St. Paul
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome!
We are so glad you have joined us for worship. Please use the yellow card to communicate with us.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026 | 11:00AM WORSHIP

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

LARGE PRINT

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.

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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*

1. **For all the saints, who from their labors rest,**
   who thee by faith before the world confessed,
   thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

   Refrain:
   Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. **Thou wast their rock,**
   their fortress, and their might;
   thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
   thou, in the darkness
   drear, their one true light. [Refrain]

3. **O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,**
   fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
   and win with them
   the victor's crown of gold. [Refrain]

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4. Choir: O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. [Refrain]

6. **From earth's wide bounds,**
from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams
in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
(Refrain)

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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.

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Anthem *It Is Not Death to Die* Kauflin, 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

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Congregational Song *Is He Worthy*

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.

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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.

<u>Chorus 1:</u>
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.

<u>Chorus 2:</u>
Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?

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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

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Part of a Bigger Story*

Rev. Darren Brandon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Invitation to Holy Communion

Confession and Pardon

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; this proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving Musical Setting C

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

(Singing)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(Singing)

Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

(Singing) **Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.**

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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)**

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*

1. **Shall we gather at the river,**
   where bright angel feet have trod,
   with its crystal tide forever
   flowing by the throne of God?

   Refrain:
   Yes, we'll gather at the river,
   the beautiful, the beautiful river;
   gather with the saints at the river
   that flows by the throne of God.

2. **On the margin of the river,**
   washing up its silver spray,
   we will walk and worship ever,
   all the happy golden day.
   (Refrain)

3. **Ere we reach the shining river,**
   lay we every burden down;
   grace our spirits will deliver,
   and provide a robe and crown.
   (Refrain)

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4. **Soon we'll reach the shining river,**
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.
(Refrain)

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***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.

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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.

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!

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.

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