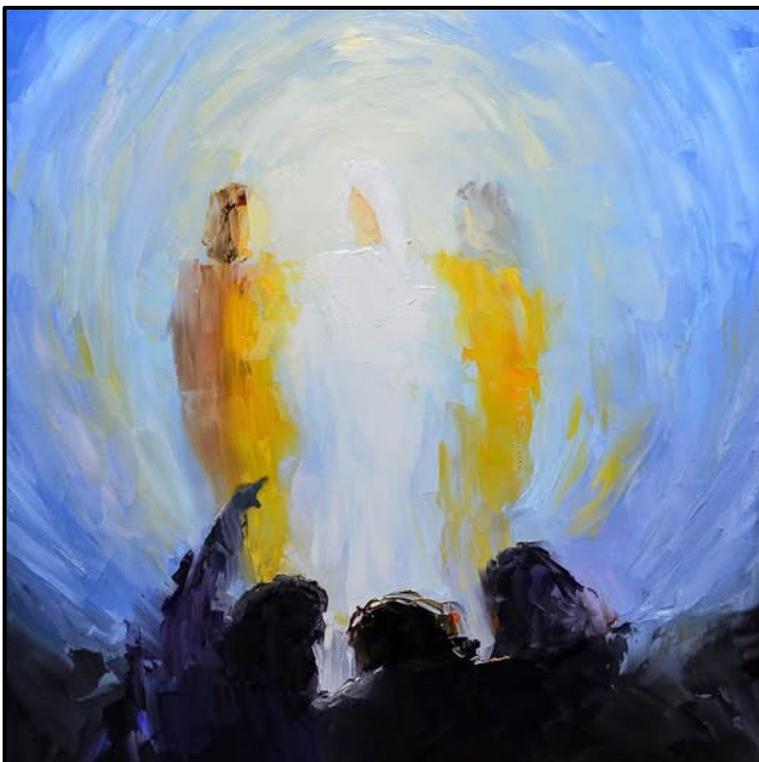




SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



February 15, 2026

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Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/

Pastor: Rev. Brian Humphries
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 "Sheep May Safely Graze" Bach

*Processional Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" Hymnal no.64

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather on the mountain with Jesus.

People: We come to behold his glory.

Leader: His face shines like the sun; his clothes dazzle with light.

People: The Light of the world stands before us.

Leader: Though we tremble in awe, Christ touches us and says, "Do not be afraid."

People: We rise in courage and hope.

Leader: Come, let us worship the radiant Lord.

People: We worship the One whose glory transforms our lives.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Holy and radiant God, on the mountain you revealed your glory in Jesus Christ, shining with love and mercy. As the disciples once stood in awe, so we stand in wonder of your greatness. Overshadow us with your Holy Spirit. Quiet our distracted minds. Lift our eyes to behold your Son, your Beloved, in whom you are well pleased. As we worship you this day, transform us by your light, that we may reflect Christ's love in our homes, our community, and the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 "The Gift of Love" Hopson
Chancel Choir

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.

Word and Response

*Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, your glory shines in the face of Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit, shine your light upon the Scriptures we hear today. Open our eyes to see your truth, open our ears to hear your voice, open our hearts to receive your grace. Cast out our fear and draw us near to your beloved Son, so that, listening to him, we may be changed from glory into glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18

NRSV (pg.68 OT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

*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.

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.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 17:1-9

NRSV (pg.17 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Gift of Snow"

Rev. Brian Humphries

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

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

Hymnal no.399

*Benediction

Postlude

"The Heavens are Telling"

Hayden

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 02/08/2025	Amount
General Fund	\$3488.94
Other funds	\$606.90
Total Giving	\$4095.84
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	\$3488.94

Today's Servers:

Reader: Jacob Cox

Acolyte: Jacob Cox

Crucifer: Jeannine Cox

Children's Worship: TBD

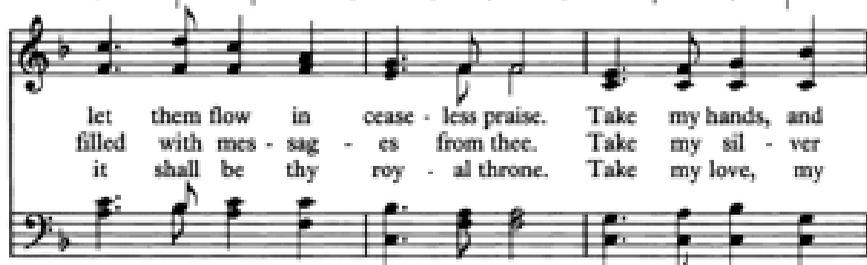
399 Take My Life, and Let It Be



1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted,
2. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no



Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days,
for my King. Take my lips, and let them be
long - er mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;



let them flow in cease - less praise. Take my hands, and
filled with mes - sag - es from thee. Take my sil - ver
it shall be thy roy - al throne. Take my love, my



let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.
and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.
Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure - store.



Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.
Take my-self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Important Dates to Remember

Mon, 2/16	Office Closed: President's Day	
	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 2/17	Shrove Tuesday	
	Pancake Supper: St Andrew's Episcopal	6:00pm
Wed, 2/18	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Thurs, 2/19	Golden Girls Bible Study: Saint Paul	12:00pm
	Bible Study with Pastor Brian: Saint Paul	2:00pm
2/20 – 2/22	Women's Retreat: Montreat	

Upcoming events:

Sun, 2/22	First Sunday of Lent	
Mon, 2/23	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 2/24	Women's Community: TBD	7:00pm
Wed, 2/25	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Thurs, 2/26	Bible Study with Pastor Brian: Saint Paul	2:00pm

From Pastor Brian

You can always reach me by phone at (864)542-3668 or by email at brianhumphries@gmail.com. I am on social media, but as your pastor I will not reach out to you; however, if you request to follow or friend, I will be happy to do so.

Office Hours: We are open from 8:30am until 11:00am Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and 8:30am to 3:00pm on Thursday.

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Mary Anne Terminato, 2/15; Marcus Stephens, Elise Kanipe, 2/17

Happy Anniversary:

In your prayers, please remember:

Roger Barrett, Annette Bostic, Linda Bruce, Jere Byington, Ray Byington, Van Clinkscales, Geno Cope, Darrie Crabtree, Patsy Crabtree, Catherine Gilstrap, Carol Head, Becky Hollifield, Sue Howard, Dot Huff, Missy Huff, Stacy & Jeff Israel, Lee Jenkinson, Carol Johnson, Brent Kanipe, Bob Littlejohn, Chuck McLesky, Betty McWhite, Alan Myers, Faye Mulligan, Lauren Roberts, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Beth Rogers, Joyce Searcy, Lauren Searcy, Deirdra Simmons, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, Barry & Karen Thomas, Lily

Thompson, Amy Watson, 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 3/9 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Janet Cook, Tommy Head, Lori Cheshire, Cole Pate, Eugenia Vicars, and Pastor Brian. This is a closed meeting.



Trustees: Will be meeting on 3/10 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Marcus Stephens, Elliott Hall, Stephanie Gamble, Chris Cox, Tracey Biggers, John Smith, and David Pool. All are welcome!



Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 2/16 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Stephen Newman, David Knobloch, Eugenia Vicars, Heather Storey, John Smith, and Pastor Brian. All are welcome!



Golden Girls Bible Study Lunch: Will be meeting on 2/19 at 12pm in the parlor at Saint Paul. Bring your lunch and join us for fellowship and spiritual growth. Drinks and dessert are provided.



Church Council: Will be meeting on 2/23 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Jeannine Cox, Christine Hall, Camille Pool, Eugenia Vicars, David Knobloch, Stephen Newman, Carol Head, Bill Searcy, MaryAnn Stephens, Edna Patterson, Steve Watson, Mary Anne Terminato, John Smith, and Pastor Brian. All are welcome!



Chancel Choir: The Chancel Choir rehearses every Wednesday evening at 7pm at Saint Paul. All are invited to come and raise your voice in song. Join us!



Bible Study: We are exploring the Gospel of Mark every Thursday at 2:00pm in person at Saint Paul. We will be creating an online video and discussion board for those who cannot attend in person. An optional supplementary study guide, N.T. Wright's Mark for Everyone, will be available, featuring a new translation, brief reflections, and study questions. Let's discover the Gospel of Mark in new and profound ways—whether side by side or online.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Ladies, the final payment is due. Please send in \$126.00 through any of our payment options, be sure to mark that it is for the Women's Retreat. Please remember, if you are paying through PayPal there is a fee you will need to take into consideration.

SAVING GRACE is a seven-session, small-group study that invites participants to explore money through the lens of Scripture and the Wesleyan tradition. Unlike typical financial programs, Saving Grace grounds practical tools—such as tracking expenses, addressing debt, and creating a personalized Spending Plan—in a faithful understanding of earning, saving, giving, and spending. Together, participants will contrast consumer culture's messages about money with Biblical wisdom, discover healthier financial habits, and grow toward greater peace, joy, and freedom in their financial lives. If you are interested, please fill out the google form so that we can form the group: <https://forms.gle/u53xtkm5SiMeyRkd6>

SHROVE TUESDAY: We will be having our annual Shrove Tuesday on 2/17 at St Andrews Episcopal Church (across the street) at 6pm. Come join us as we start the Lenten season.



**Food Items for Weekend Food Bags for
Sullivan Center**

Entrees

Microwaveable mac & cheese
Vienna sausages
Beanee Weanees
Microwaveable Chef Boyardee cups any variety
Ramen Noodles

Breakfast

Pop tarts
Oatmeal individual packets
Individual cereal boxes
Nutri-grain bars
Grits individual packets

Snacks

Applesauce cups
Cheez-it individual packets
Fruit cups
Teddy Grahams individual packets
Rice Krispie treats
Pudding cups
Goldfish individual packets
Granola bars
Fruit Snacks

Reusable grocery bags to help with delivery of food bags.



Lenten Almsgiving

During Lent we will collect different food items each week for our Weekend Backpack Mission for the Sullivan Center.

February 22: Ramen Noodles, Chef Boyardee microwavable cups (any variety),
Vienna sausages

March 1: Microwavable Mac and Cheese, Beane Weannes, Pouches of chicken or tuna

March 8: Poptarts, Nutri Grain Bars, Individual packets of Oatmeal

March 15: Individual packets of Grits, Individual cereal boxes or pouches,

March 22: Pudding cups, Fruit cups, Applesauce cups

March 29: Individual packets of Teddy Grahams, Cheez-Its or Goldfish,
Rice Krispie Treats, Fruit Snacks

Reusable grocery totes may be brought any Sunday during Lent.

If you would like to make a monetary donation please mark it - Weekend Backpack Mission.