



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, OCTOBER 26, 2025 | 10:00am WORSHIP

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

HOMEcoming SUNDAY

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome

Rev. Darren Brandon

Prelude

I Saw the Light
Staff Jug Band

H. Williams, Sr.

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 84)

Niamh Lutes

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;

My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

***Opening Hymn 89**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Stanza 3 – Youth Choir only

HYMN TO JOY

PROCLAIMING

***Affirmation of Faith** (paraphrased from UMH 883 by St. Paul Kids)

Louis & Émile LeBlanc

We believe in God. He made everything, and he still makes things today. He sent his son Jesus to fix things that were messed up. His Spirit lives inside of us. We trust in God. We should act like Jesus did: be happy that God loves us, be kind and love everybody, take care of our world, help other people, do the right thing, and talk about Jesus, who died and then came back from being dead. God is always with us. We are never alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Anthem

Down to the River to Pray
Youth Choir

S. Curry

Celebration of Ministry

Evan Price: 1 year

Billy Sewell: 5 years

Abbi Gardner: 20 years

Rob Whitmer: 2 years

Sara Ferebee: 7 years

D'Anna Switzer: 21 years

Tracy Martin: 2 years

Melvin Bowen: 7 years

Larry Beasley: 23 years

Jody Hurt: 3 years

Darren Brandon: 8 years

Lori Elbert: 24 years

Brooke Heitz: 3 years

Jim McFarland: 12 years

Karla Temple: 29 years

Janet Sewell: 5 years

Hannah Lamfers: 17 years

Tony Fowler: 42 years

God blessed and called you to St. Paul to equip all Christians in ministries of compassion and justice in service to the community. You lead us in worship, make repairs, coordinate schedules, clean, teach us to sing, pray with us so that our lives may be rooted in Christ. Your faithful service has helped us grow in the love of God and neighbor.

We are grateful for your years of service and celebrate all that you offer here. We reaffirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger

who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.

Prayers of the People 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.

Children's Moment

Tracy Martin

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you – Allelu, alleluia!

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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

Bruce Elbert

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 84:1-7

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

Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:11-32

Jimmy Switzer

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Sermon

Love Shares Hope

Rev. Darren Brandon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Invitation to Communion

TFWS 2264

Come to the Table of Mercy
sing twice

TABLE OF MERCY

Great Thanksgiving

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, receive the elements. After receiving any wishing to, may kneel for prayer at the altar. Then return to your seat by the center aisle. Prepackaged elements are also available. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Offering

The Road Home
Chancel Choir

S. Paulus

*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!

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*Closing Song

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

CHRIST, OUR HOPE

1. 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: Oh, sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal.
Oh, sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

2. 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)

3. Unto the grave what will 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)

Welcoming a New Member

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Audrey Blair

SENDING FORTH

*Benediction

Rev. Darren Brandon

*Congregational Benediction

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace;
In the mansions bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place.
When we all get to heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory!

Postlude

Hymn to Joy
Dr. Jim McFarland, organ

J. Linker

**Stand as you are able.*

Next Week in Worship

Koinonia 9:00am – Gym | Traditional 11:00am – Sanctuary
Livestream at 11:00am on Facebook
Sermon: *Remember and Renew* | Rev. Darren Brandon
Scriptures for the Week: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149;
Hebrews 11; Luke 6:20-31
Lay Reader: Lori Brandon: Psalm 149
Acolytes: Josephine Dock & Louis LeBlanc
Liturgist: Jane Donovan

Lay Reader Schedule

November 2 – Lori Brandon: Psalm 149
November 9 – Wes Edwards: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-2
November 16 – Sara Cox: Isaiah 65:17-25
November 23 – Mark Johnson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Liturgist Schedule

November 2 – Jane Donovan
November 9 – Rev. Jim Murphy
November 16 – Rev. Tom Grieb
November 23 – Weslie Willis-Voigt

WORSHIP TODAY

ONLINE GREETER is Cathy Miller.

ACOLYTES today are Melody Krause & Jack Meadows.

FLOWERS TODAY today are given in loving memory of Joyce and Gene Roos, by Libby, David, Kathy, and Paul.

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.



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

CHILDREN

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. You're also welcome to spend time in the Mary-Martha room (rear of the sanctuary) or the Parlor, where there are speakers and you can listen to the worship service.

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.

FALL FESTIVAL | Wednesday | 6-8pm

Dinner | 6-6:30pm | McAdams Hall | Free Meal: Hot Dogs

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

Petting Zoo, Craft Fair & Activities | begins at 6:00pm | Petting zoo, Inflatable corn maze, cotton candy, popcorn, apple cider, and s'mores in the small parking lot | Craft Fair and Activities on the Douglass Lawn

Trunk-or-Treat | Begins at 6:30pm | on the sidewalk along Douglass Blvd

Fire Truck | Free Costume Shop | Pumpkin Decorating
Sensory Corner Also Available

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

Red Cross Blood Drive | TOMORROW, October 27, 12-5pm | To schedule an appointment, please go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: stpaulumclouky

Fall Festival | Wednesday, October 29 | 6:00-8:00pm | Enjoy a hot dog dinner, trunk-or-treat, free costume shop, petting zoo, inflatable corn maze, pumpkin decorating, vendor booths, cotton candy, popcorn, fire pit & s'mores, sensory corner...and more! Wear a costume and bring your friends!

Finance Team and Administrative Board Meetings | Sunday, November 2 | The Finance Team will meet at 6pm. Administrative Board will meet at 7pm. Both are in rm 113.

Kids Worship Night | November 16 - 4-6pm | Kids in K-6th grade will hear a lesson on global missions, participate in a service project, worship through singing and playing instruments, and eat dinner! Childcare provided for younger siblings.

November SPAMS Event | SPAMSGiving comes to St. Paul on Thursday, November 13! Get ready for Thanksgiving trivia, bingo, and maybe a surprise or two! Lunch will begin at 12:00pm. Cost: \$10.00.

Reception for College Students and Recent Grads | Join us on Sunday, November 30 in the Youth Center between services for fellowship and food. Billy Sewell will be preaching at both services that day.

ONLINE WORSHIP UPDATE

Migrating to YouTube Beginning November 30 | Due to some changes at Facebook, we plan to transition to our YouTube channel to stream the 11:00am Sunday morning worship service, beginning the first Sunday in Advent, November 30. Visit our YouTube channel and subscribe so you get all future notifications: <https://www.youtube.com/@stpaulchurch8943>

SERVE

Resource Center Needs | MEN'S JEANS!! Men's Shoes! (esp. sizes 11-12), men's winter hats and coats, jackets and hoodies, blankets (the larger, the better), backpacks, large women's tops (sizes 3x-5x), bras (esp. sizes 40+)

Help with the Fall Festival! | Please consider donating candy for trunk-or-treat, bringing new or used Halloween costumes for our free costume shop, volunteering during the event, or signing up for a vendor booth if you have homemade products to sell. Email tracy@stpaulchurchky.org to sign up, or bring items to the donation bin near the church office. Thanks for participating!

Waller-Williams Christmas Stockings | It's time to bring some holiday joy to the kids at the Waller-Williams school. Here's how you can help! Choose a student from the mobile bulletin board, available outside worship spaces on Sunday mornings and during Wesley Night, beginning November 9. Buy a Christmas stocking or gift bag. Fill it with goodies. Attach your paper stocking label to your stocking. Drop it off at St. Paul by Sunday, December 7. Better yet, bring your stocking to the Advent Service at 6:30pm on December 7 and place it under the Christmas tree! More details at our website and on posters.

NEW WESLEY NIGHT STUDY: LOVE DOES

Love isn't a feeling. It's an activity. It's something you do. And participating in the act of love is the secret to understanding God's love--the secret to a life well lived.

The Love Does Bible Study is based on Bob Goff's work and explores a love that's practical, functional, active. Not a "love" that has all the right answers. Not a "love" with ulterior motives. Not a "love" that's all talk or paralyzed by doubt. But a radically alive love that's an intentional participation in God's world. How is that kind of love done?

The how is what this study is about. Real growth happens when you learn how to tap into the empowering, energizing love of God. Using it fills you. Risking it secures you. Giving it satisfies you.

Each of the five sessions explores an aspect of God's active love through Bob Goff's teachings and stories. The study begins November 5 during Wesley Night and will feature different leaders for the sessions. Watch the church bulletin for details about ordering materials.

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