



St. Paul Church
A UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY

Welcome to worship! Please use the yellow card to communicate with us. We would gladly receive your prayer request or other information you want to share. Those online may share in the comments section.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024 | 11:00am WORSHIP

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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome

Rev. Darren Brandon

Prelude

D'Anna Switzer, piano

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 9:1-2, 9-10)

Rev. Dustin Woods

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know your name put their trust in you,

For you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

***Opening Hymn 57**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

Stanza 1-4, 6-7

Anthem

In Christ Alone

Getty, Townend

Youth Choir

PROCLAIMING

Prayer for Illumination

Tony Glass

Psalter

Psalm 29 (Old Testament p 477)

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

Children's Moment

Tracy Martin

Praise Him, praise Him all ye little children; God is love, God is love.

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CCLI Song # 121995 | Carey Bonner | Words & Music: Public Domain

All children are invited forward during the children's moment.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:4-11 (New Testament p 32)

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Sermon

Baptism

Rev. Darren Brandon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn TFWS 2248**

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

Stanzas 1 & 2

Reaffirmation of Our Baptism

Rev. Darren Brandon

UMH p.50

***Hymn TFWS 2248**

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

Stanza 3

Remembering Our Baptism

All who wish to renew their Baptism, may come forward by the side aisles, touch the water, and take a glass stone from the bowl. The altar is available for those who desire to kneel and pray. Please return to your seats by the center aisle.

Hymn 369

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

The choir will sing as people come forward, feel free to sing along.

Morning Prayer 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 who 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

D'Anna Switzer, piano

*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

Rev. Dustin Woods

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn

Christ our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
[Chorus] O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal.
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.
What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? (Chorus)
Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting Life With Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore. (Chorus)

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*Benediction

Rev. Darren Brandon

Postlude

D'Anna Switzer, piano

Next Week in Worship

Koinonia 9:00am – Gym | Traditional 11:00am – Sanctuary

Livestream at 11:00am on Facebook

Sermon: *The Beginning of Wisdom* | Rev. Dustin Woods

Scriptures for the Week: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Lay Reader: Donna McCoy – Psalm 111

Acolytes Next Week: Jack Harrison Meadows & Juliette Pieroni

Childcare is available for worship from 8:45am to 12:15pm | Ages Birth through Pre-K

WORSHIP TODAY

TODAY'S ONLINE GREETER is Cullen Hornaday

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today honor Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior and are in remembrance of Rachel Caroline Baker on the 26th anniversary of her passing. Given by Lana & Bill Baker along with Logan Baker and his family.

ACOYLTES today are Melody Krause & Ethan Norman.

YELLOW CONNECTION CARDS are a way you can request more information about our church or ask for prayer. You can also make your Wesley Night dinner reservation. Please place your card in the offering plate or give it to an usher after the service. You can also fill out an online connection card using the Flowcode below.



LAY READER SCHEDULE

Jan. 28: Psalm 111 – Donna McCoy

Feb. 4: Psalm 147:1-11,20 – Wes Edwards

Feb. 11: Psalm 50:1-6 – Alice Abbott-Moore

Feb. 18: Psalm 25:1-10 – Jane Donovan

CHILDREN

CHILDCARE is available for infants through pre-k from 8:45am-12:15pm in room 200.

All children are invited to participate in worship by choosing worship materials from the Children's Worship Cart located in the Narthex.

TO ADULTS WITH KIDS: Relax! God put the wiggle in children, and you don't need to suppress it in God's house. Consider sitting toward the front where it might be easier for your kids to see and hear. If you need to leave the service at any point, feel free to do so - but please come back! We want you and your kids to feel welcome and cherished.

TO OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH: the presence of children is a gift and a reminder that our faith is alive! Please welcome our kids and give a smile of encouragement to their adults.

THIS WEEK: JANUARY 21–27, 2024

TODAY

8:30am Coffee & Donuts (Common Cup)
9:00am Worship - KOINONIA (Gym)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship - Traditional (Sanctuary)
12:15pm Resilience Team (Parlor)
5:00pm Tweens (308)
5:00pm Youth Choir (302)
6:00pm Youth Group (McAdams Hall, Youth Center)
8:00pm AA Meeting (100)

MONDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm
1:00pm Blood Drive (Youth Center)
5:30pm AA Meeting (100)
7:00pm Men's Group (Common Cup)

TUESDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm
10:00am Worship Staff Meeting (Youth Center)
11:00am Staff Meeting (Youth Center)
7:00pm AA Meeting (100)
7:00pm Scouts (Gym)
7:30pm DBSA (110, 113)

WEDNESDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm
10:00am Women's Bible Study (113)
6:00pm Wesley Night Activities (see below)

THURSDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm
6:00pm AA Meeting (111)
6:00pm Cub Scouts (Family Life Center)
7:15pm Chancel Choir (302)
7:30pm DBSA (110, 113)

FRIDAY

Office Closed

SATURDAY

10:00am AA Meeting (100)
12:00pm Allison Maria Vise Visitation (Highland Funeral Home)
2:00pm Allison Maria Vise Memorial Service (Highland Funeral Home)
8:00pm AA Meeting (100)

WESLEY NIGHT | Wednesdays | 6-9pm

Dinner | 6-7pm | McAdams Hall | Meal: Pizza Night

RSVP for Dinner here: <https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/ministries/wesley-night/>

Music Milestones (Ages 3-K) | 6-6:30pm | Room 306

Open Gym and Homework Help for 1st-6th Grade | 6-6:30pm | Gym

Youth Jam and Hangout | 6:30-8pm | Youth Center

Joyful Song Choir (1st-3rd Grade) | 7-8pm | Room 306

Wesleyan Choir (4th-6th Grade) | 7-8pm | Room 302

Adult Book Study | *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*, by Amy-Jill Levine | 7-8pm | McAdams Hall

Bells of St. Paul Handbell Choir | 8-9pm | Room 303

Check the St. Paul Website (stpaulchurchky.org) for more information on these and other activities or scan the QR code to the right for quick links to lots of St. Paul info!



Prayer requests can be sent to prayer@stpaulchurchky.org.

Sign up for the St. Paul weekly email and Tower newsletter at the website (bottom of homepage) or by emailing info@stpaulchurchky.org.

The Church office is open Mon-Fri from 10a-2p.
See the Church website for staff office hours.

SERVE

Highlands Community Blood Drive | Monday, January 22, 2024 | 1:00pm to 5:00pm in the Youth Center | The Red Cross is facing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years. We experienced a nearly 7,000-unit shortfall in blood donations between Christmas and New Year's Day alone. This drive has pledged 22 units to our hospitals and 20 donors are registered, as of January 17 - THANK YOU. However, we still have 10 empty donation appointments to fill. Recruit a friend or family member to join you. | To schedule an appointment, please log on to RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: stpaulumclouky or contact the church office at 502-459-1595.

Diaper Drive for MIHOW | The St. Paul Adult Ministries for Seniors (SPAMS) will be collecting diapers for MIHOW (Maternal Infant Health Outreach Workers) at Henderson Settlement. Most needed sizes: Newborn, 1, 4, 5, 6, pull-ups - Donations can be placed in the blue tubs in the lobbies. You may also contribute financially by writing your check to St. Paul UMC, designating it for "MIHOW" or "diapers."

RESOURCE CENTER SHARES WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

During this past bitter cold week, the need for resources to serve the unsheltered members of our community has been tremendous! To help out, the St. Paul Resource Center purchased sleeping bags, blankets, and warm clothing, as well as pulling coats, clothing, and food from our clothes closet and food pantry to share with several organizations that are doing the boots-on-the-ground work to find those in need of shelter. These organizations include Feed Louisville, Care at ASH, and Louisville Outreach for the Unsheltered. Since we shared resources with these organizations, we are in need of items to restock our clothes closets. We need:

men's winter coats and hoodies - men's sturdy shoes and boots - winter gloves, hats, scarves, and ear muffs for men and women - blankets - HotHands toe/hand warmers



Lenten

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women of the Word Bible Study | Wednesdays, 10:00am, Room 113 | Grammy Award-winner Laura Story's five-week DVD study *When God Doesn't Fix It: Lessons You Never Wanted To Learn; Truths You Can't Live Without*.

Casual Conversation and Coffee with Pastor Darren | January 28, 10:10-10:40am, McAdams Hall | Pastor Darren invites you to McAdams Hall for casual conversation and coffee. All are welcome. Whether you've been here a long time or it's your first Sunday, Darren would love to visit with you.

Soup Cook-Off | During Wesley Night dinner on January 31st. This will be a fun event where different soups will be enjoyed and a "winning soup" will be chosen. Entry forms are available at the church and are due no later than January 27th. For more information email dustin@stpaulchurchky.org or BJ Fore at bj.fore@kcd.org.

Kids Worship Night | February 4 | 5-7pm | A special night of worship for K-6th graders! Please pack a dinner for your child. We will eat together, then enjoy an evening of singing, dancing, and learning about our great God!

Agape Valentine's Day Party | Saturday, February 10, 5:00-7:30pm, Gym | All are invited to enjoy food, fun, music, dancing, games, and entertainment! ***We're having a Bake-Off.*** | Please sign up at the church office to bring a Valentine-themed dessert to the party. | ***We will also have a Resource Center Love-a-thon*** | Please bring body wash and/or shampoo to the party to help us reach our goal of 100 items to stock the RC hygiene pantry.

Finance and Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 13th | Our Leadership Orientation (originally scheduled for January 27) is being cancelled. Please mark your calendar for the meetings on Tuesday, February 13. Finance is at 6pm followed by the Board meeting at 7pm.

Lent Devotional Book | We are encouraging people to choose weekly worship attendance as one of there Lenten disciplines this year. To help our hearts be prepared for worship we are using the book *Sunday Matters* by Paul David Tripp. If you would like to pre-order a book please notate that on your yellow card, or follow the QR code to the left.

Save the Date! | The Fourth Stop Human Trafficking Conference at St. Paul will take place on Saturday morning, February 17 in McAdams Hall. Watch for more details soon.

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