

**4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 2, 2025**

Prelude: “Minuet” from Handel’s “Water Music”

Hymn: “Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place” #328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Welcome of All & Call to Worship

WE PRAISE GOD

***Opening Hymn: “How Great Thou Art” #77**

***Opening Prayer**

Holy One, Your voice echoes through creation, and Your truth stirs within our hearts. As the heavens declare Your glory, may our lives reflect Your love and justice. Open our hearts to the Spirit’s movement, that we may hear the call to bring good news, healing, and hope to the world. Bless this time of worship with Your presence. Amen.

***Hymn: “Gloris, Gloria” #72**

Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo!
Gloria! Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia! (sung twice)

***Greeting One Another with the Sign of Peace**

Leader: Peace be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us share the Peace of Christ with great joy.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Psalm 19 & Luke 4:14-21

Hymn: “I’m Goin’ a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing” #333

Today’s Message

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Communion

You are welcome to take communion regardless of whether you belong to St. Paul’s or the UMC. Please share this sacrament with us.

Joys and Concerns

You may end your prayer with “This is my prayer.”
We all respond with “This is our prayer.”

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Our Father-Mother, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE CELEBRATE TITHING & OFFERING

Offertory Hymn: “What’s Going On” (Marvin Gaye)

Performed by Chuck Ciany

***Doxology: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” ...#95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, ye creatures here below,
Praise God, ye hosts in heaven above,
Praise God, the Trinity of Love. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

Spirit of Life, You move within us, stirring compassion and courage. As we offer these gifts, may they reflect not just our resources, but our hearts aligned with Your justice and love. Let our inner experience of Your Spirit guide our actions in the world, bringing hope to the oppressed and healing to the broken. Use us and our offerings for Your transformative work. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: “We Are Called” #2172**

***Benediction**

The asterisk () indicates “standing” if you are able to do so.*

Our monthly potluck brunch follows the service. Please join us downstairs in Barber Hall to share refreshments & fellowship.

ST PAUL'S METHODIST FAITH COMMUNITY

Ministers: Each & every one of you
Greeter: Louise C.
Musicians: David M. & Chuck C.
Sunday School Team: Melissa B. & Karen D.

Bell Ringer: Dave B.
Liturgist: Mike M.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jaegil Lee
Custodian: Melissa B.
Office Team: Louise C., Joe R., & Veronique R.

Lay Leader: Linda S.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Announcements insert.

Have an announcement? Or an update? Or a correction?

Email us at stpauls@stpaulsnewport.net. Please include complete information: what, where, when, who, and how.

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Hope sprouts
Healing grows
Love blooms
St. Paul's Methodist Faith Community

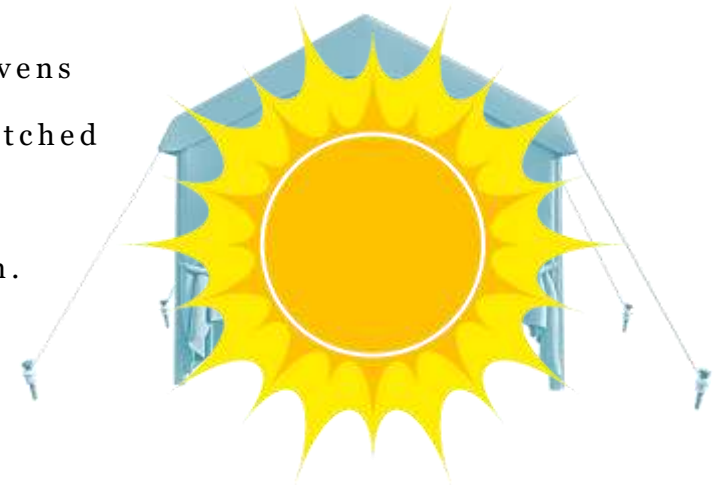
In the heavens

God has pitched

a tent

for the sun.

*Psalm 19:4
(NIV)*



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Welcome to St. Paul's

We hope worship is fulfilling for you today.

Please join us for refreshments in Barber Hall after the service. Barber Hall is on the first floor directly beneath the sanctuary.

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – FEBRUARY 2, 2025

- **February's mission collection:** From Feb 1 to Feb 28, we are collecting for Newport Housing Hotline, founded in 1979, which helps people in crisis with housing, utilities, and other essentials. You can read about them here: newporthousinghotline.com/about
- **February's Soup's On community meal:** Tue, Feb 11. Preparations begin at 2 pm. The greatest need is 5 to 6:30 pm. Speak with Joe if you'd like to volunteer to set up, prepare food, serve, clean up, or bring a dessert. Even a 20-minute shift is a help.
- **God's Community Garden:** On Calvary UMC grounds in Middletown. Volunteers needed year-round between 9 am & 2 pm on Mon, Tue, Thu, & Fri each week. 2 hr shifts typical; 1 hr also appreciated. Duties include planting, weeding, picking & packing vegetables. Training provided. Speak with Judi S. You can read about the garden here: godscommunitygarden.com
- **Winter coat collection:** We are still collecting gently used winter coats for those in need. Please leave your donations in the designated box in Barber Hall. We are giving them out at our monthly Soup's On community meals and other community meals hosted here.
- **Meditation group:** Meets Wed 5:30 to 6:20 pm in Barber Hall.
- **Drumming circle:** Meets Wed 6:30 to 8 pm in Barber Hall. No experience necessary. We provide the drums.
- **Spiritual transformation group:** Meets Thu 6:15 to 7:45 pm in the Thompson Rm (2nd fl) and remotely on Zoom.* Led by Jaegil.
- **St. Paul's new email address:** To email the church, please send to stpauls@stpaulsnewport.net .
- ***Zoom link for Jaegil's small groups:** The link is the same for all his groups and is on the Events page of our website.
- **Safe Sanctuary Policies:** Copies of our policies are located in Barber Hall and the church office.