsumc.breezechms.com/form/66c487> to sign up for the class.

FLOWER CALENDAR FOR 2020 - Altar flowers in honor or in memory of someone special are a lovely way to adorn our sanctuary. After worship, the arrangement is divided into small bouquets, which are then taken to our home-bound or hospitalized members. The 2020 flower calendar is posted in the narthex. Please note on it the date(s) you would like to place flowers on the altar.

Around Saint Paul's

MUSIC AT SAINT PAUL'S

Toddler and Preschool Music Groups resume Wednesday, January 8, 5:30 - 5:55 p.m. We invite all 3-4 year olds to join Mrs. Gaye in the Music Room of the Children's Wing for developmentally appropriate singing, playing rhythm and pitcher instruments, and creative movement. Ages two and under with their caregivers are invited to join Mrs. Stephany in room 200 of the Children's Wing.

SPARKS Choir begins the new year Wednesday, January 8. We meet during SPARKS time and will be working on our Spring musical, "Heroes of the Faith."

Youth Choir resumes this afternoon. We invite all youth, grades 6-12, to join us! We meet in the Choir Room from 4:30 - 5:15. Mark your calendars for Music Camp, June 7-12. We'll start fundraising soon!

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

Covenant Chancel Choir meets 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

DARE TO DREAM: Creating a God-Sized Mission in Your Life is the Youth Sunday School series kicking off 2020. Using videos, discussion, and activities, these lessons will help each of us discern God's dream for us, and how we can live out that dream prayerfully and thoughtfully. And, of course, snacks and group-building games will be part of the mix. Start the new year by joining us each Sunday at 9:45 in room 211.

YOUTH PHOENIX PARTY - Tonight, 5:15 - 7:00 p.m. in Generations Park. It's time to start a new year, to let the past year go, and to embrace the new things yet to be born in us.

SPARKS WEDNESDAY resumes January 8. January is a GREAT TIME to join the fun on Wednesday afternoons for your kindergartner through 5th grade friends. We will continue our year of SPARKS BAM with our lessons on Biblical Heroes and begin preparing for our spring musical. To join the fun, contact Jill Merryday or find the registration form on our website.

MANNA ON MERIDIAN - Bagging for Manna Monday, January 13, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Distribution Saturday, January 18, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Both at Faith Presbyterian. Contact Charles Hubbard, chazhub55@gmail.com.

RUTH CIRCLE—NOTE DATE CHANGE - Tuesday, January 14, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. All women are invited to attend. For more information contact Peggy Harter, 339-1356.

CLIMATE JUSTICE CLASS BEGINS JANUARY 15 - Climate impacts from extreme weather like massive hurricanes and fires are in the news and Greta Thunberg was just named Time's Person of the Year for her climate justice efforts. Join our Creation Care team as we learn how people all over the world are responding to the climate crisis, and how Christians are mobilizing to help those in harms way. You can register for this six week Wednesday evening class at <https://saintpaulsumc.breezechms.com/form/78bdb7>.

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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. January 8: Shepherds Pie

THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH & LEARN - Thursday, January 16, at 11:30 a.m. We will have guest musician, Indra Sadguna, on the Balinese Gamelan. Please join us! Call the office by Tuesday, January 14, to reserve your seat. Lunch is \$10.00 at the door for this special music event. All are welcome!

MOPS IN JANUARY - Join us for MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Thursday, January 16 and 30, for our morning programs, 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. Mamas with newborns through kindergarten ages are invited to join this wonderful Thursday morning fellowship group!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES - Begin Sunday, January 26. If you are in 7th grade or higher and are ready to take the next step in your faith and become a full member of the church, join us during the Sunday School hour in the youth room 211. We will meet together as one class and then break off and go across the hall for confirmation. We will meet January 26 through March 8.

CHILI COOK-OFF - Everyone mark your calendars for Sunday, February 2, 2020! There are titles to defend, and chili to be eaten as the youth group hosts our annual chili cook-off! Come support our youth as they raise money for their summer mission trip. Look for sign-ups this month, and come hungry. Our Chili Cook-off will be in Sanders Hall right after worship.

WOMEN'S RETREAT - Stronger than the Storm. Sign up now and read the details on the church website under "Quicklinks". February 6 - 8 on Saint George Island. Fee is \$150. If registration is full, please call Peggy Benton (385-5146) to be put on a waiting list. Additional housing may be possible.

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 room 325. God is with us!

SAVE THE DATE: VBS 2020 — June 29 - July 2.

This Week at Saint Paul's

Sunday, January 5

4:30 pm Youth Choir/CR
5:15 pm ROOTED Sunday Night/SH
6:00 pm Handbell Choir/S

Monday, January 6

7:45 am MoLab/300/301
8:00 am Classical Conversations/210/211
10:00am Congregational Care/310

Tuesday, January 7

9:30 am Mommy & Me Music/200
6:15 pm Chancel Covenant Choir/CR
7:30 pm Se'lah Choir/CR

Wednesday, January 8

8:00 am Prayer Group/325
9:00 am PMO starts back/200 Level
10:30am Creation Care T-Shirts/302
1:00 pm Kitchen Committee/L

Wednesday, January 8 cont.

3:00 pm SPARKS/100 Level
3:15 pm Midtown Classical/P/210/211
5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner/SH
5:30 pm PreSchool Music/200 Level
6:30 pm Friends & Strangers Study/326

Thursday, January 9

9:30 am MOPS Leadership Meeting/P

Friday, January 10

Church Office Closed
9:00 am Alzheimer's Respite/P
9:00 am PMO/200 Level
6:00 pm Midtown Classical/P/210/211

Saturday, January 11

6:30 pm Boy Scout Order of the Arrow Banquet/SH



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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 on the 200 level of the children's wing of the educational 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

Yearly Figures: TBA

Actual Income:	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 29
	\$30,401.00	\$14,319.00	\$24,912.00	\$32,507.00	TBA

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. Or use this link to access online giving. <https://www.saintpaulsumc.org/give/>



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