



St. Paul

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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, FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | 11:00am WORSHIP
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TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome

Rev. Darren Brandon

Ministry Moment

MIHOW Diaper Drive

Prelude

Jerusalem

arr. A. McFarland

Dr. Jim McFarland

*Call to Worship (from 2 Corinthians 5)

Jane Donovan

Behold, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come!

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

That God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*Opening Hymn 88

Maker, in Whom We Live

DIADEMATA

*Affirmation of Faith

Jane Donovan

We believe in God, Father, Creator; who gives us steadfast love, and shares with us our joy, Our God sustains us in our weakness, and empowers us with His strength. We trust Him.

We follow Jesus Christ, God's Son. His death is our victory, His resurrection is our hope; in Him the Word became flesh; in Him we find forgiveness, renewal from failure, reconciliation from brokenness, and release from despair. We are saved through Him.

We are guided by the Holy Spirit, God's presence in the world. That same Spirit calls us to be the Church, to celebrate love, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen. We are empowered through Him.

We are disciples, pilgrim people. We joyfully covenant to walk together in love. To live in fellowship, in life, in death, in life beyond death. God is with us! We are not alone! Thanks be to God!

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

Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King! Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King! Hallelujah, hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

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

Glenda Young

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18 (Old Testament p 68)

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

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:21-37 (New Testament p 4)

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

Sermon

Changed

Rev. Darren Brandon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn TFWS 2152

Change My Heart, O God
sing twice

CHANGE MY HEART

Offering

O Love
Chancel Choir

E. Hagenberg

*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

Jane Donovan

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 731

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIA

*Benediction

Rev. Darren Brandon

*Choral Benediction

Postlude

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken
Dr. Jim McFarland, organ

Haydn/Hustad

*Please stand as you are able.

Next Week in Worship

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

Livestream at 11:00am on Youtube

Sermon: *The Voice of Life* | Rev. George Strunk

Scriptures for the Week: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7;

Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Lay Reader: Bill Fenton – Psalm 32

Acolytes: Louis LeBlanc & Arthur Pieroni

Liturgists: Karla Temple & Lori Elbert

Lay Reader Schedule

February 22: Bill Fenton – Psalm 32

March 1: Graeme Donovan – Psalm 121

March 8: Wes Edwards – Romans 5:1-11

March 15: Mary Hartman – Ephesians 5:8-14

Liturgist Schedule

February 22: Karla Temple & Lori Elbert

March 1: Niamh Lutes

March 8: Rev. Jim Murphy

March 15: Lori Brandon

WORSHIP TODAY

ONLINE GREETER is Sara Ferebee

THE ALTAR FLOWERS: We dedicate these flowers in honor of our confirmands and, as a congregation, commit to pray for and support Eli Aten, Kayla Martin, Alex Newton, and Juliette Pieroni.

ACOLYTES today are Evelyn Aten & 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: FEBRUARY 15–21, 2026

TODAY

8:30am Coffee & Donuts (CC)
9:00am Worship - KOINONIA (Gym)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship - Traditional (Sanctuary)
8:00pm AA Meeting (100)
No Sunday Evening Youth Activities

MONDAY

Office Closed for President's Day
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)
12:00pm Noon Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
6:00pm Ash Wednesday Dinner (MSH)
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm (208)
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

Lent begins this Wednesday, February 18

Lent is the 40 days (not counting Sundays) leading up to Easter, beginning with Ash Wednesday. Lent is an opportunity to examine our lives. Lent is also a time of letting go of what is behind and holding fast to what God promises to do in our lives. The scriptures invite us to "Draw near to God and God will draw near to you." (James 4:8)

Ash Wednesday Schedule:

12:00-12:30pm - Noon Service with Ashes (Sanctuary)

6:00pm - Dinner (Reservations required) RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/2en8mxzx>

7:00pm - Evening Service with Ashes and Fire Ring (Sanctuary)

There are no regular Wesley Night activities on Ash Wednesday.



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.

SERVE

Current Resource Center Needs | Warm socks; Men's Shoes; Winter hats, gloves, and scarves; Blankets; Sleeping bags; Backpacks; Bras (esp. larger sizes); Larger women's clothes (size 3x and up) Our Amazon wish list can be found here: <https://a.co/hULmRM>

Diaper Drive for MIHOW (Mothers and Infants Health Outreach Workers) | February 1-28 | St. Paul UMC, through SPAMS, has contributed annually over 3,000 diapers and other items needed for infant care as well as cash for the program. Our record is 4,833 diapers! Please place your donations of diapers and baby wipes in the blue tubs in either building lobby during February. Most needed sizes: 1, 4, 5, 6, and Pull-ups. Baby wipes also needed. If you prefer, you may write a check to St. Paul UMC, marked MIHOW. All will be delivered to Henderson Settlement in March.



CONFIRMATION NOTES

Our four confirmands: Eli Aten, Kayla Martin, Alex Newton, & Juliette Pieroni are learning about Prayer and making Prayer beads with Kim Smith next Sunday. We've dedicated the flowers in their honor today and invite you to be in prayer for them as they continue their journey.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Faith Quilters | Tuesday, February 17, 10am-2pm | All sewing experience levels welcome! Join us to make quilts for kids who have experienced trauma.

Game Day | Thursday, February 26, 1-3pm (last Thursday of each month) | All ages and stages are invited to come together for an afternoon playing games, such as Rummy-Cue, Rook, Pit, and more. Bring your friends! If there is a game you enjoy, please bring it with you!

SPAMS | March 12 at 12:00pm in McAdams Social Hall
Join us for the SPAMS St. Patrick's Day party! Lunch will be provided and activities will include Bingo and trivia. Prizes will be awarded for best St. Patrick costume!

Easter Egg-stravaganza | March 29 | 12:00-2:00pm |
Join us for bounce houses, spin art, crafts, cookie decorating, photo booth, door prizes, sensory corner, and egg hunts for preschool through high school! Bring your friends, and don't forget to have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny!

Finance and Board meeting | We are in the process of identifying new meeting dates for the Finance Team and the Board. We'll be sharing those dates with you soon.

WESLEY NIGHT: SHARING OUR STORY ON THE LENTEN JOURNEY

At the heart of this semester's Wesley Night gatherings is a simple but powerful practice: sharing our story. When we tell our stories – where we've been, what we've learned, how we're still growing – we discover that faith is not abstract. It is lived, walked, questioned, practiced, and renewed over time.

That's also the heart of Lent.

- February 18, 7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Worship
- February 25 - Writer's Night with Paul Wesslund
- March 4 - Writer's Night with Mark Johnson
- March 11 - Sarah and Brandon Aten share about their experience on the Camino de Santiago
- March 18 - Meanings and Understandings of the Labyrinth with Darren Brandon and Sara Ferebee
- March 25 - Labyrinth Walk in the gym at 7pm