



koinonia {koy-nohn-ee'-ah}
(n): community, communion, fellowship
(v): to share, to contribute, to be one

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024 | 9:00am SERVICE

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 111; Mark 1:21-28

Sermon: *The Beginning of Wisdom*

Rev. Dustin Woods

TODAY'S SONGS

Love the Lord

Christ Our Hope in Life and
Death

It Pays to Remember –

Children's Choirs

The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

Press On

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Worship Team

Lay Reader: Josephine Dock

Communion Servers:

Mary Ann Buckner

Lisa Whitehouse

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Psalm 111

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it[a] have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

YOU MAY GIVE YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

by placing them in the offering plates as they are passed. Baskets are on the front pews as you come up for communion and on the table by the cross for our Good Samaritan Fund.

CONNECTION CARDS may be placed in the offering plates or fill out an online card using the Flowcode to the right.



LAY READER SCHEDULE

Feb. 4: Psalm 147:1-11,20 – Jimmy Switzer

Feb. 11: Psalm 50:1-6 – Ann Curtis

Feb. 18: Psalm 25:1-10 – Youth

Feb. 25: Psalm 22:23-31 – Estella Groves

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 back of the worship space.

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 28—FEBRUARY 3,

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: Soup Cook-Off!

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 | *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation* | 7-8pm | McAdams Hall

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

My thoughts:

Next Week in Worship

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

Livestream at 11:00am on Facebook

Sermon: *Paths of Discipleship: Opening Our Hearts to God* | Rev. Darren Brandon

Scriptures for the Week: Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Lay Reader: Jimmy Switzer – Psalm 147:1-11, 20

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

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 Next Week in Worship



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.

SERVE

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 the frigid mid-January temperatures, 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

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.

Confirmation 2024 begins February 14th | All 7th graders and older who have not been confirmed are invited to participate in classes to prepare for Confirmation Sunday on May 19th. We currently have 5 young people registered! Please be in prayer for these young people as they begin this journey. To sign-up or request more information, email Pastor Dustin at dustin@stpaulchurchky.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Casual Conversation and Coffee with Pastor Darren | Today | 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 | Next Sunday, February 4 | 5:00-7:00pm | Please pack a dinner for your child! We will eat together in McAdams Hall, then spend the rest of our time in the Sanctuary 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.

Lent Devotional Book | We are encouraging people to choose weekly worship attendance as one of their 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 note that on your yellow card, or follow the QR code to the right.



The Fourth Stop Human Trafficking Conference | Saturday, February 17, 9:00am-12:30pm | This year's conference will focus on familial trafficking. Victims trafficked by family members or trusted individuals is more common than you think. Learn from three guest speakers, who are working to rescue and advocate for victims of human trafficking. Free and open to the public; light refreshments will be served.

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