



St. Paul Church
A UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY

Welcome! Whether you're visiting or looking for a church home, it is great to have you here! We offer 8:30 and 11:00 am traditional services and a 9:00 am contemporary service, KOINONIA. We pray that you will find a deeper connection with God through one of our three services.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020 | 8:30am & 11:00am SERVICES

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

GATHERING

Welcome

Rev. Darren Brandon

Announcements

Dr. Julia Mitchell

Prelude

Sonata

A. Viviani

David Deacon, trumpet; Dr. Jim McFarland, organ

*Opening Prayer

Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration enlighten our path that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

*Hymn 158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

SPANISH HYMN

Anthem

In Christ Alone

S. Townend, K. Getty

Youth Choir; Solo/Ensemble: Elise Williamson, Caroline Smith, Aidan Cowherd, Iris Weaver, Matthew Terrell, Jonathan French, Colby Kinser

PROCLAIMING

Children's Moment (11:00)

Sara Ferebee

Children ages 3-3rd grade may be dismissed for children's church at this time. Pick-up in room 309.

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

Prayer for Illumination

Dr. Julia Mitchell

Epistle Lesson

2 Peter 1:16-21 (NT, p 222)

(11:00) Alice Abbott-Moore

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 17:1-9 (NT, p 17)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Mountains and Valleys

Bob Helvey

Time of Reflection

God on the Mountain
T.J. Poliskie, Soloist

T.G. Dartt

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, Creator of all things, Heavenly father, mother, sister, and brother, soul of infinite love, wisdom, power, and grace. We follow Christ, God's chosen one, who loved and served humbly, who healed the broken and included the outcast, who chose to suffer rather than harm, for the sake of the healing of all, who gave his life for our redemption, and was raised by God to new life. In his ministry here on earth, and in his presence with us now in all circumstances, he reveals the heart of God to us. We trust that he accompanies us and will help, guide, heal, and defend us through all difficulty and suffering. We believe the Holy Spirit sustains, guides, and empowers us as servants of God's grace. We live as the body of Christ, in the power of forgiveness and the reality of resurrection, and the light of eternal life. Amen.

*Hymn 128

He Leadeth Me
(stanzas 1 and 3)

HE LEADETH ME

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

(8:30) Glenda Young
(11:00) Rev. Darren Brandon

Our Father, 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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Larghetto
Dr. Jim McFarland, organ

G.F. Handel

*Doxology (Hymn 94)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia!
Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Dr. Julia Mitchell

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 534

Be Still my Soul

FINLANDIA

*Benediction

Bob Helvey

*Choral Benediction (11:00)

Postlude

Song of Joy
Dr. Jim McFarland, organ

C. Boodle

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

NEXT SUNDAY

Liturgist – Gail Henson; Lay Reader – Grace Temple, Psalm 32

ABOUT WORSHIP

- If you are a guest today, please see a greeter after the service for your welcome gift.
- If you would like a large print bible, hymnal, and/or hearing device, please see an usher.
- When an * appears, please stand if comfortably able to do so.
- The Congregation is invited to speak/sing the text in bold.

WORSHIP TODAY

ACOLYTES are John Morgan Lasecki and Gracy Stockwell.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS Altar flowers are given for the glory of God and in memory of our parents, Gil and Jo Whittenberg by Debbie and Kacy Whittenberg.

CONNECTION CARDS may be placed in the offering plates or given to ushers at the end of service.

CHILDREN

Childcare is available for infants through pre-k during all morning worship services (2nd Floor).

Children's Church is held on the third floor.

Children dismissed for children's church after the Children's Moment may be picked up in room 309.

TODAY

8:30am Worship - Traditional (Sanctuary)

8:30am Coffee & Donuts (Common Cup)

9:00am Worship - KOINONIA (Gym)

10:00am Sunday School

10:00am Confirmation Class (FLC 16)

10:00am Christian Action Group (McAdams Hall)

11:00am Worship - Traditional (Sanctuary)

3:00pm Youth Basketball (Gym)

5:00pm Disciple Bible Study (319)

5:00pm Youth Choir (302)

5:00pm Tweens (310)

6:00pm Youth Group (McAdams Hall, YC, CC)

6:00pm Bells of St. Paul (303)

8:00pm AA Meeting (100)

THIS WEEK: FEBRUARY 24-29, 2020

MONDAY

Office Open 9-3

12:00pm Line Dancing (Gym)

5:30pm Yoga (YC)

6:00pm HYR Sports Practices (Gym)

6:00pm AA Meeting (100)

TUESDAY

Office Open 9-3

9:00am Yoga (YC)

6:00pm HYR Sports Practices (Gym)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (WH)

7:30pm DBSA (110, 113)

8:00pm AA Meeting (100)

WEDNESDAY

Office Open 9-3

10:00am Women's Bible Study (113)

10:30am Guided Meditation (Parlor)

12:00pm Ash Wednesday Service

12:30pm Street Side Ashes

5:30pm Yoga (YC)

6:00pm Ash Wednesday Night

Activities Begin (see below)

THURSDAY

Office Open 9-3

9:00am Yoga (YC)

10:00am-12:00pm Resource Center (100)

6:00pm HYR Sports Practices (Gym)

6:00pm AA Meeting (100)

7:00pm Cub Scouts (100)

7:15pm Chancel Choir (302)

7:30pm DBSA (110)

FRIDAY

Office Open 9-3

SATURDAY

8:00am HYR Sports Game Day

10:00am Spiritual Actions AA Group (100)

8:00pm AA Group Mtg. (100)



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CLASSES

| Each week our confirmands are meeting during the Sunday School hour to come to a deeper understanding of what it means to follow Jesus. Please remember them in your prayers and maybe write them a brief note of encouragement during this crucial time. Notes may be dropped off at the Information desk. Confirmation Sunday is April 19.

This year's confirmands are pictured with Mary Paige: (Back Row) Isaiah Carter, Darius Nichols, Emma Banic, Eva Kalmbach, Maci Voigt, Gwyneth McMahon, Aubrey Dixon; (Front Row) Celia Reigleman and Zoe McNerney.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE | Caterer: Taco Bar

Noon Ash Wednesday Service | 12:00pm | Sanctuary

Street Side Ashes | 12:30pm | Douglass Blvd

Dinner | 6:00-7:00pm | McAdams Hall

Ash Wednesday Service | 7:00-8:00pm | Sanctuary

Bells of St Paul | 8:00-9:00pm | room 303

UPCOMING EVENTS

GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION SESSIONS |

This morning the St. Paul Christian Action group will present the sixth and final in its series of information sessions on the proposals on sexuality that will come before the General Conference in May. Today's session will be presented by Rev. Donna T. Morton and will focus on the history of Methodist reconciling churches and communities. The session will be from 10:10 to 10:45 in McAdams Hall. More information, including audio recordings of each of the sessions, is available on the St. Paul Website under the "Connect" tab.

NOON ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE | This brief service will help us step into the season of Lent and is followed by imposition of the ashes on the corner of Bardstown and Douglass.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE | Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 7pm. All are welcome to join our church family as we usher in the season of Lent with imposition of ashes, music by our children, and an outdoor fire to close the service.

SAVE THE DATES! EMBRACING WOE AND WELLBEING RETREATS WITH JOE GRANT | Saturdays, 9am-4pm, March 7, and April 25 in McAdams Hall. Details in the March Tower and event flyers, or contact Cullen Hornaday, cullen@stpaulchurchky.org with questions. Please register for these wonderful opportunities for spiritual refreshment and growth at the Information Desk. \$15 fee includes lunch, snacks and program. Guests are welcome.

LET'S GET TOGETHER: INTERGENERATIONAL CONNECTIONS! | Wesleyan choir (4th-6th grade) invites St. Paul adults interested in getting to know us better to a fun social on March 22 after the 11:00am service in McAdams Hall. Sign up at Information Desk or email Karla Temple at karla@stpaulchurchky.org. We'll have lunch, songs, games, and show-and-tell. Bring an item special to you for show-and-tell!

THE SPAMS PRESENT MUSIC BY JEFF REHMET | Thursday, March 19, 12:00-2:00pm, Common Cup. Back by popular demand entertainer extraordinaire, Jeff Rehmet! Jeff is a highly proficient player and singer who focuses on his audience, keeping them in mind throughout and interacting with his listeners to provide accessible music, dialogue, interaction, and humor. In other words, he is a blast! If you missed him last year, be sure to star your calendar for March 19 and come prepared to have a toe-tapping good time! Lunch, provided by The Cafe (\$8.00) begins at noon, followed by the performance at 1:00pm.

SERVE

THE RESOURCE CENTER | The Resource Center pantry is currently well-stocked! Thanks to all who have donated. We are in need of individuals or groups to prepare hot meals for the Resource Center. Our guests enjoy soups, chili, casseroles, sloppy joes, or any other warm, comforting foods! If you or your small group would be interested in signing up to prepare a meal, please contact Bob Helvey at bob@stpaulchurchky.org or stop by room 209B where there is a sign-up sheet on the door. Thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry!

BLANKET LOUISVILLE DRIVE | During the month of February, we will be collecting new and lightly-used blankets for Blanket Louisville, a local organization whose mission is "to warm the hearts and bodies of Louisville's homeless through the collection and distribution of new and gently used blankets." We have bins available at the Information Center and in the Family Life Center entryway where you can leave your donations. As of February 17, we have collected 60 blankets! Keep 'em coming!

PRAYER BEADING NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 1 IN THE COMMON CUP | 1-3pm. Join us for this hands on ministry that serves many in our church and reaches out to Hosparus and seniors in nursing homes. Contact Sally McMahon, sally@igemedia.com for details.

FURNITURE COLLECTION | The Youth are collecting furniture for the Youth Center! If you have any gently used couches, coffee tables, arm chairs, bookshelves, and/or end tables you'd like to donate, or if you have questions, email marypaige@stpaulchurchky.org. Pick up will be March 21 between 9am-4pm. Any furniture we do not use will be donated to other ministries.

LOST AND FOUND | Our Lost and Found bin is overflowing. If you have lost something at church, we will have a table set up outside the Information Center today and March 1 with all of the found objects. Stop by to claim your items. Any items not claimed will be donated to the United Methodist Mountain Mission.

CONTACT US

2000 Douglass Blvd
Louisville, KY 40205

502-459-1595 | stpaulchurchky.org



Rev. Darren Brandon (270) 570-2004 - cell