



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.

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 | 11:00am WORSHIP

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome

Rev. Darren Brandon

Prelude

Adagio

C.P.E. Bach

Dr. Jim McFarland, organ

*Call to Worship

Rev. Dustin Woods

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant and alive, bearing fruit.

If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

We come because we strive to be faithful disciples. We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

*Opening Hymn 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Invitation to Holy Communion

Rev. Dustin Woods

Confession and Pardon (hymnal p 12)

PROCLAIMING

Prayer for Illumination

Joy Jamison

Epistle Lesson

I John 5:1-6 (NT, p 227)

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

Gospel Lesson

John 15:1-8 (NT, p 103)

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Sermon

Abide in Christ

Rev. Darren Brandon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

The Great Thanksgiving

Musical Setting B, p. 18 in the hymnal

Distribution

St. Paul intentionally celebrates communion in a variety of ways. Today we are using pre-cut bread served with tongs and the cup served from the tray. As the ushers direct, the congregation will come down the side aisles, kneel at the altar rail as you are able, and receive bread and cup. After receiving the elements, the pastor will dismiss each group with a blessing. Then you may return to your seat by the center aisle. Prepackaged elements are also available. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

During Distribution

You Alone Are Holy
Chancel Choir

QUERÉTARO

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 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

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes
Chancel Choir; Niamh Lutes, soloist

L. Sowerby

*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. Darren Brandon

Postlude

Voluntary in A
Dr. Jim McFarland, organ

attr. to J.S.Bach

COMMUNION AVAILABLE FOR THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

If you would like to receive home communion, please contact a pastor at darren@stpaulchurchky.org, dustin@stpaulchurchky.org, call the church at 459-1595, or contact Gail Henson with the Congregational Care team at 648-2201 or grhenson@gmail.com.

Confirmation 2024 Continues

Please pray for our confirmands as they move toward Confirmation Sunday on May 19th. Our confirmands are:

Annabelle Banic Helen Higdon Alannah Lutes
Phoebe Millard Max Miller Story Stevens

Next Week in Worship

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

Livestream at 11:00am on Facebook

Sermon: *The Greatest Gift* | Rev. Darren Brandon

Scriptures for the Week: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1;

John 15:9-17

Lay Reader: 1 John 5:9-13

Acolytes: Jack Harrison Meadows & Estella Groves

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

Save the Dates

Celebrating Rev. Dustin and Emily Woods' Ministry |

June 23 | We'll have one worship service in the sanctuary at 10:00am, followed by a church picnic. Dustin will preach. More information is coming soon from Personnel and the team planning the day.

Finance and Board meetings | Our next meetings are on Tuesday, May 14th. Finance begins at 6pm followed by the Board meeting at 7pm.

WORSHIP TODAY

TODAY'S ONLINE GREETER is Cathy Miller

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given in glory to God and in loving memory of Jo, Gil, and Cathleen Whittenberg by Debbie Whittenberg.

ACOLYTES today are Ethan Norman and Peter Elbert

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

May 12: 1 John 5:9-13

Would you like to be a lay reader or liturgist?

Contact Pastor Darren at
darren@stpaulchurchky.org

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: MAY 5-11, 2024

TODAY

8:30am Coffee & Donuts (Common Cup)
9:00am Worship - KOINONIA (Gym)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship - Traditional (Sanctuary)
5:00pm Kids Worship (100, Chapel)
5:00pm Youth Choir (302)
6:00pm Youth Group (McAdams, Youth Center)
8:00pm AA Meeting (100)

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm
10:00am United Women in Faith (113)
10:00am Worship Staff Meeting (Youth Center)
11:00am Staff Meeting (Youth Center)
7:00pm Kaleidoscope (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)
5:00pm Resilience Team (Parlor)
6:00pm Wesley Night Activities (see below)

THURSDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm
6:00pm GLI AA Meeting (McAdams)
6:00pm AA Meeting (111)
6:00pm Cub Scouts (Family Life Center)
7:00pm Communications Team (319)
7:15pm Chancel Choir (302)

FRIDAY

Office Closed

SATURDAY

10:00am AA Meeting (100)
11:00am Mobile Resource Center (4th Ave UMC)
8:00pm AA Meeting (100)

WESLEY NIGHT | Wednesdays | 6-9pm

Dinner | 6-7pm | McAdams Hall | Meal: Home Cooked

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 | *Sunday Matters* | 7-8pm | Room 113

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

Mobile Resource Center | Saturday, May 11, 11:15am-1:00pm | Fourth Ave UMC | For more info or to volunteer, visit <https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/mobile-resource-center/>

Lay Readers Needed | It is time to create a new Lay Reader Schedule. If you are not already a lay leader but are interested in reading scripture for either of our worship services, please contact Pastor Darren at darren@stpaulchurchky.org to learn more. We would love to include you in the new schedule of lay readers for summer and early fall.

St. Paul Work Day | Saturday, May 18, 9am-2pm | We will be updating Room 100 with new blinds, paint, and decor. If we have enough volunteers, we may also do some work outside McAdams Hall (filling holes/cracks in foundation). Lunch will be provided. If you can help, please email Pastor Dustin at dustin@stpaulchurchky.org.

VBS Volunteer Training | June 2, 12:30-2:30 | Please email tracy@stpaulchurchky.org if you'd like to help serve the families of our community during VBS June 17-21! Safe Sanctuaries training will be included.

SUMMER EVENTS | REGISTER NOW

Vacation Bible School (for age 3 through rising 5th graders) is June 17-21, 9am-noon | Visit www.stpaulchurchky.org/vbs to register!

Project Serve (for rising 5th-7th graders) is June 17-21, 1-4pm | Register at www.stpaulchurchky.org/project-serve

Kids Music Camp (for rising 2nd-7th graders) is July 8-12, 9am-noon, with performances July 14 | Register at <https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/music-camp/>

Loucon Summer Camp | St. Paul will once again cover half the cost for our students to attend Loucon. The church will reimburse families directly. Once you have completed your student's camp registration, please forward your invoice to youth@stpaulchurchky.org. Within three weeks, you will receive a check for half of the regular, pre-tax tuition.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kids Worship Night | Tonight, 5:00-7:00pm | Dropoff will be in Room 100 (please pack a dinner for your child) and pick up will be in the Chapel. Childcare available for younger siblings in Room 200!

Children's Choir Spring Program | Wednesday, May 15, 7pm, Gym | Dinner is served in the Gym from 6-7pm (RSVP by Monday, May 13) | Each of our children's music groups will present music activities and songs they have learned throughout the year and be presented with their yearly choir awards. This will be an exciting evening for our kids, as well as our church family as we celebrate their musical gifts!

Tweens Campout at O'Bannon Woods State Park (for 4th-6th graders) | May 17-18 | Come celebrate the end of a great year of service and fun! Dropoff and pickup in the church parking lot. \$20 per child. Email tracy@stpaulchurchky.org to sign up.

SPAMS Trip to Schimpff's Confectionery | Thursday, May 23, 11:00am-3:00pm | Join the SPAMS as we tour Schimpff's Confectionery in Jeffersonville, IN. The church bus will leave at 11:00am. We will tour the candy store from 12:00-1:00pm, followed by lunch at Upland Brewing Company. Please sign up at the Information Center by May 21.

St. Paul Youth Choir Coffeehouse Concert | Wednesday, May 29, 7pm, Gym | Join our St. Paul Youth Choir for coffee and desserts as they present a variety of music for your enjoyment! We are requesting a few more people to provide home-baked goodies for the coffeehouse. Contact Karla Temple if you would like to add to the desserts for the evening.

Parents Night Out | Friday, May 31, 5:30-8:30pm | Kids up to age 12 will enjoy dinner, gym time, and a movie! \$25/first child, \$5/each additional child. Email tracy@stpaulchurchky.org to sign up.

SPAMS Cruise on the Mary Miller Steamboat | Thursday, June 20, 11:00am-3:00pm | Our trip includes lunch on the steamboat. Tickets are \$37 per person, including meal, or \$25 without meal. Meet at St. Paul at 11:00am. You are welcome to ride on the church bus or drive yourself. Please sign up at the Information Center or by calling the church office (459-1595) by Sunday, May 19.

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