



February 16, 2020

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

New Places for New People: Making Room

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 *O God Beyond All Praising* G. Holst/arr. C. Callahan

Welcome and Announcements Matthew Swanson

Introit (11:00) *Beloved* M. Miller
Laura and Jake Alexander and Stephany Nystrand

Call to Worship Sarah Owen

We are a community of faith that has been created by the love of God.

We are the people who have been healed by the forgiveness in Jesus Christ, and are therefore a people called to reach out to the wounded and all those whose cry out for healing and wholeness.

We have come not to exalt our own goodness, but to praise the holiness of God.

We have come not to boast of what we have done, but to proclaim the redeeming work of Jesus Christ by extending the hand of community and making room for all those who would join us.

* **Opening Hymn** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* UMH 57

* **Affirmation of Faith** A Modern Affirmation UMH 885

* **Gloria Patri**

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Ian Swanson

Anthem (8:30) *Beloved* M. Miller
Laura and Jake Alexander and Stephany Nystrand
(11:00) *Blessed Assurance* arr. M. Hayes

Children's Chat Margot and Zadi Almond

Scripture Luke 5:17-26 Reagan Block
Common English Bible

Sermon **New Places for New People: Making Room**
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Offering *Meditation on 'Repton'* C.H.H. Parry

* **Doxology**

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)

Gluten-free bread is available; please let your server know if you would like this option.

* **Closing Hymn** *Freely, Freely* UMH 389

* **Closing Prayer**

God of mystery, may we never back down from creating new paths for your son to be known. **Dear Lord, multiply your kingdom through us. Amen.**

Postlude *Postlude on 'Azmon'* A.L. Page

Sermon Key Points:

- How will we make room in our lives for new places and new people? How do we make room in our faith community for new places and new people?
- Who are we befriending? How are we becoming aware of needs? For whom are we praying? What action are we willing to take?
- The four friends in the scripture put their faith into action so they could get their friend to Jesus.
- It was the faith of the four friends that initiated Jesus' healing.
- The man is forgiven of his sins and healed. In this action Jesus demonstrates power over our deepest needs. Even deeper than the man's need to walk was his need to be made whole with God.
- How is our faith in what God can do compelling and fueling our actions?
- The friends didn't allow physical barriers to prevent access. How are we creating access for people to meet Christ?
- Who can you identify who needs your help in overcoming an obstacle or barrier?

Small Group Discussion Starters (Or Sunday Lunch Questions)

- When have you encountered a barrier to faith? What form did it take?
- When have you seen someone go the extra mile to share Christ with someone?
- Have you ever had a friend who shared with you struggles with faith or belief? How did you respond?
- Who opened a hole in the roof to bring you closer to Jesus?

Questions for Church Leadership/Ministry Team Discussions

- What are literal physical barriers in our environment that might prevent people from encountering worship, ministries or other opportunities?
- How do you think the owner of the home felt when his roof was removed to allow the man to be lowered? Are there times we should be sacrificing concern for structure in order to fully share God with the world?
- In what ways do we encourage official and unofficial leaders in our communities to look to new and unexpected strategies to share faith and service?
- Which of our ministries best facilitates friendships that would lead to the type of service offered in this passage?

WELCOME

Today is Scout Sunday and we welcome Boy Scout Troop 115, Girl Scout Troop 67 and Girl Scout Troop 146, and their families. All three groups are based at Saint Paul's.

IN PRAYER AND SYMPATHY

For the family and friends of Gretchen Scoggin, who passed away February 8 in Tallahassee.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God, and in memory of Charles Joiner.

Around Saint Paul's

MUSIC AT SAINT PAUL'S

Handbell Choir will rehearse this afternoon at 6:00 in the sanctuary. We'll play for the 8:30 and 11:00 services on March 8.

Youth Choir rehearses today at 4:30 in the Choir Room. We'll sing for and host the Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 25 to help raise funds to go to Music Camp in June. We're, also, scheduled to sing for BOTH morning worship services on March 1.

SPARKS Choir is working diligently on our Spring musical, *Heroes of the Faith*. We'll present our musical Wednesday, April 29, at 6:30 in the sanctuary.

Toddler and Preschool Music Groups meet Wednesday afternoons at 5:30 in the Children's Ministry wing. We invite age two and under with their care-giver to join Mrs. Stephany in room 202 and Pre K3-4's to join Mrs. Gaye in room 200.

Covenant Chancel Choir meets Tuesdays, 6:00 - 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

THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH & LEARN - Thursday, February 20, at 11:30 a.m. Our guest speaker is our very own Werner Sachs on the history of the Florida Capital, including the preservation of the original brick building. The menu will include smothered pork chops and scalloped potatoes for \$7. Please RSVP by calling the office by Tuesday, February 18.

CRAFTY CROP - Friday, February 21, from 6:00 - 11:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 22, from 12:00 noon - 10:00 p.m. in Sanders Hall. Contact Jill Merryday, 385-5146 for more information.

TOWN HALL MEETING: All are encouraged to attend a Town Hall Meeting Sunday, February 23, at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The topic of the meeting is to discuss church finances. Please make every effort to be in attendance.

FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER FEBRUARY 25 - Join us as we raise money to send youth to Music Camp this summer. The dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. in Sanders Hall. Free with donations accepted. Sign up on Breeze or at our table on Sunday mornings.

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 26, morning service at 6:30 a.m. in the Chapel and evening service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Wednesday morning devotionals will begin March 4 at 6:30 in the Chapel. We will be using scripture, image, and the poetry of Wendell Berry and Mary Oliver to shape our morning communion services.

SPARKS BUS DRIVER NEEDED - Wednesdays, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Please call Jill Merryday, 443-9428. No special driver's license needed.

CHILDCARE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS will be provided 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. for our evening Bible Studies and classes, Wednesday Dinner, or possibly a much needed kid-free trip to the grocery store. We hope to encourage our families to fellowship and take advantage of classes offered. Any questions, contact Bridget Weisbrod, bridget@saintpaulsumc.org.

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.
February 19: Chicken Pot Pie

CLASSES FOR LENT - We are offering two Lenten classes, *The Caring Congregation* with Rev. Becky Rokitowski and *Peace by Piece* with Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks. Both classes start Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m.

NEW! "FAMILY TIME" WEDNESDAY NIGHT GATHERING - *Love Builds Up* with Malena Allison and Stephany Nystrand starts March 4 at 6:30 p.m. After the short 15 minute study, Pastor Kandace will lead us in a "Peace by Piece" lesson as we create mosaics for a community project in our neighborhood. Join in the family dinner served from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Class will be held for six weeks.

SPRING CAMPING TRIP - March 13 - 15 at Seminole State Park. Cost per person is \$35 or \$90 per family. We camp and cook together and sites are reserved. Join the fun in March. Make reservations by signing up online with this link: <https://saintpaulsumc.breezechms.com/form/f210e436>

ANNUAL CONFERENCE - We are now registering lay people to serve as District At-Large Delegates to Annual Conference. The conference will be June 4-6 at Florida Southern College in Lakeland. If you would like to serve as a voting delegate, please email flumc-nw@flumc.org. Include what church you are a member of, as we will ask your pastor to approve of you serving as a delegate. Due to the items being discussed and voted on this year, we hope to get a very diverse group of delegates. If you want more information, please speak to your pastor or call the District office at 850-386-2154.

SEEKING PART-TIME NURSERY HELPER - Our Parents Morning Out ministry is growing by leaps and bounds! We need a helper Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. If interested, please contact Bridget or Jill in the church office, 385-5146.

This Week at Saint Paul's

Sunday, February 16

4:30 pm Youth Choir/CR
5:15 pm Youth Operation Worship/
FSU Wesley
6:00 pm Handbells/S

Monday, February 17

8:00 am Classical Conversations/All Rms
6:30 pm Core Ministries/301
7:00 pm Trustees/325

Tuesday, February 18

9:30 am Mommy & Me Music/200
6:00 pm Covenant Chancel Choir/CR
7:30 pm Se'lah Choir/CR

Wednesday, February 19

8:00 am Prayer Group/325
10:30am Creation Care T-Shirts/302
3:00 pm SPARKS/100 Level
3:15 pm Midtown Classical/P/210/211

Wednesday, February 19 cont.

5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner/SH
5:30 pm PreSchool Music/200 Level
6:30 pm Climate Justice/310
6:30 pm I Beg to Differ/326

Thursday, February 20

9:30 am MOPS Playdate/N
11:30am Third Thursday Lunch/SH
6:30 pm MESS Group/Offsite/N

Friday, February 21

Church Office Closed
9:00 am Alzheimer's Respite/P
6:00 pm Crafty Crop/SH
6:00 pm Midtown Classical/P/210/211

Saturday, February 22

12:00pm Crafty Crop/SH
5:00 pm Date Night/N



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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

Expenses to date: \$ 86,910.00 Average weekly expenses (2019): \$17,477.00
 Income to date: \$130,400.00

Actual	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
Income:	\$20,789.00	\$18,734.00		

February 9 attendance: 8:30: 82 11:00: 154 Sunday School: 168

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/>



Saint Paul's Staff

Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks, Senior Pastor
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