



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



February 09, 2025

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Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at 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

"My Tribute"

Crouch

*Processional Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Hymnal no.139

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel!

People: Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem!

Leader: The Lord has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy.

People: The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.

Leader: On that day they will say to Jerusalem,

People: "Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp.

Leader: The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves.

People: He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: For it is written; where The Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. Oh Lord, set that freedom amongst us here. Freedom to exercise our calls. Freedom to share our gifts. Freedom received at salvation. 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

"There's Something About That Name"

Rogers

Chancel Choir

Word and Response

Children's Sermon

Children will come forward.

Following the children's sermon, we invite our K3 to 2nd 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.

Acknowledgement of Basketball Players

Offertory

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



Scan. Pay. Go.

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

Matthew 4: 1-11

NRSV (pg.3 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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.**

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending

*Closing Hymn

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Hymnal no.462

*Benediction

Postlude

"Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul"

Unknown

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

| Giving for 02/02/2025 | Amount |
|--|-------------------|
| General Fund | \$799.70 |
| Other funds | \$287.15 |
| Total Giving | \$1,086.85 |
| General Fund Giving Goal per month | \$21,974.40 |
| General Fund Giving Goal per week | \$5,493.60 |
| General Fund Received this month to date | \$1,945.00 |

Today's Servers:

Reader: The Stephens family

Crucifer: The Stephens family

Acolyte: The Stephens family

Children's Worship:

Stay connected:

Saintpaulgreenville.org

Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc

Podcast: podomatic.com/podcasts/saintpaulumc1107

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 139

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might-y, the King of cre - a -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend
 4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour-ish thy life and re - store
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
 ing bears thee on ea - gle's wings, e'er in his keep-ing main -
 thee; sure - ly his good-ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
 thee, fit - ting thee well for the tasks that are ev - er be -
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw
 tain - ing. God's care en - folds all, whose true good he up -
 tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might-y can
 fore thee. Then to thy need God as a moth - er doth
 fore him! Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a -

near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 holds. Hast thou not known his sus - tain - ing?
 do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 speed, spread - ing the wings of grace o'er thee.
 gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

WORDS: Joachim Neander, 1680; sts. 1, 3, 5 trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863
 st. 2 by S. Paul Schilling, 1986; st. 4 by Rupert E. Davies, 1983 (Ps. 103:1-6; 150)
 MUSIC: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. by William Sterndale Bennett, 1864

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462 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, and to take him
 2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his
 3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and
 4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre - cious Je - sus,

at his word; just to rest up - on his prom - ise,
 cleans - ing blood; and in sim - ple faith to plunge me
 self to cease; just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing
 Sav - ior, friend; and I know that thou art with me,

Refrain

and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
 neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood! Je - sus, Je - sus, how I
 life and rest, and joy and peace.
 will be with me to the end.

trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er! Je - sus, Je - sus,

PRAYER, TRUST, HOPE

pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!

Important Dates to Remember

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|------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Sun, 2/9 | Acknowledgement of Basketball players | In worship |
| | Souper Bowl Lunch: Saint Paul | After worship |
| Mon, 2/10 | S/PPRC meeting: Zoom | 8:00pm |
| Tues, 2/11 | Trustees meeting: Saint Paul | 7:00pm |
| Wed, 2/12 | Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul | 7:00pm |
| Fri, 2/14 | Valentine's Day | |

Upcoming events:

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| Sun, 2/16 | Worship Team meeting: Saint Paul | After worship |
| | Youth Group: Saint Paul | 5:30pm |
| Mon, 2/17 | Office Closed: Presidents' Day | |
| | Finance Committee meeting: Zoom | 8:00pm |
| Tues, 2/18 | Men's Community: TBD | 7:00pm |
| Thurs, 2/20 | Golden Girls Bible Study: Saint Paul | 11:30am |
| 2/21 - 2/23 | Women's Retreat: Montreat | all weekend |

From Pastor Matt

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

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. ***The office will be closed on 2/17, 2/25, and 2/27.***

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: William Pool, 2/13; Mary Anne Terminato, 2/15

Happy Anniversary: There are no anniversaries this week.

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 Clinkscapes, 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)

Upcoming Meetings



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!



Worship Team: Will be meeting on 2/16 directly after the worship service. Members are Eugenia Vicars, Bill Searcy, Becky Smith, Raina Newman, and Pastor Matt.



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!

Announcements & Upcoming Events

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

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.

YOUTH GROUP: There is no Youth Group on 2/9. See you next week.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Your balance is due now. Thank you. Get ready for your weekend of spiritual growth at Montreat on 2/21 through 2/23.

Congratulations to the following youth that represented Saint Paul UMC at other churches across Greenville by playing basketball on their teams:

Jacob Cox

William Hall

Benjamin Pool

Charlie Stephens

George Stephens

James Storey