



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, MARCH 16, 2025 | 11:00am WORSHIP

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome

Rev. Darren Brandon

Prelude

Cantabile

J. Field

Dr. Jim McFarland, piano

***Call to Worship**

Niamh Lutes

Blessed are the people whose sins are forgiven!

God's forgiveness is poured out like a healing balm.

Blessed are the people who place their trust in God.

God's presence is their guide and their strength.

Come, let us worship the God who forgives and heals us.

Let us celebrate God's presence with us each day.

***Opening Hymn 60**

I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

OLD 113TH

***Affirmation of Faith 889** (1 Timothy 2:5-6, 1:15, 3:16)

There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all to whom we testify.

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up to glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

Anthem

God Is Our Refuge and Strength

A. Pote

Youth Choir

PROCLAIMING

Children's Moment

Tracy Martin

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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All children are invited to participate in worship by choosing materials from the Children's Worship Center located in the Narthex. Childcare is available for infants through pre-k in room 200.

Prayer for Illumination

Ed Henson

Epistle Lesson

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (New Testament p 187)

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

Gospel Lesson

Luke 13:31-35 (New Testament p 72)

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Sermon

The Space Between – Fear and Courage

Rev. Darren Brandon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn 348

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

THOMPSON

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Niamh Lutes

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

Redeemer
Chancel Choir

N. Hill Cobb

*Doxology

OLD 100th

**Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts.**

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*Prayer of Dedication

Niamh Lutes

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 580

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

*Benediction

Rev. Darren Brandon

*Choral Benediction

Postlude

Passacaglia on O Sacred Head
Dr. Jim McFarland, organ

arr. J. McFarland

*Please stand as you are able.

Next Week in Worship

Koinonia 9:00am – Gym | Traditional 11:00am – Sanctuary
Livestream at 11:00am on Facebook
Sermon: *The Space Between – Barrenness & Fruitfulness*
Rev. Darren Brandon

Scriptures for the Week: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1
Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Lay Reader: Jane Donovan – Psalm 63:1-8
Acolytes: Juliette and Arthur Pieroni
Liturgist: Graeme Donovan

Lay Reader Schedule

March 23 – Jane Donovan: Psalm 63:1-8
March 30 – Bill Fenton: Psalm 32
April 6 – Glenda Young: Psalm 126
April 13 – Lori Brandon: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgist Schedule

March 23 – Graeme Donovan
March 30 – Jane Donovan

WORSHIP TODAY

ONLINE GREETER is Cullen Hornaday

THE ALTAR FLOWERS, given by Rosalie Faris, are in loving memory of her husband, Bill Faris, whose 75th birthday would have been today.

ACOLYTES today are Kayla Martin & Tamsin Britton

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.



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: MARCH 16–22, 2025

TODAY

8:30am Coffee & Donuts (Common Cup)
9:00am Worship - KOINONIA (Gym)
10:00am Sunday School
10:00am Confirmation Class (FLC113)
11:00am Worship - Traditional (Sanctuary)
8:00pm AA Meeting (100)

MONDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm (208)
5:30pm AA Meeting (100)

TUESDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm (208)
10:00am Faith Quilters (100)
7:00pm AA Meeting (100)
7:00pm Scouts (Gym)
7:30pm DBSA (110, 113)

WEDNESDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm (208)
10:00am Women's Bible Study (113)
10:30am Guided Meditation (Zoom)
6:00pm Wesley Night Activities (see below)

THURSDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm (208)
6:00pm AA Meeting (111)
7:15pm Chancel Choir (302)

FRIDAY

Office Closed

SATURDAY

10:00am AA Meeting (100)
8:00pm AA Meeting (100)

Communion Steward Schedule

April 6 – Marc Mourer & Wes Edwards
April 13 – Nancy and Tony Glass
May 4 – Lori Brandon and Alice Alt
June 1 – Marci Wilson-Bates & Beth Stewart

WESLEY NIGHT | Wednesdays | 6-9pm

Dinner | 6-7pm | McAdams Hall | Meal: Chick-fil-A

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 Lenten Study | *40 Days with Jesus* led by Rev. Tom Grieb | 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, Pastor Darren's Weekly Phone message, and Tower newsletter at the website (bottom of homepage) or by emailing info@stpaulchurchky.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Confirmation 2025 has begun. Please be in prayer for this year's confirmation class: Ben Bernard, Oliver Boyd, Peter Elbert, Elliott Horton, John Miller, and Ethan Norman. Today's lesson- Scripture, led by Rev. George Strunk.

Lenten Sermon Series: *The Space Between* | Have you ever found yourself in a season of waiting – standing between what has been and what will be? Maybe it's a career change, an illness, or a detour you didn't see coming. That in-between space can feel unsettling, and uncomfortable. It is also where growth happens.

This Lent, we are exploring the spaces between – between where we are now and the new thing God is preparing for us. If we listen, it can be a place where we hear God's voice most clearly. You can find previous worship services on our website www.stpaulchurchky.org.

March 23: The Space Between – Barrenness & Fruitfulness

March 30: Rev. Tom Grieb preaching on John 13:1-9

Kids Worship Night | April 6 | 4:00-6:00pm | K-6th graders are invited to enjoy art projects, singing time, a lesson with Pastor Darren, and dinner from Skyline Chili!

Easter Eggstravaganza | April 13 | 12:00-2:00pm | Join us for bounce houses, crafts, cookie decorating, door prizes, pictures with the Easter Bunny, and egg hunts for preschool through 12th grade!

Lenten Resources | If you are looking for resources to use during the Lenten season, you'll find a display outside the church office.

Check out our website for the amazing summer events our Children's and Youth Ministries already have planned!
www.stpaulchurchky.org

WESLEY NIGHT

Lenten Study | Rev. Tom Grieb is leading a Lenten Study based on the book, *40 Days with Jesus*, Celebrating His Presence by Sarah Young. Young is the author of the well-known daily devotionals, *Jesus Calling* and *Jesus Lives*. Please read the days 8-14 for this week. We will reflect on those readings during Wesley Night. Books are available at the church. The cost of the book is \$3.00.

The Women's Prayer Group will be joining the Lenten Study. They will restart their meetings after Easter.

SERVE

Resource Center Needs:

Spring Jackets, men and women

Blankets and sleeping bags

Men's long- and short-sleeved t-shirts and sweatshirts

Men's shoes and boots in all sizes

Women's Bras

All needed items can be purchased from our Amazon Wish List here: <https://a.co/hULmRMs> Thank you!

United Methodist Mountain Mission (UMMM) will be here on March 25 to pick up donations. Drop off donations by Monday, March 24 at 2pm. Urgent needs include: bed linens, Easter decorations/gifts, new children's coats and shoes, and prom dresses.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday | One Service at 10:00am followed by potluck lunch at 11:00am and Easter Eggstravaganza at noon.

Maunder Thursday Service | 7:30pm | Reflective service led by the Koinonia team featuring music, prayer, scripture, and Holy Communion

Good Friday Midday Service | 12:00pm, Sanctuary | a brief service remembering Christ's suffering on the cross.

Good Friday Service of Darkness | 7:30pm, Sanctuary | Hear readings of the Gospel account of Christ's death on the cross along with hymns and Holy Communion.

Easter Sunrise Service | 7:30am, Steps of the Sanctuary | Celebrate Jesus' resurrection as the sun rises. Led by Pastor Darren and a vocal ensemble.

Koinonia Easter Worship | 9:00am, Gym | A joyous celebration of the resurrection led by the Koinonia Worship Team and Band featuring Holy Communion

Traditional Easter Worship | 11:00am, Sanctuary | Led by the Chancel Choir and brass quartet, featuring the Hallelujah Chorus and other anthems.

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