



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 28, 2024 | 11:00am WORSHIP

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

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome

Rev. Dustin Woods

Ministry Moment

Agape Valentine's Day Party

Joanne Milo

Prelude

Christ Our Lord

D. Buxtehude

Dr. Jim McFarland

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 96)

Rev. Darren Brandon

Let us sing to the Lord a new song;

Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Let us sing to the Lord and bless His name; let us tell of God's salvations from day to day.

Let us declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the people!

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

***Opening Hymn TFWS 2004** *Praise the Source of Faith and Learning*

HYFRYDOL

***Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And 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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the

dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Anthem

It Pays to Remember what the Bible Says

B. Red

Wesleyan and Joyful Song Choirs

PROCLAIMING

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Donna McCoy

Psalter

Psalm 111 (Old Testament p 531)

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

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:21-28 (New Testament p 33)

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Sermon

The Beginning of Wisdom

Rev. Dustin Woods

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*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 2x)
(Closing) Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

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Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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 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

Psalm 86
Chancel Choir

C. Nygard

*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

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 664

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

THE ASH GROVE

*Benediction

Rev. Dustin Woods

*Choral Benediction

Postlude

Sing to the Great Jehovah's Praise
Dr. Jim McFarland, organ

L. Smith

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: Lori Brandon – Psalm 147:1-11, 20

Acolytes Next Week: Josephine Dock & Kayla Martin

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

WORSHIP TODAY

TODAY'S ONLINE GREETER is Sal Rubino

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are in memory of all children who are suffering from the devastation of wars and conflicts in their lives.

ACOYLTES today are Jack Harrison Meadows & Juliette Pieroni.

YELLOW CONNECTION CARDS are a way you can request more information about our church or ask for prayer. You may 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

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

Feb. 11: Psalm 50:1-6 – Bill Fenton

Feb. 18: Psalm 25:1-10 – Jane Donovan

Feb. 25: Psalm 22:23-31 – Alice Abbott-Moore



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 28—FEBRUARY 3, 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)
4:00pm Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
6:00pm Youth Group (McAdams Hall, Gym, Youth Center)
8:00pm AA Meeting (100)

MONDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm
5:30pm AA Meeting (100)

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)
7:00pm Chancel Choir (302)
7:15pm Beyond the Walls Meeting (Parlor)
7:30pm DBSA (110, 113)

FRIDAY

Office Closed

SATURDAY

10:00am AA Meeting (100)
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 | *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.

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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