

SAINT PAUL'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



October 5, 2025
Just Love
"Afraid of the Dark?"
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship: Sunday, October 5, 2025

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services of Worship

17th Sunday after Pentecost / World Communion Sunday

**stand as you are able*

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. MaryAnn Piccioni, Associate Pastor

Call to Worship

Nic Fugate/Don Griesheimer

Leader: It is the light of God's love in Christ that brings a rich harvest of goodness and truth to all people of the world.

People: So we would live like people who belong to the light.

Leader: We would have nothing to do with worthless things that belong to the world of darkness.

People: In the name of Jesus we would live in the light, giving thanks to God the Father.

Unison Prayer

Light of Christ, on this World Communion Sunday, awaken us to your presence in our midst. Shine among us in such a way that the darkness may be pushed back, so that we might truly see what is real. May your light within us shine through into our worship. **Amen.**

***Processional Hymn**

One Bread, One Body

UMH 620

Crucifer 8:30: Amelia Fugate/11:00: Nathanael Scott

Lighting of the Candles

8:30: Aubrey & Avery Caparello

11:00: Mackenzie Cook & Frankie Batailles

Presentation of the Elements

8:30: Elizabeth Fugate & Mac Martin

11:00: Livia Nystrand & Maria Alexander

***Passing of the Peace**

(Please join in signing the chorus of "O How I Love Jesus" No. 170, as you return to your seat)

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Piccioni

Anthem (11:00)

Ten Thousand Charms

arr. Sean Paul

Covenant Chancel Choir - Natalie Taunton, cello

Children's Chat

Rev. Piccioni

The Offering

Offering Prayer

Rev. Carolyn Williamson, Senior Pastor

Offertory

Suite III for Cello: Gigue

J.S. Bach

Natalie Taunton, cello

***Doxology**

UMH 95, Old 100th

Scripture	John 1:1-5 (CEB)	Nic Fugate/Don Griesheimer
Sermon	"Afraid of the Dark?"	Rev. Carolyn Williamson
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
	Invitation/Confession and Pardon	UMH p. 12
	The Great Thanksgiving for World Communion	UMH p. 15-16
	Breaking the Bread/Giving the Bread and Cup	
Music for Communion		Ellen Osborn
*Closing Hymn	<i>Shine, Jesus Shine</i>	on Screen
*Sending Forth		Rev. Williamson
Postlude	<i>Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ</i>	arr. J. Behnke

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Unless otherwise noted, all music is shared with us through the talents of Gaye Herndon, and the choir’s gifts under the direction of Cynthia Prescott.

Thanks to Rev. MaryAnn, Casey Fernandes, Leslie Scott, and our Kids@Art for designing and building the beautiful World Communion altarscape.

Flowers On The Altar

The flowers on the altar today are given by
Jonathan Leach, to the glory of God and
in celebration of his and Amy’s 16th wedding anniversary.

ATTENDANCE PADS

In each pew you will find a black folder containing a sign-in. We would love for you to let us know you are here. You can also share your contact information, request info on various ministries, sign up for Wednesday night dinner or request a name tag.

Thank you for joining us in worship today! This QR code will take you to our webpage, where you may subscribe to our WEEKLY NOTES and give safely and securely online to support the ministries of Saint Paul’s UMC.



THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL'S

Sunday, Oct. 5 - Worship, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Handbell Choir, 5:45 p.m., Sanctuary

Rooted Youth Sunday Night, 5:00 p.m., Parlor

Blessing of the Animals Service, 6:00 p.m., Outdoor Chapel

Monday, Oct. 6 - Chair Yoga Class, 11:00 a.m., Parlor

Daisy Scout Troop Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Room 304

Tuesday, Oct. 7 - Men's Reading Community, 8:00 a.m., Ology Northside

Girl Scout Troop 67 Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Parlor

Charge Conference, 6:00 p.m., Trinity UMC

Covenant Chancel Choir, 6:15 p.m., Choir Room

Selah, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room

Wednesday, Oct. 8 - Prayer Meeting, 8:00 a.m., Zoom

End of Life Class, 4:00 p.m., Room 300

PreSchool Music, 5:10 p.m., Room 200

Wednesday Night Dinner (Cheeseburger & home fries), 5:15 p.m., SH

CAJM Church-wide House Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Sanders Hall

Wednesday Night Youth Rooted, 6:00 p.m., Parlor

Kids@Art Music, 6:00 p.m., Room 200

Youth Choir, 7:00 p.m., Room 200

Thursday, Oct. 9 - Alzheimer's Early Stage Support Group, 10:00 a.m., Rm 327

Capital Area Healthy Start, 5:30 p.m. Sanders Hall, Sanctuary

Friday, Oct. 10 - Alzheimer's Respite, 9:00 a.m., Parlor

Sunday, Oct. 12 - Worship, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Starting Point Class, 9:45 a.m., Side Narthex

The Artist Series Woodwind Trio, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Contemporary Service, 6:00 p.m., Sanders Hall

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS

Large print hymnals are available to those who would like to use them during worship. Please ask an usher.

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