

# ST. PAUL & ST. ANDREW

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Join us as we build a  
community of radical welcome  
that follows Jesus into the  
streets of the city to increase  
the amount of love and justice  
in the world.

K Karpen  
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Andrea Steinkamp  
Pastors

## Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

January 28, 2024  
11:00 a.m.



# Sunday, January 28, 2024 ♦ 4th Sunday After Epiphany

♦ *Please rise in body or spirit*

## Prelude

**Frank Glass**

**There's a Wideness in God's Mercy** by Frederick Faber (1854) & Frank Glass

## Introit

**I Stand Amazed In the Presence** (pg. 4, "Introit")

## Call To Worship ♦

From the writings of  
Rabbi A J Herschel

**Karen Erren**

One: Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement

**Many: To get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted.**

One: Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible;

**Many: Never treat life casually.**

One: To be spiritual is to be amazed.

**Many: To be spiritual is to be amazed!**

One: We may doubt anything,

**Many: except this: that we are struck with amazement.**

One: When we are in doubt, we raise questions;

**Many: When we are in wonder, we do not even know how to ask a question!**

One: Doubts may be resolved, but radical amazement can never be erased.

**Many: There is no answer in the world to our radical wonder.**

One: Under the running sea of our theories and explanations

**Many: Lies the aboriginal abyss of radical amazement.**

One: Amazing Savior, let us never ceased to be amazed by your presence and power;

**Many: Be with us now in this moment of our need.**

## Opening Hymn (351)♦

**Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior** (pg. 5, v. 1,2)

## Opening Prayer

**Mark Phillips**

## Prayer Song

**Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior** (pg. 5, v. 3)

## Scripture

**Ray Lund**

**Deuteronomy 18: 15-20** (pg. 4)

## Hymn (444)

**O Young and Fearless Prophet** (pg. 6, v. 1-3)

## Message for All Ages

**Ekama Eni**

*Youth & kids are invited up front to the chancel. After the scripture, kids 10 and under are invited to Sunday School in the Chapel.*

## Hymn (444)

**O Young and Fearless Prophet** (pg. 6, v. 4)

<b>Gospel Reading ♦</b>	<b>Gillian Kalson</b> <b>Mark 2: 1-12</b> (pg. 5)
<b>Gospel Song (444) ♦</b>	<b>O Young and Fearless Prophet</b> (pg. 6, v. 5)
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>K Karpen</b> <b>“Through the Roof!”</b>
<b>Sung Response</b>	<b>Christ Has Broken Down the Wall</b> (pg. 7, v.1-3)
<b>Welcome of New Members</b>	<b>The Pastors, Melanie Baker (Lay Leader)</b> This morning, we welcome <b>Karen Erren, Sarah Gerth van der Berg, Gillian Kalson, Ray Lund, and Mark Phillips</b>
<b>Congregational Vow</b>	pg. 7
<b>Passing the Peace Peace Song</b>	<i>Please greet those right around you with ‘Peace be with you’.</i> Alle, alle, alleluia, Alle, alle, alleluia Alle, alle, alleluia. Alleluia! Alleluia.
<b>Morning Prayer Lord’s Prayer</b>	<b>Aurora Celestin</b> <b>Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.</b>
<b>Prayer Song</b>	<b>Christ Has Broken Down the Wall</b> (p. 7, v. 4)
<b>Love in Action</b>	<b>Pearl Vercruysse</b> <i>Of tithes, gifts, prayers, and pledges for 2024</i> (pg. 8-9)
<b>Offertory Offering</b>	<b>Chancel Choir</b> <b>The Unknown Traveler</b> Charles Wesley (1742) & Lucius Chapin (c. 1810); arr. Frank Glass (2024)
<b>Prayer of Gratitude</b>	<b>Sarah Gerth van der Berg</b>
<b>Closing Hymn ♦</b>	<b>I Stand Amazed in the Presence</b> (pg. 4, v. 1, 4-5)
<b>Benediction ♦</b>	<b>K Karpen</b>
<b>Postlude</b>	<b>Frank Glass</b> <b>Are You Washed In the Blood of the Lamb?</b> Elisha Hoffmann (1878)

# I Stand Amazed in the Presence

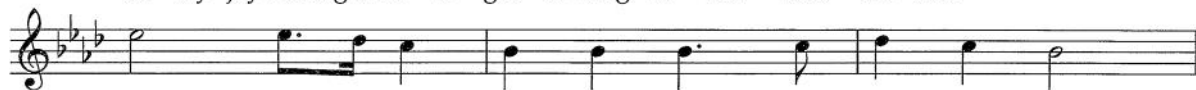
INTROIT: As we sit amazed in the presence of God, who has called us here,  
We relish each precious moment we spend with our friends so dear!  
*How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:*  
*How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me!*



1. I stand a-mazed in the pres - ence of Je - sus the Naz - a - rene and  
4. He took my sins and my sor - rows. He made them his ver - y own. He  
5. When, with the ran-somed in glo - ry, his face I at last shall see, 'twill



won-der how he could love me, a sin - ner con-demned, un-clean.  
bore the bur - den to Cal-v'ry and suf-fered and died a - lone. *How mar-vel-ous!*  
be my joy through the a - ges to sing of his love for me!



*How* won - der - ful! *And* my song shall ev - er be:



*"How mar-vel-ous! How won-der-ful is my Sav - ior's love for me!"*

Words and Music: Charles Gabriel, 1906  
Words (INTROIT): K Karpen, 2024

## Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup>The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me, said Moses, from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall perish."

# Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

1. Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry. While on oth - ers thou art  
2. Let me, at thy throne of mer - cy, find a sweet re - lief, kneel - ing there in deep con -  
3. Trust - ing on - ly in thy mer - it, would I seek thy face. Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken

call - ing, do not pass me by. Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble  
tri - tion. Help my un - be - lief. Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble  
spi - rit. Save me by thy grace. Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble

cry! While on oth - ers thou art call - ing, do not pass me by.  
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Fanny Crosby, 1868

William Doane, 1870

## Gospel Reading: Mark 2: 1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and Jesus was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed person, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Jesus; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralyzed person lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed person, “My child, your sins are forgiven.”

Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, “Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and said to them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and take your mat and walk’? But so that you may know that the Human One has authority on earth to forgive sins” —he said to the paralytic— “I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.”

And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

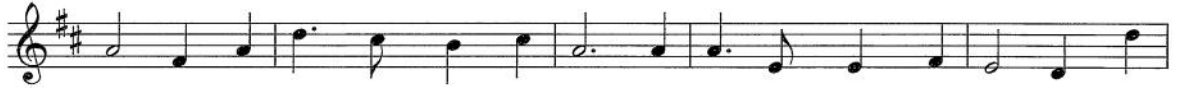
*The Word of God for the people of God, **thanks be to God!***



# O Young and Fearless Prophet



1. O young and fear-less pro-phet of an-cient Ga-li-lee, thy life is still a  
 2. We mar-vel at the pur-pose that held thee to thy course, while ev-er on the  
 3. O help us stand un-swerv-ing a-against war's blood-y way, where hate and lust and



sum-mons to serve hu-man-i-ty, to make our thoughts and ac-tions less  
 hill-top be-fore thee loomed the cross; thy stead-fast face set for-ward where  
 false-hood hold back Christ's ho-ly sway. For-bid false love of coun-try that



prone to please the crowd, \_\_\_\_\_ to stand with hum-ble  
 love and du-ty shone, \_\_\_\_\_ while we be-tray so  
 blinds us to his call, \_\_\_\_\_ who lifts a-bove the



cour-age for truth with hearts un-cowed.  
 quick-ly and leave thee there a-lone.  
 na-tions the u-ni-ty of all.

4. Stir up in us a protest against our greed for wealth.  
 While others starve and hunger and plead for work and health;  
 Where homes with little children cry out for lack of bread,  
 Who live their years sore burdened beneath a gloomy dread.
5. O young and fearless prophet, we need thy presence here,  
 Amid our pride and glory to see thy face appear;  
 Once more to hear thy challenge above our noisy day,  
 Again to lead us forward along God's holy way.

Samuel Ralph Harlow, 1931

John Bacchus Dykes, 1872

# Christ Has Broken Down the Wall



1. Christ has bro-ken down the wall, Christ has bro-ken down the wall.  
2. We're ac-cept-ed as we are, we're ac-cept-ed as we are.  
3. Cast a-side your doubts and fears, cast a-side your doubts and fears.



Let us join our hearts as one. Christ has bro-ken down the wall.  
Through God's love, all is re-con-ciled. We're ac-cept-ed as we are.  
Peace and love free-ly of-fered here. Cast a-side your doubts and fears.

4. Lord of love and hope and truth, you have known us from our youth.  
Let our praise go through the roof. Christ has broken down the wall.

Words and Music: Mark Miller, 2011  
Verse 4: K Karpen, 2024

## Congregational Vow

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news  
And live according to the example of Christ.  
We will surround these persons  
With a community of love and forgiveness,  
That they may grow in their trust of God,  
And be found faithful in their service to others.  
We will pray for them,  
That they may be true disciples  
Who walk in the way that leads to life.**

# Joys & Concerns

## Joy & Thanksgiving

For wedding anniversaries  
For children returning home from college  
For beginning of new semesters  
Kay for her brother's healing eyesight  
For siblings  
Mary Mc M, gratitude for the support and guidance received from the Resiliency and Justice Center, helping her apply and be approved for Victim of Crime benefits, and for prayers of support as she searches for and hopes to find a good match with the local trauma-informed therapist  
For Andrea's wonderful Faith & Fun Friday programs and the joy they bring to all the kids

## Health & Healing

For a successful surgery and a return to sustainable good health for Marty & Jory's dear friend Cheryl  
Healing for Megan's mom, Diane Dorothy O'H, for healing and for the doctors and technicians handling her treatments  
David as he recovers from his fall Jan, in preparation for upcoming surgery and for recovery  
Alicia and her son Rob as they recover from a virus  
Kathryn as she continues to recover from a virus  
Kendrea, also fighting illness; and trying to get back on track on a regular schedule  
Connie's brother, who had knee surgery 6-7 weeks ago, and is still struggling with a lot of pain; may he continue to recover and find relief from pain soon

Continued prayers for Keyona W. and her ongoing battle and treatment with colon cancer  
For Sydney's brother, who is suffering with depression and was hospitalized for a little over a month and is now home and seems to be doing well.  
Prayers of gratitude for that and that his positive recovery will continue  
For Cheryl M's relative Ron who is bleeding from an unknown origin; and her cousin Terry diagnosed with congestive heart failure  
Healing for Cheryl's knee that 'went out' 2 weeks ago and is still hurting

## Comfort

Stephanie and Adrian, mourning the loss of their mother, Nancy, who suffered a severe head injury in a fall  
Comfort and support for all facing eviction on Tuesday, that they may find safe housing, and may the city figure out better ways of welcoming migrants into our communities  
Connie, Jan's sister, to experience ease and grace  
For comfort, healing, and compassion locally and globally.

## Work & Life

Karen & David's son Daniel as he looks for new employment  
Prayers as we seek to look for good in people rather than what we hate  
Jon, conscious of need for balance, both physical and spiritual  
For all who are looking for direction  
Courtney & Austin as they wade and wait through hearing back about their grad school applications  
For the UTS community, preparing to have a day about Womanist

Interpretations in honor of Rev. Dr. Gay

That we accept that we are who we are, and to be as alive and open and responsive as we can be to the different ways God calls us  
Continued prayers for Will's family, his wife Rebecca, and two kids Vida and Desi, with a new baby on the way  
For Native American veterans, especially those in desperate need; and let us pray for a stop to all atrocities, cruelty, and violence.

## Peace & Justice

For peace  
Prayers for refugees here and around the world  
For a humane policy for the migrants in our city  
For an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and in the Middle East  
An end to ethnic cleansing and genocide anywhere it is happening  
For the end of violence and suffering in the Israel and Palestine; and all those around the world feeling hopeless as to how to end the carnage.  
The U.N., their shelters, and all of the doctors providing care in Israel and Gaza  
Peace and understanding in the U.S. among people of all faiths.  
Intentional prayers that we may all be able to look through other lens in time of strife and war.  
Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Afghanistan, all suffering places around world

**Many, many thanks to all the support flowing in from the SPSA family, whether in the form of prayers, hugs, meals or cards, after the passing of my mom. With love from Brooke and the whole Law family.**



# New Member Class, Youth Group Vision Board Making



## Clothing Sorting



- Livestream** **Brent Ness** (director), **Chaz Pittman/Red Gate Sound** (video)
- Audio** **Hector Pagan**
- Counters** **Marianne McClure, Cheryl Melchiorre**
- Greeters** **Cheryl Melchiorre, Shirley Struchen**
- Childcare** **Al-Naima Finch**  
*Childcare (ages 1-3) is available in the Parlor.*



## Gifts & Offerings

If you would like to make a contribution, visit [stpaulandstandrew.org/give](http://stpaulandstandrew.org/give), scan the QR code, or text the amount of your donation to 646-971-9400. Gifts can also be placed in the donation boxes at the Welcome Tables.



## Prayer requests

Scan this QR code to share your joys and concerns, or write them on the back of a Connection Card available at the Welcome Tables. Each week, our staff prays for our community and invites prayers from all. If you do not wish for your prayer to be shared with the church community, please indicate your desire with your prayer.

## Sunday Worship Last Week



## Homework Help/English Conversation Help on Wednesday





# Miracle Monday



# Who's Who

## Pastors

Rev. Dr. K Karpen\*  
Rev. Lea Matthews\*  
Andrea Steinkamp\*

## Director of Operations

Brent Ness\*

## Facility Manager

Christopher Trombley

## Minister of Music

Dr. Frank Glass\*

## Youth & Campus Pastor

Ekama Eni\*

## Seminary Interns

Aurora Celestin, Pearl Vercruysse

## Bookkeeper

Jennifer Serrano\*

## Security / Custodians

Robert Harris, Revelle Harper,  
Ken Lucian, Hector Pagan,  
Stephen Yee

## Hospitality Coordinator


Al-Naima Finch\*


## Lay Servants

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# Putting Love in Action

**Young Adult Brunch** Will meet in the Board Room after today's service.

## A Spiritual Call and Response for

**Palestine:** Jan 30 at 6:30pm A prayer and action service for the World Day of Prayer, written by a group of Palestinian Christian women, bringing attention to the women of Palestine and the realities of their lives. David Wildman, UMC Liaison to the United Nations for the Middle East, will share. We'll sing, pray, listen, learn, and pay attention to where the Spirit is calling us to action. For those joining in-person, there will be refreshments and a time for Q&A with David following the program.

**Winter Bible Study**, following each week's readings, led by K, on Zoom. Join us on Feb 1 at 6:30pm on Zoom, Feb 3 at 10am in K's office!  
Meeting ID 87622803411  
Passcode: 667311

## Refugee Shabbat Havdalah

**Saturday, Feb 3 at 6:30pm** An initiative inviting members of Jewish and other faith communities to express & support refugees and asylum seekers. Learn, pray, sing, and collectively act in support of those seeking refuge.

## Shrove Tuesday Pancakes at the

**Parsonage!** Join us on February 13th, 6pm on, at K & Charlene's home, 550 West End Avenue for a traditional pancake supper.

## Ongoing Programs

**Chancel Choir** meets each Sunday at 10am. See Frank for details.

**Campus Ministry** meets each Monday, 7pm at Broadway Presbyterian (114th). Email Ekama\* for additional details.

**Pajama Prayers** our Tuesday prayer gathering on Zoom at 7:30am. Come as you are with whatever is on your heart. Meeting ID : 831 7700 2923 Phone: 646-931-3860

**Pilates with Nancy** a strengthening & stretching class on Zoom, Thursdays,

6pm. Email Brent\* for details.

**Kids & Families** Email Pastor Andrea\* for details on upcoming gatherings. Our next Faith & Fun Friday is Feb 2.

**Youth Group** Email Pastor Ekama\* for details on upcoming gatherings.

**Young Adults** Email Pastor Andrea\* for details on upcoming gatherings.

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Assisting Our New Neighbors** Sign up to help with Miracle Monday via Lotsa Helping Hands (tinyurl.com/4et6b662). Accepting clothing next Sunday (Jan. 21)

**Homework Help Tutoring** Wednesday evenings (6-7pm). We are working with many new arrivals, and we could use your help. Please see Charlene (charlenefloyd@aol.com)

**TOP Clubhouse**, a program of Goddard Riverside Community Center, is a community for adults with a history of mental illness. Volunteers help members as they tasks alongside program staff to fulfill the work of the Clubhouse and build confidence and self-esteem, and alleviate isolation, To volunteer, email [urahman@goddard.org](mailto:urahman@goddard.org)

## Other Good Stuff in the Building

**Loadbang** The NYC-based new music ensemble performs premieres by composers of Columbia University. Tonight at 8pm. Free

## Carnegie Hall Citywide

- Feb 25 (Sun), 4pm: Joseph Parrish, bass-baritone & Shawn Chang, piano
- Mar 8 (Fri), 7pm: Meghan Kasanders, soprano & Dror Baitel, piano

## Bedlam in the West End Theatre

- "The Assassination of Julius Caesar As Told By William Shakespeare & George Bernard Shaw" Adapted & Directed by Eric Tucker. Previews begin Feb 24. Tix at [bedlam.org](http://bedlam.org)