



**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.

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024 | 11:00am WORSHIP

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

## TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### GATHERING

#### Gathering Music

#### Welcome

Rev. Darren Brandon

#### Prelude

*Simple Gifts*

arr. J.W. Kerr

Dr. Jim McFarland, organ

#### \*Call to Worship (from Psalm 34:1-3)

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

**My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**

Glorify the LORD with me;

**let us exalt his name together.**

#### \*Opening Hymn 400

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

#### \*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostle's Creed)

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 sitteth 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.

### PROCLAIMING

#### Children's Moment

Tracy Martin

I cast all my cares upon You. I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet.

**And anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon You.**

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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

Tony Glass

#### Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 3:14-21 (New Testament p 182)

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

#### Anthem

*Small Things*

A. Pote

Peter Elbert, Soloist

We are small, the world is wide, yet we stand tall with God inside. Small things, small things, small things done with great love, can change the world. Those who seem to be the weakest are the greatest in God's eyes. Little hands we lift in service can touch the skies. When we give away our treasure, when we sacrifice our lives, when we lose our hearts to Jesus love multiplies. We are small, the world is wide, yet we stand tall with God inside. Small things, small things, small things done with great love, can change the world.

#### Gospel Lesson

John 6:1-21 (New Testament p 91)

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

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD****\*Hymn 589***The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

GIFT OF LOVE (alternate tune)

**Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Tom Grieb

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.

**Offering***Let Us with a Joyful Mind*

arr. T. Noble

Dr. Jim McFarland, organ

**\*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***Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me*

YET NOT I

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer, There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his. Oh how strange and divine,  
I can sing, "All is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me"
2. The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, For by my side, the Savior He will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing. For in my need, His power is displayed. To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley He will lead. Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome, Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, The future sure, the price, it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, And He was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated. Jesus now and ever is my plea. Oh, the chains are released,  
I can sing, "I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me."
4. With every breath, I long to follow Jesus, For He has said that He will bring me home.  
And day by day, I know He will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to Him. When the race is complete,  
still my lips shall repeat, "Yet not I, but through Christ in me!"  
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**\*Benediction**

Rev. Darren Brandon

**Postlude***Victory*

J.W. Kerr

Dr. Jim McFarland, organ

**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: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

Lay Reader: Alice Abbott-Moore – Psalm 133

Acolytes: Peter Elbert &amp; Josephine Dock

## WORSHIP TODAY

**TODAY'S ONLINE GREETER** is Sara Ferebee

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given in memory of Johnnie & Al Weber and Marie & Marguerite Weber by Nancy Weber.

**ACOLYTES** today are Melody Krause & Kayla Martin.

**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.



## LAY READER SCHEDULE

August 4: Psalm 133 – Alice Abbott-Moore  
August 11: Psalm 1 – Allan Sewell  
August 18: Psalm 111 – Georganna Dunn  
August 25: Psalm 84 – Ed Henson

## CHILDREN

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

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.

**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: JULY 28–AUGUST 3, 2024

### TODAY

8:30am Coffee & Donuts (Common Cup)  
9:00am Worship - KOINONIA (Gym)  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship - Traditional  
(Sanctuary)  
12:00pm Youth Hangout (Common Cup)  
8:00pm AA Meeting (100)

### MONDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm  
5:30pm AA Meeting (100)  
6:30pm Children's Team Meeting (Parlor)

### TUESDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm  
7:00pm AA Meeting (100)  
7:00pm Scouts (Gym)  
7:30pm DBSA (110, 113)

### WEDNESDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm

### THURSDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm  
6:00pm AA Meeting (111)  
7:00pm Survive & Thrive Team Meeting  
(McAdams)

### FRIDAY

Office Closed

### SATURDAY

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

## SAVE THE DATE: WESLEY NIGHT RESUMES SEPTEMBER 11

Dinner | 6-7pm | McAdams Hall |  
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 | 7-8pm | McAdams Hall  
Bells of St. Paul Handbell Choir | 8-9pm | Room 303

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Youth Afternoon at the Park – July 28

Youth Trip to Holiday World – August 4

Mobile Resource Center - August 10

Back to School Bash - August 11

SPAMS Bingo and Soup - August 22

Survive and Thrive Mental Health Forum - August 24

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Be sure to check the Tower and  
[www.stpaulchurchky.org](http://www.stpaulchurchky.org) for more info on these and  
other summer events still to be announced.

Check the St. Paul Website ([stpaulchurchky.org](http://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](mailto:prayer@stpaulchurchky.org).

Sign up for the St. Paul weekly email and Tower newsletter at the website (bottom of homepage) or by emailing [info@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:info@stpaulchurchky.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Men's Group - Every Other Monday at 7:00pm Common Cup** | August 5 & 19 | The St. Paul Men's group invites participants to walk alongside one another in the Christian faith. The group is open to all men.

**Mobile Resource Center** | Saturday, August 10, 11:15am-1:00pm | It takes a minimum of 20 volunteers to cover our needs. You can sign up to volunteer here: [stpaulchurchky.org/mobile-resource-center/](http://stpaulchurchky.org/mobile-resource-center/)

**Blessing of the Backpacks** | August 11 in both worship services | Students, teachers, administrators, and others who work in education: please bring your backpacks or bookbags and place them at the front of the worship space so we can bless them during the service. Thank you for allowing us to pray for you as you begin another year of school!

**Back to School Bash** | On August 11 from 5:00-8:00pm, gather with other families for bouncies, food, fun, and games as we kick off our fall semester of Children and Youth activities. Enjoy time together as we learn about all the great activities and programs we will be offering in the fall. For more info check our our website: [stpaulchurchky.org](http://stpaulchurchky.org)

**United Women in Faith** | Tuesday, August 13, 10:00am, Room 113 | We will begin by sharing what we read during July for the United Women in Faith Reading Program. Our program will be the Bible study "Welcome Home," an invitation to dwell in the House of God. Everyone is welcome.

**SPAMS Bingo & Lunch** | Thursday, August 22 - McAdams Hall | Join the SPAMS for lunch and another fun afternoon of Bingo and prizes! Rumor has it that Uncle Spam is slated to make a return. Please sign up at the Information Center by Monday, August 19.

**Save the Date: Survive and Thrive Mental Health Workshop** | Saturday, August 24, 9am-Noon | Survive and Thrive will feature mental health experts discussing how to recognize mental illness, find resources to help, and live with hope. Free event, but registration is requested. Learn more and register here: <https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/survive-and-thrive/>

## SERVE

**Prayer Beading Group** | Sunday, August 11, 12:00pm, Common Cup | Prayer beads are given to those who are in the hospital or grieving. They are also given to those who have joined St. Paul. No experience necessary!

**Acolyte Training** | August 25, 5:00-7:00pm | 4th-6th graders are invited to Acolyte Training! We will discuss the history and duties of acolytes, and each child will try on robes and practice serving. Then we will enjoy pizza and gaga ball! Current acolytes are encouraged to attend for a refresher training and to offer their help.

**Habitat Methodist Build** | Habitat for Humanity is planning a "Methodist Build" for October. This home will be the 15th Habitat for Humanity house St. Paul has participated in building. St. Paul will partner with St. Matthews UMC and other United Methodist churches. Our first step is to raise our share of the cost of construction. Please consider a generous contribution. Raise the Roof dates are October 10-12. The partner family-Innocent, Uwimana, and their six children-are natives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo by way of a Refugee Camp in Uganda.

**Book Donations Needed** | In response to a survey of the needs of those at the Open Door Community Ministry, the St. Paul Resource Center is sponsoring a Little Library at Fourth Ave. UMC. We continue to need donations of books, including novels, nonfiction, puzzle books, adult coloring books, etc. A donation bin is available in the elevator lobby.

## SUNDAY MORNING LEARNING SESSIONS

For some weeks now, you've been seeing an announcement on sessions to discuss the three conferences that happened this year: General Conference, Annual Conference, and the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. Beginning August 4 at 10:15-10:45am in McAdams Hall (120), we'll gather to learn more about the decisions made, the experience of our delegates, and new directions for the United Methodist Church. We anticipate meeting for several Sundays.

## SMALL GROUP & SUNDAY SCHOOL SURVEY

As we look toward the fall when church activities ramp up, we are interested in learning more about what types of small group or Sunday school opportunities our congregation would be interested in. Small groups and classes range from monthly special interest groups to weekly Bible-based Sunday school classes. Please take a few moments to fill out this survey: [stpaulchurchky.org/small-groups-sunday-school-survey/](http://stpaulchurchky.org/small-groups-sunday-school-survey/) Please complete the survey by July 31.

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