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, NOVEMBER 1, 2026 | 10:00am WORSHIP
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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Gathering Music

Welcome — Rev. Darren Brandon

Prelude — *Andante* — W. H. Harris
Dr. Jim McFarland, organ

***Call to Worship** — Rev. George Strunk

On this All Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us.

We give thanks!

We remember choir members, praise bands, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises.

We give thanks!

We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years.

We give thanks!

We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.

We give thanks!

We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor.

We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

***Opening Hymn 711** — *For All the Saints* — SINE NOMINE
Stanza 1, 2, 3, 4 (choir), 6

Remembering the Saints — Karla Temple

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Let us join together in a spirit of gratitude as we remember and give thanks for the faithful departed.

William J. Bush	Brian Buchanan	Ann Collins	Sandra Dickinson
Sharon Edge	Hope Enander	Carolyn Kincaid	Myra Gettys Mackem
Pat Miller	William (Bill) Smith		

We pray that, encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship, we may be partakers with them of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the grace of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Anthem — *It Is Not Death to Die* — B. Kauflin, H.A.C. Malan
Niamh Lutes, soloist; Lori Elbert, violin; D'Anna Switzer, piano

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Rev. George Strunk

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

Prayer for Illumination Graeme Donovan

New Testament Lesson Revelation 7:9-17 (NT p 235)

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

Congregational Song *Is He Worthy* A. Peterson

1. **Do you feel the world is broken? We do.**
   Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.
   But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do.
   Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.
2. **Is all creation groaning? It is.**
   Is a new creation coming? It is.
   Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.
   Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Chorus 1: Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave; He is David's Root, and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy of this? He is.

3. **Does the Father truly love us? He does.**
   Does the Spirit move among us? He does.
   And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? He does.
   Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

Chorus 2: Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave; He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue, He has made us a kingdom and priests To God to reign with the Son. Is He worthy? Is He worthy Of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is.

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New Testament Lesson Revelation 21:1-5 (NT p 244)

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Sermon *Part of a Bigger Story* Rev. Darren Brandon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Invitation to Holy Communion

Confession and Pardon (hymnal p 12)

The Great Thanksgiving

Musical Setting C, p. 20 in the hymnal

Distribution

As you come forward for Communion, please bring your card and place it on the Memory Tree.

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 *My Heart Is Filled* (November Hymn of the Month) THANKFULNESS
Karla Temple, soloist

Offering *In Remembrance* E. Daley
Chancel Choir

***Doxology (Hymn 95)** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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***Prayer of Dedication** Rev. George Strunk

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn 723** *Shall We Gather at the River* HANSON PLACE

***Benediction** Rev. Darren Brandon

Postlude *Scherzo* A. Ridout
Dr. Jim McFarland, organ

*Please stand as you are able.

Potluck dinner begins in McAdams Social Hall immediately following this service.

The Memory Tree: Today is an invitation to trust that God cares about all of our losses, spoken and unspoken—whether it is the passing of a loved one, the loss of a beloved pet, an empty nest, estrangement, physical changes, broken trust, or disappointments. Inside the bulletin this morning, you found a card where you can write down a person or a situation you are grieving. As you come forward for communion, you are invited to place your card on the Memory Tree as a tangible symbol of both your loss and your enduring hope.

FINANCE AND BOARD MEETINGS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

The Finance Committee will meet at 6 p.m., followed by the Board at 7 p.m. Both meetings will take place in McAdams Social Hall.

COMMUNION AVAILABLE FOR THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

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

WESLEY NIGHT | Wednesdays | 6-9pm

Dinner | 6-7pm | McAdams Social Hall | Meal: Eat a Pita | 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 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 | *The White House Project* | 7-8pm | McAdams Social Hall
Bells of St. Paul Handbell Choir | 8-9pm | Room 303

Next Week in Worship

Koinonia 9:00am – Gym | Traditional 11:00am – Sanctuary
Livestream at 11:00am on Facebook
Sermon: Rev. Darren Brandon
Scriptures for the Week: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
Lay Reader:
Allan Sewell – Psalm 78:1-7
Acolytes: Violet Heidorn &Èmile LeBlanc
Liturgist: Rev. Tom Grieb

WORSHIP TODAY

ONLINE GREETER is Sal Rubino.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given in honor of those we have lost who have joined the great cloud of witnesses that surround us and in thanksgiving for those who continue to carry the torch of faith.

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.

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 1–7, 2026

TODAY
8:30am Coffee & Donuts (CC)
10:00am One Service (Sanctuary)
11:00am Potluck (MSH)
5:00pm Tweens (312)
5:00pm Youth Choir (302)
6:00pm Youth Group (MSH, Gym, YC)
8:00pm AA Meeting (100)

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

MONDAY
Office Open 10am-2pm (208)
6:00pm AA Meeting (100)

TUESDAY
Office Open 10am-2pm (208)
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 above)

THURSDAY
Office Open 10am-2pm (208)
6:00pm AA Meeting (111)
6:00pm Cub Scouts (FLC)
7:00pm Chancel Choir (302)
7:30pm DBSA (110, 113)

FRIDAY
Office Closed
5:30pm Youth Leave for Retreat at Camp Loucon (CC)

SATURDAY
Youth on Retreat at Camp Loucon
10:00am AA Meeting (100)
8:00pm AA Meeting (100)

SERVE

Thanksgiving Boxes | We still have quite a few food items we need donated. Please consider claiming a food item this morning from the rolling bulletin board and bringing it to church no later than Wednesday, November 4. Then, join us next Sunday, November 8 from 10:00-10:45am to help assemble the boxes - always a fun event! Thanks!

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.

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