



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



May 10, 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 "He Looked Beyond My Fault" Rambo

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

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: The God who made heaven and earth is not far from us.

People: In God we live and move and have our being.

Leader: The world is full of voices that name and measure us.

People: But God alone speaks the truth of who we are.

Leader: When we are misunderstood or overlooked, God sees us clearly.

People: When we are weary or uncertain, God holds us fast.

Leader: Come, let us turn from every lesser voice.

People: Let us worship the One who knows us and calls us beloved.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: God of life, you are near to us, and yet we often miss your presence. There are so many voices around us, telling us who we are, what matters, what we should do. It can be hard to know what to trust. So gather us now. Quiet our minds, steady our hearts, and help us to notice you here among us. Shape us again as your people, a people who live not by fear or approval, but by the hope we have in Jesus Christ. 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 "Awesome God" Praise
Little Lambs 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

Loving God, as we listen to your word, open our hearts and minds by your Spirit. In a world that is quick to judge, help us hear your voice above all others. When we feel pressure to fit in or be approved, remind us of who we are in you. Give us a clear conscience and a steady hope, so that your word may take root in our lives. Help us to see as you see, to trust what you say, and to follow Jesus with courage and grace. Amen.

* First Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

NRSV (pg.129 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 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.

Blessing of the Graduates

Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

NRSV (pg.220 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Who's Watching You?"

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

"Are Ye Able"

Hymnal no.530

*Benediction

Choral response

Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart; Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart, and whatever you do, in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord. Giving thanks, giving thank to God, thro' Christ, the Lord; Giving thanks, giving thanks to God, thro' Christ the Lord.

Postlude

"Heaven Came Down"

Peterson

Today's Servers:

Reader: Fowler Roper

Crucifer: Rebecca Roper

Acolyte: Fowler Roper

Children's Worship: Lauren Searcy &

TBD

Stay connected:

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Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at

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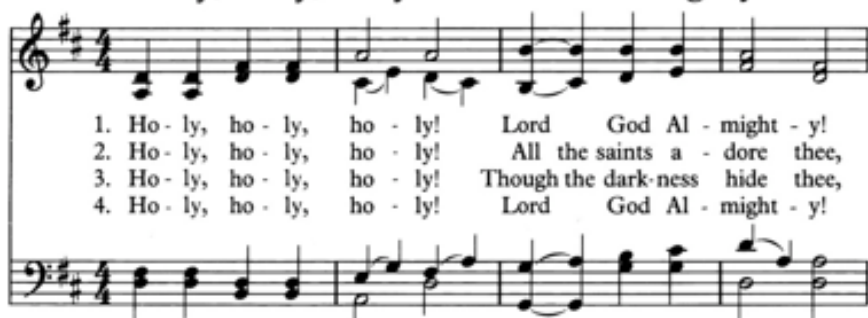
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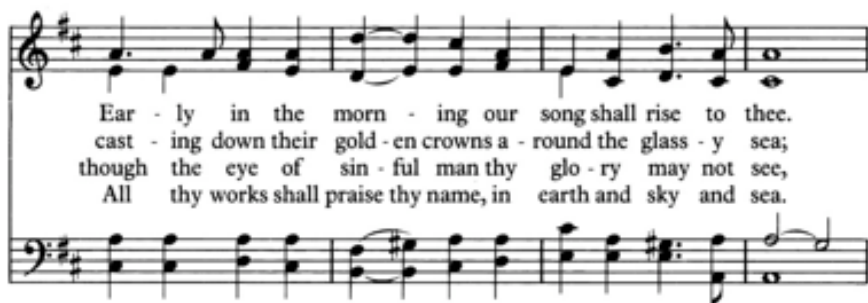
Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 05/03/2025	Amount
General Fund	\$12,060.49
Other funds	\$660.00
Total Giving	\$12,720.49
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	\$

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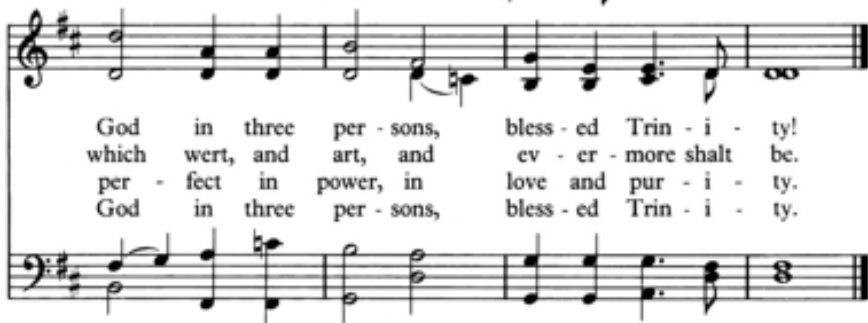
1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Are Ye Able

1. "Are ye a - ble," said the Mas - ter, "to be
 2. Are ye a - ble to re - mem - ber, when a
 3. Are ye a - ble when the shad - ows close a -
 4. Are ye a - ble? Still the Mas - ter whis-pers

cruc - i - fied with me?" "Yea," the sturd - y dream - ers
 thief lifts up his eyes, that his par - doned soul is
 round you with the sod, to be - lieve that spir - it
 down e - ter - ni - ty, and he - ro - ic spir - its

an - swered, "to the death we fol - low thee."
 wor - thy of a place in par - a - dise?
 tri - umphs, to com - mend your soul to God?
 an - swer, now as then in Gal - i - lee.

Refrain

Lord, we are a - ble. Our spir - its are thine.

Re - mold them, make us, like thee, di - vine.

Thy guid - ing ra - diance a - bove us shall be

a bea - con to God, to love, and loy - al - ty.

CALENDAR

Sun, 5/10	Mother's Day Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul Blessing of the Graduates	9 :30am In worship
Mon, 5/11	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 5/12	Fellowship Luncheon: Mac's Speed Shop Trustees meeting: Zoom	11:30am 8:00pm
Wed, 5/13	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Thurs, 5/14	Bible Study with Pastor Brian: St Paul	2:00pm

Upcoming events:

Sun, 5/17	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	9 :30am
Mon, 5/18	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Wed, 5/20	Fellowship Dinner: Saint Paul Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	6:00pm 7:00pm
Thurs, 5/21	Golden Girls Bible Study Luncheon: St Paul	12:00pm

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. **Office hours are still not back to normal. Please call or email before coming to be sure we are here.**

SAINT PAUL CARES

Happy Birthday: Larkin Johnson, Connie Cox, 5/10; Pat Tompkins, 5/14

Happy Anniversary: There are no anniversaries this week.

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, Ed Pool, 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 5/11 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 5/12 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 5/21 at 12pm in the *social hall* at Saint Paul. This will be a fun lunch gathering to celebrate together before summer break. We will not be meeting in June and July.



Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 5/18 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 5/25 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHOEN: We will gather on 5/12 at 11:30am at Mac's Speed Shop, located at 930 S Main Street, for a meal filled with good food, fellowship, and laughter. Come and join us!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Mark your calendars now! Vacation Bible School will be **July 26-30**. This is a changed date. Please update your calendars.

Welcome Committee



We are looking to form a **WELCOME COMMITTEE** at Saint Paul. We need two people each week to help our parishioners and newcomers by greeting people, giving newcomers a welcome bag, showing people where to find the bulletins for adults and children, setting up and cleaning up the coffee and tea bars, and getting a visitor card completed by newcomers.

This could be on a monthly or weekly rotation based on the number of people willing to volunteer to help. If you are interested or want more information, please contact the office or Pastor Brian.



We need one person or family each week to John and Suzanne Sprinkle. We need a volunteer each week to make a dessert for them and deliver it: cake, pie, cookies, anything that will last them the week. Sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084BABAA2FA5F58-63892522-dessert>



Summer Sunday School

We are reimagining Sunday School for the Summer. May 24 through August 9 we will have intergenerational Sunday School. Everyone; children, youth and adults; will meet together at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will study some Psalms, the story of

Jonah and some favorite parables. When your family is in town make plans now to join us for a time of discussion and activities as we grow our faith and connections with our Saint Paul family. Members of the Children's Cohort team will be leading the sessions.



SUMMER CAMP: If you have registered your child for Asbury Hills or Salkehatchie, don't forget to turn in your request for partial reimbursement for their registration fee. You can email a copy of the receipt to the office or leave copy in the Church Administrator folder outside of the office.