The great news
One: May this story inspire us all
All: To walk in the way that leads to life.

Word in Song
O Love That Will Not Let Me Go (8:30) Red Hymnal, 480
Lord, Help Me Be Your Servant (11:00) Chancel Choir
Jared Badalamenti, Choral Accompanist

The Message
Play to Win Pastor Bo Godby-Smith
Key verse (16:8) And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

We Give Thanks & Commune with Christ

Invitation to Christ's Table
Bind Us Together Black Hymnal, 2226
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love. There is only one God, there is only one King; There is only one body, this is why we sing. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

The Offertory and Witness
Today’s Yellow Hat mission offering supports Alzheimer Research.
Last week, we received $528.00 for Juvenile Diabetes Research.
Thank you for your generosity!

The Doxology
We All Are One in Mission, v.1 Black Hymnal, 2243 (to the tune, Lead On, O King Eternal, Red Hymnal, 580)
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call. Our varied gifts united by Christ the Lord of all. A single great commission compels us from above To plan and work together that all may know Christ’s love.

The Great Thanksgiving
One: Peace be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: We give thanks for a creation pulsing with a wild, chaotic creative intensity, since the very dawn of time, making all things unique and constantly refreshing the well of life. We give thanks for a creation that honors and encourages self-organization and self-expression in both animate and inanimate forms. And we give thanks for the interrelatedness of all things, singing together:
All: God who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place, flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space, we your children, in your likeness, share inventive powers with you. Great creator, still creating, show us what we may yet do. (Red Hymnal, 150)

One: We give thanks for One who lived and loved among us around tables, in synagogues and village squares, on dusty roads, quiet gardens, and sighing seashores. He came with power to heal and to invite us to a love-allured world, where everyone was free from the oppression of physical, material, and spiritual hoarding or famine. All: This One, Jesus of Nazareth, spoke and acted with authority borne of love, not power. Jesus challenged and encouraged us to discover God-Within Us with his questions. “Who do you say I am?” he asked. “Do you want to get well?” “Why are you so afraid?” “How do you read?” “Who touched me?” And, “Do you love me?”
One: There are always those among us who spurn the Way of Love by exercising the power they hoard and lord over others. They took Jesus in the night and executed him before a cowering, glowing mob. “Now let us see,” the powerful screamed, “what will become of the Dreamer.”
All: Love always wins. We live the Jesus Way. He lives in us.
One: Before he died, Jesus broke bread with his followers, committing them to live out his Way of abundant life, to love without limits, and to heal the world. This is what he said:
All: “My body and blood, given for all.” May we never forget.
One: We commit ourselves to live this Love-Allured Life, awakening ourselves and the world to wonder, love, and praise. And so we sing:
All: Together We Serve

The Table is open to all who seek to follow Jesus. Come at the ushers’ invitation. You may ask for gluten-free bread at the front.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go in the Spirit to Make Disciples

Sending Hymn
Soon and Very Soon (8:30) Red Hymnal, 706
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (11:00) Red Hymnal, 206

Postlude (11:00)

Serving in Worship Today (8:30 AM)
Greeter: Ann Newsong
Acolyte: Emerson Hickey
Liturgy: Carlotta Clene
Nursery Volunteer: Jessica Schrum
Communion Set-up: Megan Reitzes
Communion Servers: Hap & Barbara Bonham and Carlotta Clene Musicians: Duane Dillard, Music Accompanist and the Worship Ensemble

ASL Interpreter: Gail Garner

Serving in Worship Today (11:00 AM)
Ushers: June Stemmle, Dennis Shaffer, Dean Hatton, John Harmon & Charli Miller
Greeter: Kenzel Messick
Acolyte: Gabi Calabaza
Liturgy: Ellie Leuliette
Nursery Volunteer: Joy Littell
Communion Servers: John & Susie Cate and Ellie Leuliette
 Choir Communion Servers: Nancee Bleistine & Julie Foreman
Musicians: Jeff Anderson, Music Director, Jared Badalamenti, Choral Accompanist and Chancel Choir

Flowers at the cross today are given by Alicia Blackwell donating from Wildflowers by Alicia.
Counters: Linda Botsford & Carolyn Stanley
Fellowship: Kenzel Messick, Nancy Weldin, Nora Reeves, Kris Knarr, Vivian Mastin, Eloctiony Guy, Linda Sydor and Georgiana Fennemore

Next Sunday’s Worship Theme: Heed the Prophets
Please read Luke 16:19-31 (key verse: 16:8)

Drop-In Bible Study – Wednesday at 11 AM
We will continue studying the book of Genesis. We'd love to have more folks join us and learn more about Genesis. If you can't make it each and every week, that's no problem. Just “drop-in” whenever you are available.

Weekly Gatherings
Office Hours Monday thru Thursday 9 AM -2 PM
Boy Scouts – Mondays 7-8:30 PM
Cub Scouts – Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 6:30-8:30 PM
Drop in Bible Study – Wednesdays 11 AM
TOPS Meeting – Wednesdays 6 PM
Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Wednesdays 6-7 PM
Choir Rehearsal – Wednesdays 7-8 PM
GriefShare Support Group – Thursdays 10AM-Noon
NAMI – 4th Thursdays 7 PM
Pastor’s Sabbath – Fridays
AA Meeting – Saturdays 7 PM

Upcoming Special Events
Tuesday, September 24 – 6:30 PM Health Ministries Meeting
Thursday, September 26 – 7 PM NAMI Meeting
Sunday, September 29 – Church Hayride & Bonfire at Filskay’s Farm from 5:30-8:30PM
Tuesday, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – 9 AM UMM Bible Study
Tuesday, October 3 – 7 PM Health Ministry Program “Healthy Diet, Healthy Shopping, Healthy You”
Saturday, October 5 – 2-5 PM TOPS Special Meeting
Tuesday, October 8 – 6:30 PM Finance Meeting
Saturday, October 12 – 8 AM-1 PM Wilmington District UMW Annual Meeting
Tuesday, October 15 – 6:30 PM Trustees Meeting
Saturday, October 19 – 10 AM-4 PM Blood Bank of Delmarva Blood Drive at St. Paul’s
Monday, October 21 – 6:30 PM Leadership Team Meeting
Wednesday, October 23 – 7 PM Church Conference - Bethesda UMC

Gail Garner, Our ASL Interpreter, Is Here at St. Paul’s Every Sunday at the 8:30 AM Service!
Know someone who needs ASL interpreted worship? Please invite them!

Yellow Hat Missions Offering today Goes to: Alzheimer Research
Researchers are studying ways to treat inflammatory processes at work in Alzheimer’s disease. Today, we are growing philanthropic support for Alzheimer’s research, fostering a dynamic community of Alzheimer’s Research.

Luke 16:1-13 (Pew Bible, 77)
Silver Lake Elementary School Needs
We have traditionally supported Silver Lake Elementary in a variety of ways. Currently the kids are all getting a snack break every day in an effort to help them focus and keep the blood sugar even. Of course, the students who need it most are often the ones who do not or cannot bring a snack. Silver Lake administration has asked for large bags or boxes of non-peanut snacks like Cheerios, animal crackers, and goldfish. There will be a regular collection place for this ongoing mission. For now, if you have any of these items to donate please put them in the basket by the table in the Narthex labeled Silver Lake Snacks. Thanks for your support and participation!

Silver Lake School Rally
We are participating in the November 21, 2020, rally in Ocean City, Maryland. For further information contact Mark Holden pastor@stpaulsodessa.org (302) 378-5143. Details about the Rally can be found on the Pen-Del Conf. website. More details to follow about lodging and transportation!

GriefShare Program at St. Paul’s UMC
Facilitating these sessions will be Mr. Robert Collins (Masters in Counseling) and Rev. Danese Collins, (Master of Divinity and Masters in Education). GriefShare will meet weekly on Thursdays from 10 AM-Noon in Fellowship Hall and run through December 21.

Family Life Whole Congregation Fall Fun Event
Hayride & Bonfire at Filasky’s
in Fellowship Hall and run through December 21. Tickets increase in price as the time gets closer so please sign up now in the Narthex!!

United Methodist Men News
St. Paul’s UMM “Staying on Par with God”
Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy, Pastor
I am 14 years old. I live with mi abuela (my grandmother). I have 5 sisters. My favorite color is naranja (orange). My favorite subject in school is Ingles. My favorite sports team is footbol. I want to be a traductor (translator) when I grow up. Something I want my sponsor to know about me is: Me gusta venir y jugar con mis padrinos (I like to come and play with my sponsor).

All About Yesprin!
I am 14 years old. I live with mi abuela (my grandmother). I have 5 sisters.

Health Ministries
“Healthy Diet, Healthy Shopping and Healthy You”
Thursday, October 3 at 7PM
This discussion will be about how to make healthy food choices and some tips on shopping in the grocery store. We will also discuss portion sizes and how to read the food labels. Come join us and make “You a Healthier You!”

United Methodist Men News
UMM 5 Week Bible Study starts Tuesday, October 1. Lesson will be on Romans. Coffee & donuts provided. Hope to see you there! Paul Loder pastor@stpaulsodessa.org (302) 378-5143.

PTFALG Planning
Meeting are held on the 3rd Thursdays of each month: October 17th, November 21st and December 19th. Please join us if you would like to support or offer support and please spread the word of this to all corners of our Communities. For further information please contact Mark Holden pastor@stpaulsodessa.org (302) 378-5143 or call 802-279-8100.

2020 Youth Rally in Ocean City, Maryland – January 10-12
Sign up NOW in the Narthex!!
Early bird tickets are available through TODAY, September 22. The cost is $60 per person so hurry to save your money at church office ASAP to reserve your spot. Tickets increase in price as the time gets closer to event so mark your calendar. Details about the Rally can be found on the Pen-Del Conf. website. More details to follow about lodging and transportation!

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* Indicates please stand in body or in spirit
Thank you for your attendance.

Welcome! Please complete the fellowship pad and pass to your neighbor.

WE ENTER GOD’S GATES WITH PRAISE

PRELUDE – THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
Duane Dillard (8:30)
Jeff Anderson (11:00)

WELCOME, PRAISE & PRAYER (8:30)
Bless the Lord
Black Hymnal, 2013
Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
Black Hymnal, 2088

CALL TO WORSHIP (11:00)
inspired by Psalm 79
One: We fear and flee places and people who reek of failure and loss. All: We have been in places of loss before; we hope never to return. One: Except... in such places, love grows miraculously and powerfully. All: So in spite of our fears, we join a song to love that never fails.

OPENING HYMN (11:00)
Take My Life, and Let It Be (11:00)
Red Hymnal, 399

OPENING PRAYER
Show us the meaning of victory and success. The way of salvation. Apart from you, we will have no part in those impostors and idols. We know the path of salvation leads to and through the cross of Christ and our cross as well; help us never forget the cross that does not block our way to salvation, but becomes the way. Give us such tenacity of spirit, such strength of faith, that we will always trust and follow the path your love blazes, wherever it leads.

* WELCOME CHRIST AMONG US

CHILDREN’S TIME
Children to join Ellie Leuliette (8:30) & Susie Late (11:00) at the front as we sing (What a Mighty God We Serve, #3016 in the Red Hymnal)
What a mighty God we serve. What a mighty God we serve. Angels bow before you, heaven and earth adore you. What a mighty God we serve. The children may return to their seats after the prayer.

WE PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR LIGHT
Word of God Speak (Refrain)
Green Hymnal, 3184
Word of God speak. Would you pour down like rain, washing my eyes to see your majesty, to be still and know that you’re in this place? Please let me stay and rest in your holiness. Word of God speak.

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