



# SAINT PAUL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



**April 12, 2026**

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 "Lascia chio pianga" Handel

\*Processional Hymn "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" Hymnal no.304

Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen, alive, and at work among us.

**People: We come with doors still closed; with fears we have not named.**

Leader: Though we have not seen him, we love him.

**People: Though we do not see him now, we trust him.**

Leader: The inheritance of God is already flowing into our lives.

**People: Hope is rising. Joy is stirring. Love is moving.**

Leader: Christ stands among us and says, "Peace be with you."

**People: We open our hearts to his presence. We worship the living Christ.**

\*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

**All: Living God, you have given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We confess that we often live as if your promises are distant and delayed, as if your grace were stored away for another time. Open what we have closed. Loosen what we have held too tightly. Breathe your Spirit into our fear and our waiting. Let our lives bear witness to what we cannot see. In the name of the risen Christ, who stands among us even now. 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 "Living God's Love" Patterson  
Chancel Choir

## Offertory

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



### \*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

**God of living hope, as your Word is read and proclaimed, open our eyes to see, not with certainty, but with courage. Open our hearts to love the one we cannot see. Open our lives to receive what you are already giving. By your Spirit, make your presence known among us, and let your Word take flesh in us again. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### \* Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31

NRSV (pg.108 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.**

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.

Epistle Lesson 1 Peter 1:3-9 NRSV (pg.218 NT)  
Leader: The word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Liquid Faith" 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 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" Hymnal no.454

\*Benediction

Postlude "Bel piacere" Handel

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**Today's Servers:**

Reader: Knobloch family Crucifer: Knobloch family  
Acolyte: Knobloch family Children's Worship: Edna Patterson & TBD

**Stay connected:**

864-235-3494 - [saintpaulumc1107@gmail.com](mailto:saintpaulumc1107@gmail.com)  
Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at  
[www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/](http://www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/)  
[Saintpaulgreenville.org](http://Saintpaulgreenville.org)  
[Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc](http://Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc)  
Podcast: [podomatic.com/podcasts/saintpaulumc1107](http://podomatic.com/podcasts/saintpaulumc1107)

### **Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts**

<b>Giving for 04/05/2025</b>	<b>Amount</b>
General Fund	\$3,772.51
Other funds	\$305.00
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$4,077.51</b>
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	\$4,077.51

## Easter People, Raise Your Voices 304

1. Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heav - en in  
 2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our press - ing  
 3. Ev - ery day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur -

earth should ring. Christ has brought us heav - en's choic - es,  
 here be - low. For our Lord em - pow - ered us to  
 rec - tion song. When in trou - ble move the fast - er

heav - en - ly mu - sic, let it ring. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tri - umph o - ver ev - ery foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to our God who rights the wrong. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! On to vic - tory now we go.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! See the power of heav - en - ly throngs.

WORDS: William M. James, 1979

MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1867

REGENT SQUARE

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## 454 Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou  
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou  
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won - der - ful key  
 send - est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,  
 ev - ery - where; o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare

*Refrain*  
 that shall un - clasp and set me free.  
 ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I  
 love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.

O - pen my eyes,  
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 O - pen my heart,

## CALENDAR

Sun, 4/12	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	9 :30am
	Fellowship Dinner: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Tues, 4/14	Fellowship Luncheon: Lefty's West End Tavern	11:30am
	Trustees meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Wed, 4/15	Office Closed	
	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Thurs, 4/16	Office Closed	
	Golden Girls Bible Study Luncheon: St Paul	12:00pm
	Saving Grace Financial Study: Zoom	7:30pm
<b>Upcoming events:</b>		
Sun, 4/19	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	9 :30am
Mon, 4/20	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 4/21	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Wed, 4/22	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Thurs, 4/23	Office Closed	
	Bible Study with Pastor Brian: St Paul	2:00pm
	Saving Grace Financial Study: Zoom	7:30pm
Sat, 4/25	Children's Cohort	9:00am

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## FROM PASTOR BRIAN

You can always reach me by phone at (864)542-3668 or by email at [brianhumphries@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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**Office Hours:** We are open from 8:30am until 11:00am Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and 8:30am to 3:00pm on Thursday. **The office will be closed on 4/15, 4/16 and 4/23.**

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## SAINT PAUL CARES

**Happy Birthday:** Stella Feaster, 4/19

**Happy Anniversary:** David & Katie Knobloch, 4/17

### **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)

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS



**S/PPRC: Meeting has been rescheduled to 4/23** 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 4/14 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Marcus Stephens, Elliott Hall, Stephanie Gamble, Chris Cox, Tracey Biggers, John Smith, and David Pool. All are welcome!



**Golden Girls Bible Study Lunch:** Will be meeting on 4/16 at 12pm in the parlor at Saint Paul. Bring your lunch and join us for fellowship and spiritual growth. Drinks and dessert are provided.



**Finance Committee:** Will be meeting on 4/20 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Stephen Newman, David Knobloch, Eugenia Vicars, Heather Storey, John Smith, and Pastor Brian. All are welcome!



**Church Council:** Will be meeting on 4/27 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 **and a new time every Sunday morning at 9:30am**. Come join us for one rehearsal or both as we grow our music program!



**Bible Study:** We are exploring the Gospel of Mark every Thursday at 2:00pm in person at Saint Paul (except the third Thursday of the month). Let's discover the Gospel of Mark in new and profound ways—whether side by side or online.



**Saving Grace Financial Study:** Every Thursday at 7:30pm via Zoom. All are invited to attend this group and learn finance through Scripture.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



**FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON:** Our next luncheon will be on 4/14 at 11:30am at Lefty's West End Tavern on Main Street (just a block from the church). We hope you can join us for a midday fellowship, conversation, and laughter.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Mark your calendars now! Vacation Bible School will be July 19-24.



## Little Lambs Choir

All children are invited to rehearsal for  
Saint Paul's Little Lambs Choir.

The children will sing during Worship on  
May 10, Mother's Day.

Rehearsals will be on the following Sundays:

April 12 following the Fellowship Dinner

April 19 - May 10 during Sunday School  
rehearsal time will be 10:00-10:10am

Please be on time so everyone can learn the  
song and sing on Mother's Day.

# PARKING AT SAINT PAUL

## SUNDAY:

- FREE PARKING IS LOCATED AT SASHA'S CAFE ACROSS FROM THE CHURCH ON PENDLETON STREET.
- YOU CAN ALSO PARK BEHIND THE UNITED MINISTRIES BUILDING ON ANDERSON STREET, BUT YOU MUST FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ON THE SIGNAGE AND, AT THE END, PUT IN THE CODE SCH503 OR YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR PARKING.
- LIMITED STREET PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH BUILDING.
- HANDICAPPED PARKING IS NEXT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.
- A CITY PARKING GARAGE IS OPEN ON RHETT STREET (BEHIND THE GREENS APARTMENT BUILDING) BUT YOU MUST PAY TO PARK THERE.

BEING AN URBAN LOCATION, WE DO NOT OWN ANY PARKING AREA. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PARKING ON SIDEWALKS OR IN OTHER NO PARKING AREAS.



# May on Millwood

Epworth



2900 Millwood Avenue, Columbia, SC 29205

Saturday, May 30  
11 am – 2 pm

Please bring your church group  
for a wonderful day celebrating  
Epworth's 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- Columbia Classic Chevy Car Club
- Fun children's activities
- Live music
- Campus tours
- And more!

Lunch will be provided  
by Shealy's BBQ &  
will be available  
while supplies last!

*Reservations are preferred*



EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

[friendsofepworth.org/may-on-millwood/](http://friendsofepworth.org/may-on-millwood/)