

SAINT PAUL'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



March 15, 2026
“Prostitutes and Prodigals”
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship: Sunday, March 15, 2026

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

4th Sunday in Lent

*stand as you are able

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Carolyn Williamson, Senior Pastor

Prelude *Prelude on 'Aberystwyth'* J. Linker

Lighting of the Candles Acolytes

***Opening Prayer** Lynne Quimby-Pennock and People

Mighty God, You welcome us into Your Kingdom as honored guests.

You give us water to wash our feet,

You give us a kiss of greeting,

and You anoint our heads with oil.

Merciful God, You welcome us even though we are sinners.

You forgive our debts and give us a seat at Your table.

Wondrous God, we have come here to give You our worship and praise.

May we make a joyful noise at Your table!

Seth A. Normington

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

***Prayer of Confession** Lynne Quimby-Pennock and People

We confess to you, all-knowing God, what we are.

We are not the people we like others to think we are.

We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves,

what lies in the depths of our souls.

But we cannot hide our true selves from you.

You know us as we are, and yet you love us.

Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge.

Teach us to respect ourselves for your sake.

Give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power.

Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt into the freedom and energy of forgiven people.

And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to accept,

We ask you to break their bondage and set them free;

though Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen

Response

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

UMH 402, vs. 3

***Passing of the Peace**

(Please join in singing *Spirit of the Living God*, UMH 393 as you return to your seat.)

Missions Moment Capital Area Justice Ministry Ryan Kline

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer Rev. MaryAnn Piccioni, Associate Pastor

Anthem (11:00)	<i>We Like Sheet Have Gone Astray</i> Covenant Chancel Choir	L. Larson
Children's Chat		Rev. Piccioni
The Offering		
Offering Prayer		Rev. Carolyn Williamson
Offertory	<i>Go Down Moses</i> Se'lah	arr. M. Hayes
*Doxology		UMH 95, Old 100th
Scripture	Luke 7:36-38	Lynne Quimby-Pennock
Sermon	"Prostitutes and Prodigals"	Rev. Carolyn Williamson
*Closing Hymn	<i>Grace Greater than Our Sin</i>	UMH 365
*Sending Forth		Rev. Williamson
Postlude	<i>Postlude on 'Aberystwyth'</i>	J. Linker

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Flowers On The Altar

The flowers on the altar today are given by
Sue Spencer to the glory of God
and in honor of Betsy Oven.

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, March 15 - Worship, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Water Color Society, 2:00 p.m., Parlor
Handbell Choir, 5:45 p.m., Sanctuary
Contemporary Worship, 6:00 p.m., Sanders Hall

Monday, March 16 - MoLab Spring Camp - All week
Chair Yoga Class, 11:00 a.m., Sanders Hall

Tuesday, March 17 - Men's Reading Community, 8:30 a.m., Ology Northside
Ed Wynn Luncheon, 10:30 a.m., Sanders Hall
Alzheimer's Support Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Parlor
Girl Scout Troop 67, 6:00 p.m., Parlor
Covenant Chancel Choir, 6:00 p.m., Choir Room
Selah, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room

Wednesday, March 18 - Prayer Meeting, 8:00 a.m., Zoom
No Wednesday Night Dinner or Activities

Thursday, March 19 - Yoga Class, 11:00 a.m., Sanders Hall

Friday, March 20 - Alzheimer's Respite, 9:00 a.m., Parlor

Saturday, March 21 - Manna on Meridian, 8:00 a.m., Faith Presbyterian
Church Workday, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 22 - Worship, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Bishop's Regional Gathering, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Bishop's Gathering Reception, 3:00 p.m., Sanders Hall
Handbell Choir, 5:45 p.m., Sanctuary
Contemporary Worship, 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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