



# SAINT PAUL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

# Lent

**Mark Palmer, 2016**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 27, 2022**

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Pastor: Rev. Michael Goldston

Staff  
Director of Music: William H. Searcy, Jr.  
Church Administrator: Melissa Campbell  
Sexton: Gary Putnam

Please silence and turn off Wi-Fi on your mobile device to ensure we have the bandwidth to livestream today's service. Thank you.

\*Please stand as you are able.

### Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Prelude on 'Restoration'" Birchwood

\*Processional Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Hymnal no.384  
Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship Hebrews 4:14, 16

Leader: We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,

**People: Jesus, the Son of God;**

Leader: Let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace.

**All: That we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

Opening Prayer Psalm 32:5-11

**All: I acknowledge my sin to you, and I do not hide my iniquity. I will confess my transgressions to the LORD, and you forgive the guilt of my sin. Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart. 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.**

(Please remain in your seat. Make signs of peace to those with you in person and connect with your phone with other live viewers through Facebook "comments.")

Welcome and Announcements

### Word and Response

Children's Sermon Children will come forward and sit on the dots.

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.

Prayer for Illumination

**Jesus, give to us grace, sinners as we are. Open our eyes to see your face; open our hearts to know you, so that through your Word we obtain sure present and eternal gain. Amen.**

First Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

NRSV (pg.181 NT)

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.**

Second Scripture

Genesis 32:22-32

NRSV (pg.29 OT)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Series

"Secret Identity"

Part 3

"Gideon the Mistaker"

Anthem

"A Servants' Heart"

McDonald

Chancel Choir

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.**

## Offertory

Special offering for the March of Dimes

Giving Links:

PayPal - <https://www.paypal.com/biz/fund?id=Y9NV28ABLG5LW>

Realm - <https://onrealm.org/StPaulUMC1107/give/now>

\*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.**

Sending

\*Closing Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Hymnal no.127

\*Benediction

(As you leave, please respect the social distancing needs of others.)

Postlude

"Living For Jesus"

Perterson

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### Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

<b>Giving for 03/20/2022</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
General Fund	\$336.78	03/20/2022
Summer Camp	\$100.00	In-person: 25
<b>Total Giving:</b>	<b>\$436.78</b>	Streaming households: 8
		*Viewers reached: 75

\*"Streaming households" is the number of screens tuned in during the live broadcast on Sunday. "Viewers" are the number of screens that watched the service for at least 3 seconds

**Worship Bags** are available for children K3-2<sup>nd</sup> grade on the bench in the narthex. Look for your name or grab an unlabeled bag. They contain fun items and reusable stickers so the Bible story can be retold over and over. You may return them to the narthex as you leave or leave in your seat. Hope everyone enjoys their bag.

### Today's Servers:

Reader: Debbie Goodwin

Acolyte: Anna Cheshire

Nursery: Lauren Searcy

Crucifer: Collins Cheshire

Children's Worship: Jeannine Cox &

Tennille Crnobrnja

## 384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;  
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,  
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion

all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art  
 let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our  
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be  
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry

all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it  
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of  
 al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and  
 in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we

## REBIRTH AND THE NEW CREATURE

us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 127

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on

power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me  
 jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou  
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will

till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.  
 still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.  
 ev - er give to thee; (give to thee) I will ev - er give to thee.

## Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

Sun, 3/27	Youth Group: Aldersgate UMC	5:00pm
	Supper Club: D'Allesandro's Pizza	6:00pm
	Confirmation Class: Aldersgate UMC	6:30pm
Mon, 3/28	Church Council meeting: In-person and Zoom	7:00pm
Tues, 3/29	Joint Youth Council meeting: St. Paul & Zoom	7:00pm
Wed, 3/30	Beacons of Light: Stax Omega	7:00pm
Sat, 4/2	Women's Retreat: Saint Paul	10:00am

Upcoming events:

Sun, 4/3	Youth Service Morning: Laundromat	9:00am
	Confirmation Class: Aldersgate UMC	5:00pm
	Youth Group Salkehatchie Celebration: Aldersgate UMC	6:00pm
Mon, 4/4	Trustees meeting: In-person & Zoom	6:30pm
Tues, 4/5	Bible Study: Zoom	7:30pm
Thurs, 4/7	S/PPRC meeting: In-person	6:00pm
Fri, 4/8	Parents Night Out: Saint Paul	6 - 9:00pm

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### From Pastor Michael

(You can always reach me at 864-979-2435 or [megoldston@umcsc.org](mailto:megoldston@umcsc.org))



**Bible Study:** Meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:30pm. We are continuing to study Acts and meet via Zoom.

**Office Hours:** We are open from 8:15am until 1:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and 8:00 to 12:30 on Wednesday. I am available at the above contact info and Melissa is available through the church email and phone.

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### Sunday Worship Safety Protocols

1. **Cloth or surgical face masks** covering the nose and mouth are **optional** for all times, places, and events. Masks are required for everyone aged 3 and older in the balcony.
2. "Do unto others what you would have them do to you." This means putting yourself in the shoes of your neighbor, who may be wearing a mask, or may be immune-compromised, or may be unvaccinated; treat each person with the dignity of a child of God to respect their personal space and personal decisions. If you don't personally know someone's needs, give them space in seating and standing.
3. If you feel sick in any way, please worship from home.

## Saint Paul Cares

**Happy Birthday:** Lillie Becker, 3/28; John Smith, 3/29

**Happy Anniversary:** Marcus & MaryAnn Stephens will celebrate 13 years on 3/28 and John & Elaine Byers will celebrate 28 years on 3/31. Congratulations!

### **In your prayers, please remember:**

Abbie Barnette, Roger Barrett, Vicki Bolen, Annette Bostic, Tom Boykin, Zonelle Boykin, Linda Bruce, Chastity Campbell, Paul Campbell, Cheyanne Cantwell, *Connie Cox*, Patsy Crabtree, Eleanor Cunningham, Natalie Davis, Isaac Ferrell, Catherine Gilstrap, Marie Good, Debbie Goodwin, Doris Goodwin, Lisa Harbin, Carol Head, Sue Howard, Bill Huff, Lee Jenkinson, *Carol Johnson*, Jean Jones, Tinsley Lyles, Crystal McCoy, Chuck McLesky, Karsyn Miller, Mackenzie Murphy, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Joyce Searcy, Mary Lee Shirley, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, Joe Whitmire, family of Sharon Williams, 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)

Missions: Salkehatchie, Empowering Haitians, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Legacy Elementary, Hinton Center

Praise be given:

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## Upcoming Meetings



**Church Council:** will be meeting on 3/28 at 7:00pm in person and via zoom. Members are Tracey Biggers, Lori Cheshire, Heather Storey, Janet Cook, Peggy Whitmire, Collins Cheshire, Eugenia Vicars, Ed Pool, Jim Storey, David Knobloch, Becky Hollifield, Carol Head, Davis Lupo, MaryAnn Stephens, Bill Searcy, Edna Patterson, Elaine Byers, and Mary Anne Terminato. All are welcome!



**Trustees:** Will be meeting on 4/4 at 6:30pm in-person and via Zoom. Members are Ed Pool, Jason Cheshire, John Smith, Jimmie-Lou Vaughn, Debbie Goodwin, and Chris Cox. All are welcome!



**S/PPRC:** Will be meeting on 4/7 at 6pm in-person and NOT 4/11. Members are Rebecca Roper, Tennille Crnobrnja, Jim Storey, Katie Knobloch, Donna Connelly, Troy Gamble, and Pastor Michael. This is a closed meeting.



**Finance Committee:** Will be meeting on 4/18 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Becky Hollifield, David Knobloch, Melissa Campbell, Donna Connelly, Tommy Head, Eugenia Vicars, Tracey Biggers, Jason Cheshire, and Pastor Michael. All are welcome!



## Announcements & Upcoming Events



**Joint Youth Group:** will be meeting 3/27 at Aldersgate UMC from 5:00 to 6:30pm for a geo-caching event. We will also meet at Aldersgate on 4/3 for a Salkehatchie worship celebration.



**Confirmation class:** will be meeting on 3/27 at Aldersgate UMC from 6:30 to 7:30pm.



**Supper Club** will be gathering on 3/27 at 6pm at D'Allesandro's Pizza on Mohawk Drive in Greenville. Join us for fellowship, laughter, and good food.



**Beacons of Light Sunday School Class** will be gathering together on 3/30 at 7:00pm at Stax Omega on Orchard Park Drive in Greenville. Come gather for dessert and fellowship! Sign up at

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNooVCr0cJza1-qjP1qxwoq4Q4kXI9S4aHhep6UuRoUOS02q/viewform>



**Women's Retreat:** We are thrilled to announce that we will have a local Women's Retreat on 4/2 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall at Saint Paul followed by lunch together. We will have special guests, Grace Pouch and Perrin White, join us for the morning. Grace will lead us in a "laying the altar" activity and Perrin will lead us in guided meditation that will help us further connect with God. This will likely last until around noon and then we plan to go to lunch together somewhere nearby. We are so excited for this event and hope that you will be able to join us.



**Salkehatchie Reboot Party** on 4/3 is a way to reintroduce Salkehatchie (summer rebuilding mission work weeks) to our youth. We will have "rebuild" type activities and games that will get your group revved up for Salkehatchie or whatever mission project you have chosen to do this summer or next. It will be at 5pm at Aldersgate UMC on Shannon Road in Greenville.

## Opportunities to Serve



**March of Dimes:** We will be collecting funds for the March of Dimes from 3/13 through 4/13. "Together, we can work to end preventable maternal health risks and death, end preventable preterm birth and infant death, and end the health equity gap for all families."



We are continuing to collect non-perishable items for the **Hygiene Bags**. Please leave donations in the shopping cart located in the narthex and they will be stored until needed. Please see the display in the narthex to see what we need. Thank you!



Please consider helping support Project Host by ordering supplies they need on a regular basis.

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Or sign up to volunteer from 9am to 1pm at <https://www.projecthost.org/>.

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