

# 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 27, 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 "In Christ Alone" (arr. Melody Bober)

WELCOME

\*OPENING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" UMH 64

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 6, Romans 8, John 3)

Leader: We come this morning to praise God, the three in one.

**People: Holy, Holy, Holy is the God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of God's glory.**

Leader: We come embracing our adoption as sons and daughters of God.

**People: We rejoice in our identity and our new birth in the Spirit.**

Leader: Let us come before God with praise and thanksgiving. Let us worship the God of glory and love.

\*OPENING PRAYER (Isaiah 6, Romans 8)

**God of Love, we come this morning with hearts full of praise; we come with deepest gratitude to you for adopting us as your sons and daughters. Help us feel the Spirit move within our lives, not only during worship, but in every aspect of our days. Help us respond to your loving Spirit with a full-throated, "Here I am, send me." May our time together bless us, inspire us, and lead us in your pathways. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM "Amazing Abundance" (Mark Miller) 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 "To God Be the Glory" UMH 98

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 1: 1-14 HB 946-947

GOSPEL LESSON: Acts 1: 8 HB 882

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

SERMON "Strong Wind or Gentle Breeze" Rev. Dr. David Highfield

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Sing to the Lord" (arr. Phillip Keveren)

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

OFFERING PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN "Spirit of the Living God" UMH 393

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Lord God, Almighty" (Coni Huisman)

\* 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. Dr. David Highfield, Guest Pastor; Ela Wiswakarma, Director of Music; Sena Roop, Announcements; Rebecca Price, Joys and Concerns and Community Prayer.

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

May 28: Memorial Day – Church office closed

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

May 30 – June 1: Annual Conference of the Baltimore Washington Conference – Pastor Shari will be attending all 3 days

June 3: Visitation Committee Meeting 11:45 am; Financial Peace University 2:00 pm

**The Visitation Committee** will meet on Sunday, June 3 at 11:45 am following worship.

**Financial Peace University** will be held at St. Paul for 9 weeks this summer, beginning Sunday, June 3 at 2:00 pm. This is a nine-lesson class on money taught by America's most trusted financial guru, Dave Ramsey. The class will cost \$109 per family and there are scholarships available if needed. Pat McCourt will lead the sessions and will meet every Sunday through August 5<sup>th</sup> except Father's Day, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**The United Methodist Women** invite you to join them in hosting the annual "picnic" for guests from Springfield Hospital center on Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. In the Fellowship Hall. The UMW will provide barbeque sandwiches and beverages and all attendees are asked to bring two (2) generous covered dishes. The guests bring hearty appetites with them and enjoy eating non-institutional food. All are welcome.

**Volunteers needed:** Help is needed getting crab cakes ready each day for lunch at the New Windsor Fireman's Carnival. Each weekday morning, June 4 – 8, starting at 7:00 am, helpers are needed to pick through 100+ pounds of crab meat. All you need to do is show up at the Fire Hall in the morning. This is a great way to serve the community.

**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!

Monthly Budget Requirement: \$9,667 – May month-to-date offering: \$5093.00

Attendance May 13 - 47 – May 20 - 60

Church Office: 410-635-2442 • Office Hours Monday 9:00 – 3:00 and Thursday 3:00 – 6:00 pm  
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