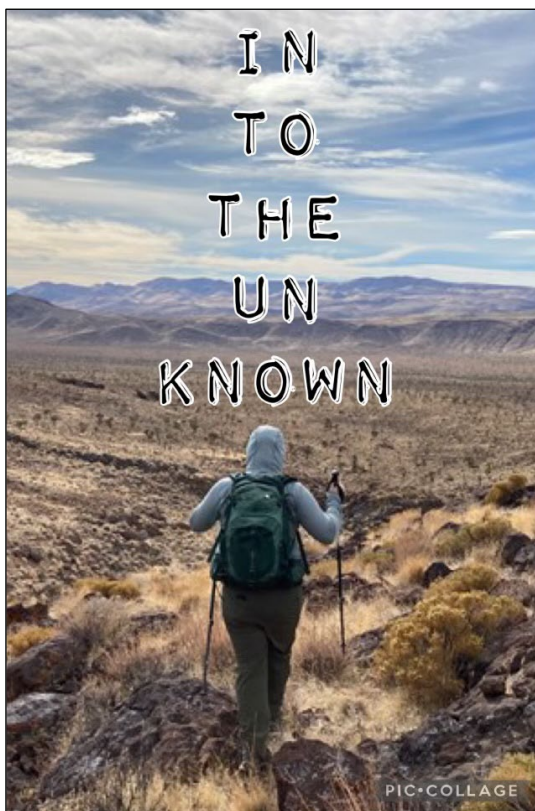




SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



March 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

"In Dulci Jublio"

Back

*Processional Hymn "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" Hymn no.269

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: Though the storms may come, and the winds may blow,

People: I'll remain steadfast

Leader: and let my heart learn, when You speak a word,

People: it will come to pass.

Leader: Great is Your faithfulness to me

People: from the rising sun to the setting same,

Leader: I will praise Your name.

People: Great is Your faithfulness to me.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

**All: Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the
Darkness, My God, that is who You are. 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

"Remember Me"

Althouse

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.

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

God, use the testimony of Ananias to show us there is nothing small, nothing unimportant, nothing minor when it comes to what You call us to do. 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

Exodus 2:1-9

NRSV (pg.47 OT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Levite to Egyptian"

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

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Hymnal no.616

*Benediction

Postlude

“The Good Shepherd”

Water

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 03/02/2024	Amount
General Fund	\$2,249.68
Other funds	\$
Total Giving	\$2,249.68
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	\$2,249.68

Today’s Servers:

Reader: Rebecca Roper

Crucifer: Rebecca Roper

Acolyte: Fowler Roper

Children’s Worship: Lauren Searcy &

TBD

Stay connected:

Saintpaulgreenville.org

Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc

Podcast: podomatic.com/podcasts/saintpaulumc1107

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days 269

1. Lord, who through-out these for-ty days for
 2. As thou with Sa-tan didst con-tend, and
 3. As thou didst hun-ger bear, and thirst, so
 4. And through these days of pen-i-tence, and
 5. A-bide with us, that so, this life of

us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to
 didst the vic-tory win, O give us strength in
 teach us, gra-cious Lord, to die to self, and
 through thy pas-sion-tide, yea, ev-er-more in
 suf-fering o-ver past, an Eas-ter of un-

mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.
 thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.
 chief-ly live by thy most ho-ly word.
 life and death, Je-sus, with us a-bide.
 end-ing joy we may at-tain at last.

WORDS: Claudia F. Hernaman, 1873 (Mt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13; Lk. 4:1-13)

MUSIC: USA folk melody; arr. by Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938;
harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1988LAND OF REST
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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, 3/9	Daylight Savings Time: Spring Forward one hour!	
	SALT Class Lunch: TBD	After church
	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 3/10	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 3/11	Fellowship Luncheon: Jasmine Kitchen	11:00am
	Trustees meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Wed, 3/12	Bag Packing: MT Anderson	10:00am
	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
3/14 – 2/23	Greenville County Spring Break	

Upcoming events:

Mon, 3/17	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 3/18	Men's Community: TBD	7:00pm
Thurs, 3/20	Golden Girls Bible Study: Saint Paul	11:30am

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.

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Nolan Robers, 3/9; Carol Head, Charlie Forrester Jr, 3/13; Eugenia Vicars 3/14; Neal Franks, Jim Storey, 3/15; Ed Pool, 3/16

Happy Anniversary: Branham & Tracey Biggers, 3/13

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)

Upcoming Meetings



S/PPRC: Will be meeting on 3/10 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 3/11 at 8pm via Zoom. 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 3/17 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 3/24 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

SALT CLASS LUNCH: The SALT Class will be going to lunch together on 3/9 following the worship service. Place to be determined.

YOUTH GROUP: We will be meeting on 3/9 at 5:30pm at Saint Paul. See you there!

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON: We will gather together on 3/11 at Jasmine Kitchen at 11:00am. Please note this is a change of time so that we can all sit together. See you there!

BAG PACKING: We will be packing food bags at MT Anderson, 100 Blassingame, on 3/12 at 10am.

EASTER EGG HUNT: We will be partnering with Parkside Church to have an Easter Egg Hunt on 4/5, time to be determined, at the Sterling Center football field. We are looking for volunteers to purchase fillers for the eggs and volunteers for manual labor to fill the eggs. We have sent out an email with the Amazon wish list. If you would like to volunteer your time, please let Pastor Matt or the office know. We need all items ordered before the end of March.

FILL THE BACKPACK: We have sent out an email with the link to the Amazon wish list for this event on 8/3. Also, we will need volunteers on the day of the event. This is a great service to our community and your help is greatly appreciated.

GIVING AT SAINT PAUL: You will notice on our online giving page with Realm, that there are many funds being left open all year. We understand that some of us would prefer to budget for different opportunities throughout the year, so we have kept these funds open for donations the entire year to help. If you use our PayPal or Flocknote options, you can always specify the fund you wish to give to in the notes or memo lines. Open funds are General Fund, Capital Fund, Summer Camp, School Missions, Missions, Staff Bonuses, Memorials & Honorariums. Also, if you are giving to Memorials & Honorariums, please be sure to include the person's name and if you would prefer the donation to go to another fund other than the General Fund.

MESSY CHURCH: We will be hosting a Messy Church on 3/30 from 4 to 5:30pm with a hamburger dinner starting at 5:30pm. Please mark your calendars to join us. We will also need some volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Matt or Eugenia Vicars. To sign up for Messy Church, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/xtqxKz5EWevLCgar5>

HYGIENE BAGS FOR PROJECT HOST: Please stay tuned for a date for packing hygiene bags.

