



**St. Paul Church**  
A UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY

Welcome! We are so glad you have joined us whether you are worshipping in-person or online. We pray worship today will be a source of encouragement and strength on our journey of faith from wherever we are today.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021 | 10:00am ONLINE WORSHIP

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulumcky>

## 2nd SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

### GATHERING

#### Gathering Music

#### Welcome

#### Prelude

Dr. Jim McFarland

*Lighting of the Candles - the Entrance of the Light of Christ*

#### \*Call to Worship

2021 Confirmation Class

As the Creator, the Savior, and the Spirit are one,

**May we all be one.**

So that the world may see Christ,

**May we all be one.**

So that all may know the love of God for them,

**May we all be one.**

So that all people may know the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

**May we all be one.**

As the body of Christ for the sake of the world,

**May we all be one.**

#### \*Opening Song

*In Christ Alone*

K. Getty, S. Townend

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**In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;**

**This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.**

**What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!**

**My comforter, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!**

**This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died,**

**The wrath of God was satisfied; For ev'ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;**

**Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory,**

**Sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death— This is the pow'r of Christ in me;**

**From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,**

**Can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

(Musicians: Karla Temple, Jim McFarland)

# PROCLAIMING

## Children's Moment

Tori Brown

**Come, come everybody worship With a prayer or song of praise.  
Come, come everybody worship! Worship God always.**

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Children are invited to join Ms. Tori up front for the children's moment and then return to their seats.

## Prayer for Illumination

Mary Paige Taylor

## Psalter

Psalms 133

This is the Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31

Rev. Darren Brandon

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## Sermon

*Walk in Grace, Live in Love: Jesus Goes Before Us*

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## Confirmation Celebration

Confirmands:	Wesley David Buchanan	Deborah Glynne Elbert
	Ellen Margaret Goulder	Kennedy Shae Julian
	Orlaith Marie Lutes	Layla Eleanor Nucho
	Annika Beatrice Olsen	Hayden Ann Ramsey
	Cole Blue Twyman	Loren Kate Williamson

*Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.*

*I present these Persons for confirmation.*

*On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?*

**I do.**

*Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?*

**I do.**

*Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?*

**I do.**

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

**I will.**

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?  
(The congregation responds) **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**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.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?      **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
Do you believe in Jesus Christ?      **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, [who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead]**  
Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?      **I believe in the Holy Spirit, [the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.]**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with You.**

*Let us pray.*

*Eternal God: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.*

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.**

*In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.*

**Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.**

*Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.*

**All praise to you, Eternal God, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

*Remember your baptism and be thankful. Amen.*

*The Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Welcome

*Now it is our joy to welcome our new sisters and brothers in Christ.*

**Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus.**

*As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?*

**I will.**

*Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.*

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christ's love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dustin Woods

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

### \*Doxology (Hymn 94)

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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!

### \*Closing Hymn

*We Are the Church, a Fellowship*

ST. PETER

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We are the church, a fellowship of those who love the Lord.  
We love our neighbors, as Jesus did, while seeking no reward.  
For it was God who first loved us and gave his Son to die,  
That we might turn, and learn to trust our Savior and our guide.  
Christ lives with God, and in our heart; to us great gifts he's given.  
His Spirit helps us play our part, to make earth more like heaven.  
With all who join our pilgrim band and vow to keep the faith,  
We gladly join with heart and hand; God, help us by your grace.  
(Musicians: Karla Temple, Jim McFarland)

## SENDING FORTH

### \*Benediction

Rev. Darren Brandon

### \*Postlude

Jim McFarland, organ

*Candles Are Extinguished as the Light of Christ Precedes Us into the World*

Today's greeters are Kathleen and Mary Francis Mynhier, and Amy Johnson  
Today's ushers are Rod Kincaid, Allan Sewell, Tina Sewell, and Donna Stivers.

## ST. P YOUTH



### Youth, Kids/Tweens Weekly Schedule

- Youth Group | Resumes at 6pm in the gym tonight! | email [marypaige@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:marypaige@stpaulchurchky.org) for more info
- Kids choir grades 1-6 | Wednesdays at 6:30pm | In-person and online | email [karla@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:karla@stpaulchurchky.org) for link and details
- KICS | 2nd and 4th Sundays | 4-5:30pm | email [tori@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:tori@stpaulchurchky.org) for more details.

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## IN-PERSON WORSHIP CONTINUES

Moving forward, we will have one in-person, blended service at 10:00am. The service will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook Live as well. The in-person service will be limited to 100 people for now, and we will have overflow space available if that number is exceeded. Through the end of April, that service will take place in the sanctuary with overflow in the gym. After that, we will consider alternating between the sanctuary and gym worship spaces.

Beginning Sunday, April 18, we will no longer have a sign-up form and will instead welcome worshipers into the sanctuary on a first-come, first-served basis. When we reach 100 worshipers, additional worshipers will be invited to the overflow space where they can share in the live-streamed service together. Doors will open at 9:40am

We will continue to evaluate both the situation with Covid and the interest in in-person worship and make adjustments over the coming weeks. If we find that the overflow space is consistently being used, we will work toward increasing capacity or adding additional services.

The staff would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding, as we have navigated the challenges of the past year. While we continue to deal with some limitations brought on by the pandemic, the limitless love and hope of Christ is always with us.

If you are not receiving the weekly email and would like to be added to the list, you can subscribe at the St. Paul website or email us at [info@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:info@stpaulchurchky.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Check the St. Paul Website ([stpaulchurchky.org](http://stpaulchurchky.org)) for more information on these and other activities.**

**Blood Drive** | Today 9:00am-1:00pm | Youth Center in the St. Paul Family Life Center. Make an appointment online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**Family Feud Game Night!** | April 15, 6:30-7:30pm; In-person event! | The Children's Ministry at St. Paul would love to invite our kids and tweens to our monthly Family Game Night! Our game nights are held on the third Thursday of every month! This month, we are hosting a Family Feud Game Night! This in-person event is in McAdam's Hall. Contact Tori Brown with questions at [tori@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:tori@stpaulchurchky.org).

**From Grief to Grace: Practicing Resurrection** | April 17, 10:30-11:30am, via Zoom. Writer and spiritual guide Joe Grant will lead this one-hour experience, which will include guided meditation, reflection, video presentations, and sharing. More information and Zoom link here: <https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/from-grief-to-grace/>

**Bible Study: The Epistle to the Colossians** | Sundays, 2:00pm • April 11-June 27 | Hosted by Pastor Dustin - If interested, contact Dustin at 459-1595 or [dustin@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:dustin@stpaulchurchky.org), or visit <https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/colossians-study/>

**Portland Promise Center Fundraiser - April 1-30** | During April, we will be accepting financial donations to support the Portland Promise Center. You can mail a check to St. Paul, designating PPC in the memo line, or give online at our secure website. More information here: <https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/portland-promise-center-fundraiser/>

**Troop 40 Flower Sale** | Online orders accepted through April 15 with pickup on April 24. More info here: <https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/troop-40-flower-sale/>

**Health Fair!** | May 15, 10:00am-1:00pm | St Paul, Coke Memorial, and Smoketown Family Wellness Center are partnering to offer an outdoor Health Fair for the Smoketown and Highlands communities on the grounds of Coke Memorial Church. Volunteers from both congregations and SFWC will be helping. If you would like to volunteer please contact Cullen Hornaday at [cullen@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:cullen@stpaulchurchky.org).

**St. Paul office hours are currently Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00am-1:00pm.** Staff members continue to work partly from home and can be reached by email or phone at 459-1595 (please leave a message at the appropriate extension and staff will return your call).

**Save the Dates!** | Vacation Bible School and Project Serve will take place June 14-18. See St. Paul website for details and registration links.