



# SAINT PAUL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A safe place to be authentic and to experience acceptance,  
healing, and a loving relationship with Jesus Christ.



**February 02, 2025**

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Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at [www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/](https://www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/)

Pastor: Rev. Matthew Greer  
Director of Music: William H. Searcy, Jr.  
Church Administrator: Melissa Campbell  
Sexton: Gary Putnam

*Please silence your mobile device. Thank you.*

\*Please stand as you are able.

## Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude "A Communion Medley" Sikes

\*Processional Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Hymnal no.103

Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship

Leader: The remnant of Israel will trust in the name of the Lord.

**People: They will do no wrong; they will tell no lies.**

Leader: A deceitful tongue will not be found in their mouths.

**People: They will eat and lie down and no one will make them afraid.**

\*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

**All: Oh Lord, don't let our hearts be troubled. May we hold our heads up high because we do not fear any evil. May we fix our eyes on the truth; God is madly in love with us. May we be what we need to Take courage, to Hold on, to Be strong, and to Remember where our help comes from.Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Let us pass God's peace with each other. The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Anthem "In Remembrance of Me" Courtney  
Chancel Choir

## Word and Response

Children's Sermon

Children will come forward.

Following the children's sermon, we invite our K3 to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children to follow the designated adult upstairs for a lesson and craft. Please follow the instructions on the name tag found in the back of your pew. At the end of the Prayers of the People, the adult leaders will bring them back to the sanctuary and ensure they return to their parent/guardian.

## Offertory

You can give online by using the QR codes below or by dropping your offering in the plate.



Realm



### \*The Doxology

Hymnal No. 95

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

### Prayer for Illumination

**Dear Lord, may the words spoken and sung be Yours and may they assist in the transformation You want to bring. Amen.**

### \*Affirmation of Faith

"The Apostles' Creed"

UM Hymnal #881

**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.**

### \*Gloria Patri

Hymnal no.70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

### \*Sermon Scripture

Romans 6:11-14

NRSV (pg.146 NT)

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Series Part 4 "A Pastor's Prayer: Holiness"

Rev. Matt Greer

Sacrament of Holy Communion

UM Hymnal p.12

### \*Giving the Bread and Cup

The ushers will direct you to come forward in small groups and kneel at the altar rail. You will receive a piece of bread and a cup of juice to eat and drink with your

group. Gluten-free wafers are available. You may remain in prayer, then return to your seat via the outside aisles.

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Response: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sending

\*Closing Hymn "Come, Sinners, To the Gospel Feast" Hymnal no.616

\*Benediction

Postlude "Our Savior" Sikes

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**Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts**

<b>Giving for 01/26/2024</b>	<b>Amount</b>
General Fund	\$2,780.74
Other funds	\$1,135.08
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$3,915.82</b>
General Fund Giving Goal per month	\$22,110.38
General Fund Giving Goal per week	\$5,527.60
General Fund Received this month to date	\$10,944.41

**Today's Servers:**

Reader: Martha Ball

Acolyte: Maddie Miller

Crucifer: Wesley Miller

Children's Worship:

**A memorial was made to the glory of God in memory of Zachary Chappell** by Ed and Mary Pool.

**Stay connected:**

[Saintpaulgreenville.org](http://Saintpaulgreenville.org)

[Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc](https://Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc)

Podcast: [podomatic.com/podcasts/saintpaulumc1107](http://podomatic.com/podcasts/saintpaulumc1107)

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 103

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

## 616 Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

1. Come, sin - ners, to the gos - pel feast, let ev - ery  
 2. Do not be - gin to make ex - cuse; ah! do not  
 3. Come and par - take the gos - pel feast, be saved from  
 4. See him set forth be - fore your eyes; be - hold the  
 5. Ye who be - lieve his rec - ord true shall sup with

soul be Je - sus' guest. Ye need not one be  
 you his grace re - fuse; your world - ly cares and  
 sin, in Je - sus rest; O taste the good - ness  
 bleed - ing sac - ri - fice; his of - fered love make  
 him and he with you; come to the feast, be

left be - hind, for God hath bid all hu - man - kind.  
 plea - sures leave, and take what Je - sus hath to give.  
 of our God, and eat his flesh and drink his blood.  
 haste to em - brace, and free - ly now be saved by grace.  
 saved from sin, for Je - sus waits to take you in.

## Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 2/2	Missions Team meeting: Saint Paul	After worship
	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Wed, 2/5	Chancel Choir: Saint Paul	7:00pm

## Upcoming events:

Sun, 2/9	Acknowledgement of Basketball players	In worship
	Souper Bowl Lunch: Saint Paul	After worship
	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 2/10	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 2/11	Fellowship Luncheon: TBD	11:30am
	Trustees meeting: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Fri, 2/14	Valentine's Day	

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## From Pastor Matt

(You can always reach me at 864-421-3800 or [matthewegreer@gmail.com](mailto:matthewegreer@gmail.com))

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**Office Hours:** We are open from 8:30am until 1:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and 8:30 to 12:30 on Wednesday. I am available at the above contact info and/or contact the office via the church email and phone during these hours.

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## Saint Paul Cares

**Happy Birthday:** John David Knobeloch, 2/4; Anna Cheshire, 2/8

**Happy Anniversary:** Janet and Carmie Cook celebrate 55 years together on 2/6. Congratulations!

### In your prayers, please remember:

Roger Barrett, Chelsea Biggers, Annette Bostic, Thomas Brown, Linda Bruce, William Bruce (Bruce/Terminato family), Jere, Byington, Ray Byington, Van Clinkscales, Geno Cope, Connie Cox, Darrie Crabtree, *Patsy Crabtree*, Natalie Davis, *Catherine Gilstrap*, Marie Good, Doris Goodwin, Carol Head, Sue Howard, Dot Huff, Missy Huff, Stacy & Jeff Israel, Lee Jenkinson, Carol Johnson, Jean Jones, Larry Jones, Brent Kanipe, Tinsley Lyles, Chuck McLesky, Betty McWhite, Alan Myers, Faye Mulligan, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Beth Rogers, Joyce Searcy, Deirdra Simmons, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, Alicia Terminato, Barry & Karen Thomas, *Lily Thompson*, friends serving in the Armed Services, first responders, and the leaders of the United States of America. (Bold = New, Italics = Currently in hospital or rehabilitation)

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## Upcoming Meetings



**MISSIONS TEAM:** We will be meeting on 2/2 following the worship service. Members are Edna Patterson, Debra Hampton, Peggy Whitmire, Teresa Ferrell, Pat Tompkins, Martha Ball, and John Tate.



**S/PPRC:** Will be meeting on 2/10 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Christine Hall, Steve Vaughn, Edna Patterson, Debra Hampton, Janet Cook, Tommy Head, Eugenia Vicars, and Pastor Matt. This is a closed meeting.



**Trustees:** Will be meeting on 2/11 at Saint Paul at 7pm. Members are John Sprinkle, Chris Cox, Neal Franks, Marcus Stephens, Elliott Hall, Stephanie Gamble, and Tracey Biggers. All are welcome!



**Finance Committee:** Will be meeting on 2/17 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Stephen Newman, David Knobloch, Eugenia Vicars, Dot Huff, Edna Patterson, Stephanie Gamble, and Pastor Matt. All are welcome!



**Church Council:** Will be meeting on 2/24 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Heather Storey, Camille Pool, Eugenia Vicars, David Knobloch, Stephen Newman, Christine Hall, John Sprinkle, Carol Head, MaryAnn Stephens, Bill Searcy, Edna Patterson, Debra Hampton, Mary Anne Terminato, and Pastor Matt. New members are welcome to attend. All are welcome!

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## Announcements & Upcoming Events

**THE CHOSEN:** We are watching *The Chosen* during the Sunday School hour on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in the youth rooms. This is open for all ages to join us. The first season is rated TVPG.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT:** Your balance is due now. Thank you.

**BASKETBALL PLAYERS:** We will be acknowledging our basketball player during the service on 2/9. If your child played this year, please be here so that they can be recognized.

**SOUPER BOWL LUNCH:** We will be hosting a Souper Bowl lunch on 2/9 directly after the service. Please plan to attend as all donations received will go toward summer camp and retreats for our children and youth.