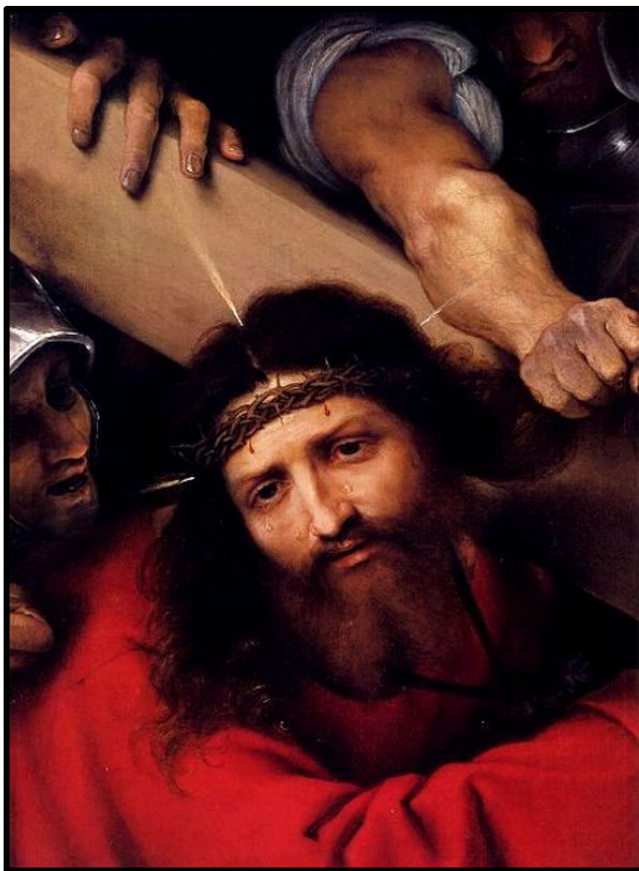




SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



August 30, 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

"Sweet By and By"

Tedd Smith

*ProceSSIONAL Hymn "The Church's One Foundation"

Hymnal no. 545

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: God calls to us from the fire, and we turn to see.

People: We come to meet the God who reveals himself.

Leader: Christ calls us beyond our expectations, and we listen.

People: We come to follow the way of the cross.

Leader: God is present among us. Christ is calling us.

People: Let us worship the God who makes himself known.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: God of Moses and Peter, you reveal yourself in ways we do not expect. Open our eyes to your presence, open our hearts to your truth, and open our lives to the way of Christ. Give us courage to follow wherever you lead us. 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

"Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place"

Wolf

William Searcy, piano

Offertory

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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

God of revelation, we come seeking your word. Give us ears to hear, eyes to see, and hearts ready to receive. Show us Christ among us, even when he does not look like what we expected. And teach us to follow him in the way of the cross. Amen.

* Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 3:1-15

NRSV (pg.48 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 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.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 16:13-28

NRSV (pg.17 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"How Will I Know"

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	Choral response
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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 thanks to God, thro' Christ, the Lord; Giving thanks, giving thanks to God, thro' Christ the Lord.

Postlude	"Postlude in E-flat"	Traditional
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Today's Servers:

Reader: Martha Ball

Acolyte: Payton Franks

Crucifer: Neal Franks

Children's Worship:

Stay connected:

864-235-3494 - saintpaulumc1107@gmail.com

Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/

Saintpaulgreenville.org

Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc

Podcast: podomatic.com/podcasts/saintpaulumc1107

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 08/23/2025	Amount
General Fund	\$2,080.00
Other funds	\$560.00
Total Giving	\$2,640.00
General Fund Goal per month	\$21,974.40
General Fund Goal per week	\$5,493.60
General Fund Received this month	\$4,963.11

545 The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till, with the vi - sion glo - rious, her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

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,

WORDS: Clara H. Scott, 1895
 MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES
 88.98 with Refrain

CALENDAR

Sun, 8/30	Sunday School	10:00am
	Worship	11:00am

Upcoming events:

Sun, 9/6	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Choir room	9:00am
	Sunday School	10:00am
	Children's Choir rehearsal	
	Worship	11:00am
Mon, 9/7	Labor Day	Office Closed
Tues, 9/8	Fellowship Luncheon: New Realm Brewing	11:30am
	Trustees meeting: Zoom	8:00pm

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.

SAINT PAUL CARES

Happy Birthday: Tracey Biggers, 8/30; Patsy Crabtree, 8/31; Carmie Cook, 9/2; Nicole Ackerman, 9/4.

Happy Anniversary: Allison & Mike Royster, 9/2; Maria & Cole Pate, 9/6. Congratulations!

In your prayers, please remember:

Roger Barrett, Annette Bostic, Linda Bruce, Jere Byington, Ray Byington, Van Clinkscales, Geno Cope, Darrie Crabtree, Patsy Crabtree, Carol Head, **Tommy 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 9/14 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 9/8 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: All ladies are invited to join the Golden Girls small group. We meet one Thursday per month at 12pm in the parlor at Saint Paul. We will begin a new study: The Names of God. Please bring your lunch and a drink and join us for fellowship and study. For more information, please talk to Eugenia Vicars. She will have the new study books at church on Sunday.



Beacon of Light Class: The Beacon of Light Class invites anyone interested in Sunday School to join us at 10am on Sunday mornings. The class meets in the parlor (across the hall from the office). We have begun our new study, Words of Life by Adam Hamilton. Books are available in the parlor.



Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 9/21 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 9/28 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!



Children's Cohort: Will be meeting on 9/17 at 6pm.



Chancel Choir: The Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals on Sunday, 9/6 at 9am in the choir room. Please come join us and raise your voice in song!



Children's Choir: The Little Lambs choir will resume rehearsals on Sunday, 9/6 at 10am. Please support your children and children's choir through rehearsals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



We will gather on 9/8 at 11:30am at New Realm Brewing Co located at 912 S Main Street in Greenville. Come join us for lunch, laughter, and fellowship.



SCHOOL FOOD BAG PACKING FOR SULLIVAN: We are resuming our rotation for packing food bags for Sullivan. Please see your weekly email for the packing schedule. **We are needing to restock our pantry. Please see the list in the bulletin for our needs.**



GRANDPARENTS BREAKFAST: We will be celebrating our grandparents with a breakfast on Sunday, 9/13 during the Sunday School hour. Please sign up through your weekly email or by using this link:

<https://forms.gle/PPNR3ihJAJp3RJDg9>

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.



LANDSCAPING VOLUNTEERS WANTED: If you are a youth needing service hours or someone that enjoys landscaping work, we are looking for volunteers to help keep Saint Paul looking neat and tidy. Please see Pastor Brian or John Smith if you are interested.

Food Items for Weekend Food Bags for Sullivan Center

Entrees

Microwaveable mac & cheese
Vienna sausages
Beanee Weanees
Microwaveable Chef Boyardee cups any variety
Ramen Noodles

Breakfast

Pop tarts
Oatmeal individual packets
Individual cereal boxes
Nutri-grain bars
Grits individual packets

Snacks

Applesauce cups
Cheez-it individual packets
Fruit cups
Teddy Grahams individual packets
Rice Krispie treats
Pudding cups
Goldfish individual packets
Granola bars
Fruit Snacks

Reusable grocery bags to help with delivery of food bags.

