

**2ND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 16, 2025**

Prelude: “Seek Ye First” (Lafferty, arr. Tornquist)

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: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” #121**

***Opening Prayer**

God of Mercy and New Beginnings, in a world that seeks to name us by our struggles, You remind us that we are more than our suffering—we are Your beloved. Nurture in us the grace to grow, to turn toward hope, and to bear the fruits of love and justice. May this time of worship root us in Your endless compassion. Amen.

***Hymn: “Gloria, 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: Luke 13:1-9

Today’s Message

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

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: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (setting: Bach’s “The Well Tempered Clavier - Fugue No. 2,” arr. Berry)

***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**

God of Renewal and Promise, You see beyond our struggles and call us into life abundant. As we bring these gifts, we offer not just our resources but our trust in Your transforming love. May our giving be a witness to hope, reminding the world that pain does not have the final word—grace does. Use us to bring light where it is needed. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” #2191**

***Benediction**

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

Coffee hour 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: Susan M.
Musician: David M.
Sunday School Team: Melissa B. & Karen D.

Bell Ringer: Dave B.
Liturgist: Linda S.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jaegil Lee
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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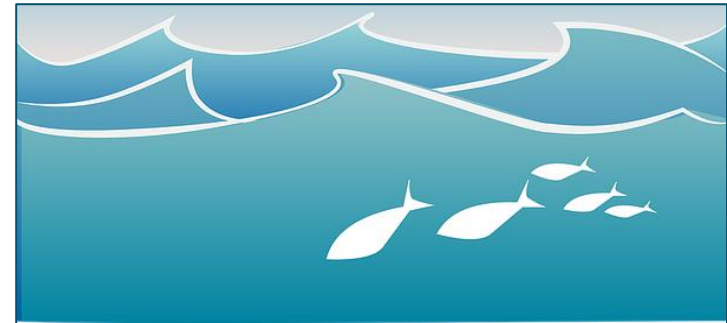


Hope sprouts Healing grows Love blooms

St. Paul's Methodist Faith Community

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #121 UMH



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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 – MARCH 16, 2025

- **Memorial service:** For beloved St. Paul's family member Judy Holcomb on Sat, Mar 22. Visiting hours 9:30 to 10:30 am at Memorial Funeral Home, Newport. Funeral at 11:00 am at the Belmont Chapel, Island Cemetery, Newport. You may join the service remotely at link.memorial/jholcomb. Reception follows at The Wyndham Newport Hotel, Middletown. You can find her obituary and memorial service information here: memorialfuneralhome.com/obituaries/judy-holcomb
- **Leadership Team meeting:** Meets 3rd Mon at 7 pm each month remotely on Zoom. Next one is tomorrow.
- **4-week Medical Medium Healing Group:** Meets Wed at 11:00 am on Mar 19 & 26 and Apr 2 & 9 in the pastor's office and remotely on Zoom. Led by Jaegil.
- **Soup's On community meal:** Served monthly on 2nd Tue. Next one is Apr 8. Speak with Joe if you'd like to volunteer.
- **God's Community Garden:** At Calvary UMC 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. Read about the garden here: godscommunitygarden.com
- **Bi-monthly mission collection:** No collection in Mar; next is in Apr. Recipient to be announced as we get closer to the end of the month. Thank you to everyone who donated to Newport Housing Hotline in Feb!
- **Meditation group:** Meets weekly on Wed 5:30 to 6:20 pm in Barber Hall.
- **Drumming circle:** Meets weekly on Wed 6:30 to 8 pm in Barber Hall. No experience necessary. We provide the drums.
- **Spiritual transformation group:** Meets weekly on Thu 6:15 to 7:45 pm in the pastor's office and remotely on Zoom.*
- **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.