



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



May 11, 2025
Confirmation Sunday/Mother's Day

864-235-3494 - saintpaulumc1107@gmail.com
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

"Arioso"

Bach

*Processional Hymn "This is My Father's World"

Hymnal no.144

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: When your soul's weary,

People: when you find doubt,

Leader: when you can't hear God,

People: lay your troubles down.

Leader: In your dark moments

People: when your heart's weak,

Leader: bring yourself broken,

People: you will find Peace.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Loving God, help us to remember what we have learned through the confirmation process. Help us to live our lives according to the beliefs we proclaim and the vows we affirm today. Strengthen our faith and help it to grow and mature. Inspire us to cherish the relationships we have built with You, our fellow confirmands, and all in the church. In Jesus's name, we pray. 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

"Who Will Teach the Children"

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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.



Scan. Pay. Go.

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

Oh Lord, may the words read, words proclaimed, and work you've done in our confirmands take us deeper into your Grace and Love. 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

2 Corinthians 12:6-10

NRSV (pg.174 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Hold Trust in His Grace"

Rev. Matt Greer

THE CONFIRMATION LITURGY

The Introduction to the Service

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

The Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Confirmands: I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Confirmands: I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Confirmands: I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain a faithful member of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representative in the world?

Confirmands: I will.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

Confirmands and Congregation: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Confirmands and Congregation: I believe 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, died and was buried. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father; and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands and congregation: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

*The Laying On Of Hands and Confirmation
(Each family is asked to come forward)*

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

Confirmands and Congregation: Amen.

Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Confirmands and Congregation: Amen.

The Charge to the Confirmands

As a member of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

Confirmands: I will.

Do you promise with God's help to live by the three simple rules of Methodism: To do no harm, to do good, and to stay in love with God?

Confirmands: I do.

And to all members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in the ministry of St. John's Church and uphold it with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?

Confirmands and congregation: We will.

The Commendation And Welcome

Members of the household of God, I commend to your love and care these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregational Response: We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal. Amen.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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***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.

Sending

*Closing Hymn "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" Hymnal no.616

*Benediction

Postlude "Chorale" Beethoven

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 05/04/2025	Amount
General Fund	\$4,998.71
Other funds	\$265.00
Total Giving	\$5,263.71
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	\$4,998.71

Today's Servers:

Reader: Debra Hampton

Acolyte: Maddie Miller

Crucifer: Wesley Miller

Children's Worship:

Stay connected:

Saintpaulgreenville.org

[Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc](https://vimeo.com/saintpaulumc)

Podcast: podomatic.com/podcasts/saintpaulumc1107

This Is My Father's World

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car-ols raise, the
 3. This is my Fa-ther's world. O let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn-ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak-er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
 This is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
 rust-ling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-ery-where.
 Lord is King; let the heav-ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

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 cm - 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, 5/11	Mother's Day/Confirmation Sunday	
Mon, 5/12	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 5/13	Trustees meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Wed, 5/14	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Thurs, 5/15	Golden Girls Bible Study: Saint Paul	11:30am

Upcoming events:

Sun, 5/18	Graduation Sunday	
	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 5/19	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 5/20	Beacon of Light meeting: Saint Paul	6:30pm
	Men's Community: TBD	7:00pm
Sat, 5/24	Church Clean Up Day: Saint Paul	TBD

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: Pat Tompkins, 5/14

Happy Anniversary: There are no anniversaries this week.

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, Teresa Franks, *Catherine Gilstrap*, Marie Good, Doris Goodwin, Carol Head, **Becky Hollifield**, 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 5/12 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 5/13 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 5/19 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 5/26 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

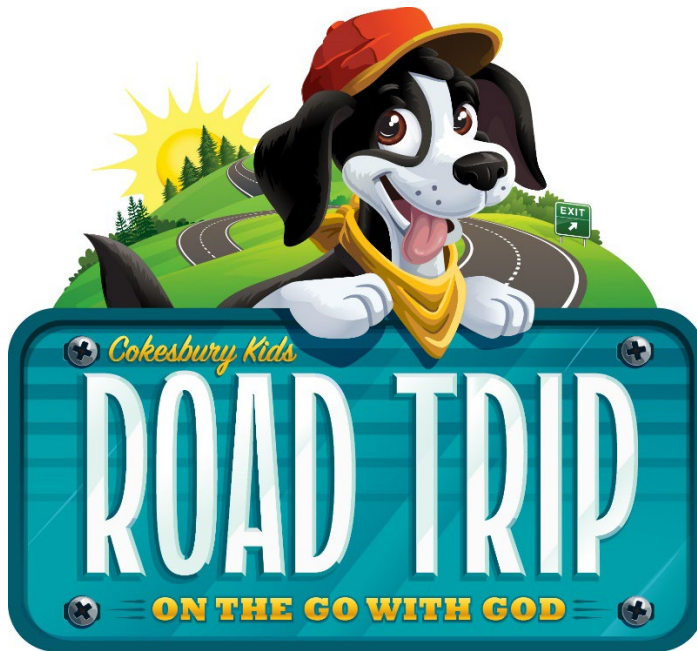
YOUTH GROUP: Will NOT be meeting this Sunday.

CHANCEL CHOIR: Meets each Wednesday evening at 7pm at Saint Paul.

GOLDEN GIRLS BIBLE STUDY LUNCHEON: We will be meeting on 5/15 at 11:30am in the parlor at Saint Paul. Bring your lunch and join us for fellowship and spiritual growth.

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY: We will be having a church clean up day on 5/24. Times will be coming soon. See the list below of what needs to be done inside and outside the church, along with the supplies needed. We need all volunteers!

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. We are still needing many supplies.



Saint Paul UMC VBS

We are inviting all children to Road Trip VBS- where we will be

On the Go with God!

We will learn that God is with us all the time.

The party begins Sunday, June 15 and goes to Thursday, June 19.
Each evening campers will gather in the fellowship hall at Saint Paul UMC

6:00-6:20 pm: Dinner served.

6:30-8:00 pm: Program

Children entering K4-Fifth Grade are invited to attend.

Registration coming soon!

REGISTER AT: <https://forms.gle/QcdwZPJ48oDCSopH8>

St. Paul Spring Clean Checklist

Tasks

- Polish balcony railing
- Polish candle sticks
- Polish door plates and acolyte lighters
- Clean wax stains out of carpet around pulpit
- Wood glue for pews
- Dust choir loft, alter, organ, piano
- Dust & Polish (Murphy's Oil) Pews
- Clean & straighten pew cushions
- Wash the stained-glass windows (inside)
- Clean stair rails
- Clean kitchen (including going through the refrigerator)
- Clean glass doors with Windex
- Clean/Windex all picture frames
- Organize Sunday School Classrooms
- Trim bushes in front of the signs outside
- Pick weeds
- Clean trophy case
- Clean pianos
- Clean balcony pews
- Windex windows
- Clean stove with stove cleaner

Supplies

- Hand-held vacuum for pews and windowsill
- Magic eraser
- Stove cleaner
- Windex
- Iron
- Water for volunteers
- Murphy's Oil
- Round Up
- Yard tools (rakes, etc.)



Summer Schedule

This summer (June, July and August) we will NOT have Sunday School. We will have Children's Worship and build up the lessons and activities. Children's Worship will be open to all children K3 to Fifth Grade.

Peggy and Teresa will teach the first and third Sundays. Lauren will teach the second and fourth. **We will need a second person to help Lauren.**