

SAINT PAUL'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



April 26, 2026
“What Was God Thinking”
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship: Sunday, April 26, 2026

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

4th Sunday of Easter

*stand as you are able

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Carolyn Williamson, Senior Pastor

Prelude *Draw Us to You* setting by M. Burkhardt
Lighting of the Candles Acolytes

***Call to Worship** Liane Giroux and People

We come, so sure of the way of faith, and the ways of faith.

So sure of the way, we do not expect surprises.

God of the road, you step into our path and startle us!

So sure of the way, we are stopped in our tracks.

Surprise us, nudge us, redirect our steps.

So sure of the way, Lord, awaken us to new possibilities. Amen.

From CokesburyUMC, Woodbridge, VA

***Opening Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy* UMH 64

***Affirmation of Faith** "Affirmation from Corinthians and Colossians" UMH 888
Response *Glory Be to the Father* UMH 70

***Passing of the Peace**

(Please join in singing *He Is Lord*, UMH 177 as you return to your seat.)

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

Anthem (11:00) *Hallelujah! By and By* arr. M. McDonald
Covenant Chancel Choir

Children's Chat Rev. Piccioni

The Offering

Offering Prayer Rev. Carolyn Williamson

Offertory *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* arr. J.C. Smith
Handbell Choir

***Doxology** UMH 94, *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

Scripture Acts 9:1-20 Liane Giroux

Sermon	“What Was God Thinking”	Rev. Carolyn Williamson
*Closing Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	UMH 378
*Sending Forth		Rev. Williamson
Postlude	<i>Postlude on ‘Nicaea’</i>	R. Hebble

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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.

Flowers On The Altar

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of our beloved grandmother the Ngozichukwuka J. Okoli. Laru na'udo. Chinonso, Onyinye, and Ikem Okoli.

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, April 26 - Worship, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Child/Youth Protection Training, 9:45 a.m., Parlor

Confirmation Class, 5:00 p.m., Parlor

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

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

Monday, April 27 - Chair Yoga Class, 11:00 a.m., Sanders Hall

Governing Board, 6:30 p.m., Room 327

Tuesday, April 28 - Men's Reading Community, 8:30 a.m., Ology Northside

Covenant Chancel Choir, 6:00 p.m., Choir Room

Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby, 6:30 p.m., Sanders Hall

Selah, 7:15 p.m., Choir Room

Wednesday, April 29 - Prayer Meeting, 8:00 a.m., Zoom

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

Wednesday Night Dinner (Ziti), 5:15 p.m., Sanders Hall

Kids@Art Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Contemplative Prayer Class, 6:00 p.m., Room 301

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

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

Thursday, April 30 - Yoga Class, 11:00 a.m., Sanders Hall

Se'lah Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Friday, May 1 - Alzheimer's Respite, 9:00 a.m., Parlor

Creation Care Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Flying Biscuit

Sunday, May 3 - Teacher Appreciation Sunday

Worship, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

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

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

Se'lah Concert, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

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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