



# SAINT PAUL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



**Trinity Sunday - May 31, 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 "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus" Smith

\*Processional Hymn "This is My Father's World" Hymnal no.144

Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**People: We gather to praise the Creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: When we look at the stars, the mountains, the rivers, and the trees,

**People: we remember that this world is God's gift.**

Leader: Though we are small within creation, God knows us and loves us.

**People: God calls us to care for one another and for the earth.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**People: Let all creation praise the Lord!**

\*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

**All: Creator God, you made the heavens and the earth, the oceans and the fields, the animals and every living thing. You know us, love us, and call us by name. teach us to live with wonder, gratitude, and care for all you have made. Open our hearts in this time of worship, that we may praise you with joy and follow you with faithfulness; through Christ our Lord. 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 "I Rest My Case" Rowland  
Bill Searcy, tenor

## 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.**

### Word and Response

### \*Prayer for Illumination

**Holy God, your Spirit moved over the waters of creation and your Word brought light into the world. Send your Spirit amongst us now. Open our ears to hear your truth, our minds to understand your wisdom, and our hearts to love what is good. Teach us through your holy Word to live as faithful caretakers of your creation and joyful servants of your kingdom. Amen.**

### \* Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 1:1-2; 4a

NRSV (pg.1 OT)

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.

Psalter

Psalm 8

UM Hymnal pg.743

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"The Responsibility of Wonder"

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

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Hymnal no.399

\*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

"Aspiration"

Croisez

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**Today's Servers:**

Reader: Davis Lupo

Crucifer:

Acolyte:

Children's Worship: Jeannine Cox &

Lori Cheshire

**Stay connected:**

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Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at

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[Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc](http://Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc)

Podcast: [podomatic.com/podcasts/saintpaulumc1107](http://podomatic.com/podcasts/saintpaulumc1107)

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**Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts**

<b>Giving for 05/24/2025</b>	<b>Amount</b>
General Fund	\$1,214.48
Other funds	\$0.00
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$1,214.48</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	\$8,819.84

## 144 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!

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## Take My Life, and Let It Be

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted,  
 2. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,  
 3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days;  
 for my King. Take my lips, and let them be  
 long - er mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;

let them flow in cease - less praise. Take my hands, and  
 filled with mes - sag - es from thee. Take my sil - ver  
 it shall be thy roy - al throne. Take my love, my

let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.  
 and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.  
 Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure - store.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.  
 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

## CALENDAR

Sun, 5/31	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	9 :30am
Wed, 6/3	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Thurs, 6/4	Bible Study: Saint Paul	2:00pm
Sat, 6/6	Volunteers needed for Conference	9:00am

### Upcoming events:

Sun, 6/7	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	9 :30am
Mon, 6/8	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 6/9	Fellowship Luncheon: Viva Villa	11:30am
	Trustees meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Wed, 6/10	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
	Women's Community: Wine House	7:00pm
Thurs, 6/11	Bible Study: Saint Paul	2:00pm
	Children's Cohort	6:00pm

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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.

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### SAINT PAUL CARES

**Happy Birthday:** Daniel Boone, 6/5

**Happy Anniversary:**

**In your prayers, please remember:**

Roger Barrett, Annette Bostic, Linda Bruce, Jere Byington, Ray Byington, Van Clinkscales, Geno Cope, Darrie Crabtree, Patsy Crabtree, **family of 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)

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS



**S/PPRC:** Will be meeting on 6/8 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 6/9 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:** We will not be meeting in June and July. See you in August!



**Finance Committee:** Will be meeting on 6/15 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 6/22 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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



**FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST:** Join us on Sunday, 6/21, at 10am in the social hall for a Father's Day Breakfast to celebrate dad! Please RSVP by 6/15 using the link in your weekly update or at: <https://forms.gle/7LgCcMScUffDqxqS6>



**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.



### 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.



We want to celebrate all the campers going to camp the week of July 12. All campers and their families are invited to lunch following the worship service on July 12. The menu will be hot dogs, chips, dessert, and drink. We want to give the campers a great sendoff as families caravan to Asbury Hills following lunch.



*Some of our youth will be working at the Piedmont Camp of Salkehatchie, June 13-20. We would like to support the Piedmont Camp by providing individual bottles of water, Gatorade and Powerade. Please bring donations on or before June 14. Thank you for supporting our youth.*



## School Supply List

Our Pack the Backpack Event will be Sunday, August 9. Below is a list of the school supplies we will begin collecting in June. Please place school supplies on the bench in the narthex. Donations to the School Fund will be accepted and we will do the shopping for you. Thank you for supporting this mission.

- Notebook paper
- 3 ring binder
- Marble cover Composition book
- Spiral bound notebook
- Pencils (Ticonderoga preferred)
- Crayons (Crayola 24 pack size)
- Washable Markers (Crayola)
- Colored Pencils (Crayola)
- Scissors (Fiskars blunt tip)
- Ink pens
- Highlighters
- Expo dry erase markers
- Glue sticks
- Pocket folders
- Headphones/Earbuds
- Pencil Pouches/Pencil Boxes



We want to support our campers during their week at Asbury Hills Camp by sending notes of encouragement and support to them. Below is a list of those who will be attending Asbury Hills Camp this summer. If you would like to write notes to the campers, please bring them to church on or before June 26. Place notes in the designated box in the narthex. The church will mail the notes to the camp. Please write to all the campers so no one feels left out. Thank you for supporting our children and youth.

**Please write the first and last name of child/youth along with if they are Elementary, Jr. High or Sr. High on the outside of the note.**

**Elementary**

Ellison Hall  
Maggie Humphries  
John David Knobeloch  
Olivia Newman  
George Stephens

**Sr. High**

Camille Pool  
Henry Stephens

**Jr. High**

Anna Cheshire  
Lucas Clippard (friend of William)  
Jacob Cox  
Tommy Dziedziejko (friend of Jacob)  
Ripley Elmore (friend of William)  
William Hall  
Fowler Roper  
Taylor May Stephens  
Sammy Raiden (friend of William)