



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, NOVEMBER 16, 2025 | 11:00am WORSHIP

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

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome

Rev. Darren Brandon

Prelude

Andante

R. Powell

Dr. Jim McFarland

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Tom Grieb

See how very much our Father loves us,

for He calls us His children, and that is what we are! (1 John 3:1)

For we are God's masterpiece.

created in Christ Jesus for good works. (Ephesians 2:1)

But we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,

in order that we may proclaim the excellence of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)

***Opening Hymn 154**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

Stanza 3—Women; Stanza 5—Men

***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

Indescribable

L. Story, J. Reeves

Youth Choir

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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.

PROCLAIMING

Children's Moment

Tracy Martin

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his son

And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich,"

because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.

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

Sara Cox

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 65:17-25 (Old Testament p 654)

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

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 12:48-50 (New Testament p 13)

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Sermon

Who Am I?

Rev. Darren Brandon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn 87

What Gift Can We Bring

ANNIVERSARY

Offering

O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go
Chancel Choir

arr. M. Phillips

*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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*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Tom Grieb

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 399

Take my Life and Let It Be

MESSIAH

*Benediction

Rev. Darren Brandon

*Choral Benediction

Postlude

Moderato
Dr. Jim McFarland, organ

R. Powell

*Please stand as you are able.

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>

Next Week in Worship

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

Livestream at 11:00am on Facebook

Sermon: *Who Are We Together?* | Rev. Darren Brandon

Scriptures for the Week: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100;

Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35

Lay Reader: Joy Jamison – Jeremiah 23:1-6

Acolytes: Louis & Èmile LeBlanc

Liturgist: Weslie Willis-Voigt

Lay Reader Schedule

November 23 – Joy Jamison: Jeremiah 23:1-6

November 30 – Mark Johnson: Psalm 122

December 7 – Debbie Wesslund: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

December 14 – Lessons & Carols

Liturgist Schedule

November 23 – Weslie Willis-Voigt

November 30 – Graeme Donovan

Preaching November 30: Billy Sewell

WORSHIP TODAY

ONLINE GREETER is Sara Ferebee

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by the Kershaw and Bridges families in loving memory of Eric Bridges and Mary Olive Bridges, the flower lady.

ACOLYTES today are Evelyn Aten and Melody Krause.

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.



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.

THIS WEEK: NOVEMBER 16–22, 2025

TODAY

8:30am Coffee & Donuts (CC)
9:00am Worship - KOINONIA (Gym)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship - Traditional
(Sanctuary)
4:00pm Kids Worship Night (100, Ch)
5:00pm Youth Choir (302)
6:00pm Youth Group (MSH, Gym, YC)
8:00pm AA Meeting (100)

MONDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm (208)
5:30pm AA Meeting (100)
7:00pm Men's Group (CC)

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)
6:00pm Wesley Night Activities (see below)

THURSDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm (208)
1:00pm Game Day (CC)
6:00pm AA Meeting (111)
7:00pm Chancel Choir (302)

FRIDAY

Office Closed

SATURDAY

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

MSH - McAdams Social Hall;
CC - Common Cup; YC - Youth Center
Ch - Chapel

WESLEY NIGHT | Wednesdays | 6-9pm

Dinner | 6-7pm | Room 100 | Meal: Chick-fil-A

RSVP for Dinner here: [https://](https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/ministries/wesley-night/)

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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 Study | Love Does | 7-8pm | Room 113

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

November Sermon Series

What if the most important things about your life could be clarified by three simple questions? Inspired by Rueben P. Job's beloved book, "Three Simple Questions", this sermon series invites us to listen for God's voice and be renewed. Over three weeks we'll ask: Who is God? Who am I? Who are we together?

McAdams Social Hall will not be available for most of November while kitchen repairs are underway.

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

Kids Worship Night | Today from 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.

Game Day | Thursday, November 20, 1-3pm, Common Cup | We had so much fun at our first game day in October, we are going to do it again! All ages and stages are invited to come together for an afternoon playing games, such as Rummy-Cue, Rook, Pit, and more. Sign up at the Information Center.

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.

"O Come, Let Us Adore Him" Evening Advent Service | Sunday, Dec. 7, 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary | Enjoy music of Advent and Christmas as our children's choirs and youth choir lead us in worship! Please bring your Waller-Williams Christmas stockings to place under the tree!

It's time to hop on "Boar"d | Casting and planning for our 2025 Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival are well underway but we still need plenty of volunteers in order to present our annual performances and receptions as a gift to our city! Festival performances are December 29 and 30, 5:30 and 8:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to repair costumes, usher, donate and serve cookies at the receptions, set up and tear down the stage, and participate in the cast! Please contact Karla Temple if you are willing to help.

Breakfast with Santa | Saturday, December 13 | 9-11 am | Bring your kids to enjoy pancakes with Santa Claus, holiday crafts, gingerbread house decorating, and an affordable Holiday Shop where kids can buy gifts for their loved ones!

Salvation Army Bell Ringing | Monday, December 22 | 11am-5pm | Email tracy@stpaulchurchky.org to sign up for a bell-ringing shift at the Highlands Kroger. This is a great opportunity to spend time with your St. Paul family and friends! (Festive costumes and Christmas music encouraged!)

SERVE

Resource Center Needs | MEN'S JEANS (all sizes, esp 32, 33, 35, 36) Men's Shoes! (esp. sizes 11-12), long-sleeved men's t-shirts (all sizes), 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+) Visit our Amazon wish list where you will find needed items that will ship directly to the church: <https://a.co/hULmRMs>

Waller-Williams Christmas Stockings | Choose a student from the mobile bulletin board, available outside worship spaces on Sunday mornings and during Wesley Night. 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!

Highland Community Ministries Holiday Drive | HCM is collecting \$25 gift cards and cozy throw blankets to share with neighbors who could use a little extra help. Please bring donations to St. Paul no later than Monday, December 1 at 2pm.

WESLEY NIGHT STUDY: LOVE DOES

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.

November 19, 2025 - "Audacious Love" - Rev. John Mark Boes will be here from the Kentucky United Methodist Children's Homes to share about their ministry.

December 3, 2025 - "Be Not Afraid - Chasing out the anxieties that keep us from acting and living the life that Jesus has called us to. Led by Rev. Tom Grieb

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who continues to give to St. Paul and its ministries. As the holiday season approaches, please consider including the General Budget of St. Paul in your charitable giving. The General Budget supports the framework for ministry: a beautiful campus, dedicated staff, and our variety of ministry programs. Your gifts literally keep the lights on at night so everyone can see a sign of hope on the corner of Bardstown Rd. and Douglass Blvd. As you can see from the recent finance report, we are practicing good stewardship, but need your support to finish strong. Thank you!

October 2024
Revenues \$827,658.19
Expenses \$990,113.13
(\$162,454.94)

October 2025
Revenues \$771,314.23
Expenses \$912,550.90
(\$141,236.67)

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