

# ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

IN ROBERT STRAWBRIDGE COUNTRY

Our mission is to share Jesus Christ with everyone we meet.

PRAISE, WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

May 20, 2018



10:30 am

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL! *You are welcome to enjoy the refreshments in the back of the sanctuary before the Welcome and after the Postlude. If you are a guest, please fill out a guest card and put it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you and hope you will prayerfully consider making St. Paul your spiritual home.*

*\* Please stand, as able.*

*Forms for Joys & Concerns are located in the Narthex & will be collected at the beginning of the service.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK

PRELUDE "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" with "O Breath of Life" (arr. Cindy Berry)

WELCOME

\*OPENING HYMN "Holy, Holy" TFWS 2039

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Acts 2, Psalm 104, Romans 8)

Leader: Call upon God's holy name.

**People: For in calling, we are saved.**

Leader: Listen for the wind of the Spirit.

**People: For in listening, we will hear the Spirit who brings new life.**

Leader: Hope in the promises of Christ.

**People: We wait, we hope, we worship – for just as Christ came in days long gone, so**

**Christ comes to us even now in the power of the Spirit!**

\*OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Acts 2)

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Blow through our lives with the breath of life. Blow through our church with the power of prophecy. Blow through our world with the promise of peace and justice. Work in us even now, that we may be your people on earth, your Church, your work of the Spirit. Gather all peoples together, that all may know of your powerful and life-giving love. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM "This We Pray" St. Paul Choir

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN "Spirit Song" UMH 347

EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 2: 1-21 HB 883

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8: 22-27 HB 916-917

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15 HB 876-877

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURES Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Advocate Has Come" Rev. Shari McCourt

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Theme of the Blessed Spirit (C.W. von Gluck)

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

OFFERING PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN "I Will Call Upon the Lord" TFWS 2002

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Spirit of God" (Steve Garnass-Holmes)

\* MEETING AND GREETING

*As the postlude ends, please take a minute to greet one another, especially those who are our guests today. You are encouraged to continue fellowship at the back of the sanctuary, with refreshments.*

\*GOING FORTH AS NEIGHBORHOOD MISSIONARIES

Serving in Worship today: Rev. Shari McCourt, Pastor; Ela Wiswakarma, Director of Music; Sena Roop, Announcements; Rebecca Price, Joys and Concerns and Community Prayer.

**This Week at St. Paul UMC:**

May 20: Ladies Luncheon 12:00 pm

May 23: Food Bank 5:30 – 7:00 pm; A.A. & Al-Anon 7:30 pm

May 24: Choir Practice 7:30 pm

May 26: Christian Men's Fellowship at Buttersburg Inn 8:00 am; Cards for Encouragement  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Mother's Day Luncheon**, TODAY, Sun, May 20, 12:00pm in Fellowship Hall. The Men of St. Paul will be hosting a Mother's Day Luncheon for Ladies of St. Paul and their friends. Menu is roasted chicken, ham, green beans, potato salad, fruit cup and desserts.

**Church Directory is coming!** St. Paul is making a new family church directory and we need YOU to be a part of it! We have 2 dates scheduled for portraits – Thursday, June 14 from 2:00 – 9:00 pm, and Tuesday, July 10 from 2:00 – 9:00 pm. Every individual or family photographed will receive a free 8 x 10 portrait and a pictorial church directory. Please schedule your portrait time during refreshment time following church on Sundays in June, or you may call the church office to reserve your time. Bring a food donation for our Food Pantry and receive \$5.00 off of your portrait purchase!

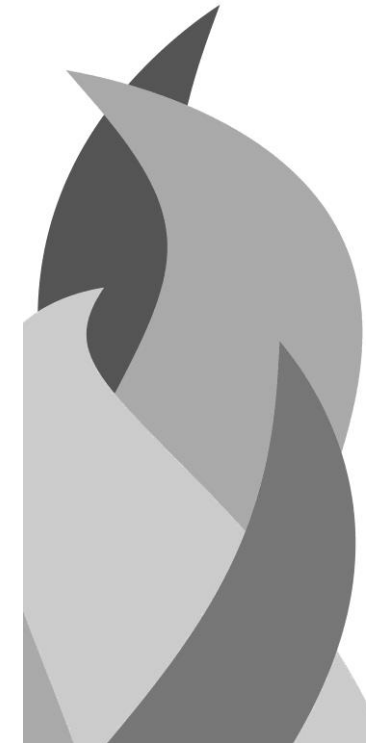
**The church office** will be closed Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day. However, the office will be **open** on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> to cover the hours for Monday.

Pastor Shari would like to hold **Cluster Meetings** again starting in July and August. We are looking for people willing to host these small gatherings in their homes. If you would like to host one of these meetings, please call Kenna in the church office. A date will be coordinated between you and Pastor Shari to be held this summer.

Monthly Budget Requirement: \$9,667 – May month-to-date offering: \$5603.00

Attendance May 6 - 54 – May 13 - 47

Church Office: 410-635-2442 • Office Hours Monday 9:00 – 3:00 and Thursday 3:00 – 6:00 pm  
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HOLY  
SPIRIT  
FELL ON ALL  
WHO HEARD  
THE WORD.

ACTS 10:44, ESV

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