



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



October 25, 2026

Pastor: Rev. Brian Humphries
Director of Music: William H. Searcy, Jr.
Youth Director: Steve Watson
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

"O Lord Most Holy"

Franck

*Processional Hymn "Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart"

Hymnal no.160

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: God, you have been our dwelling place in every generation.

People: From age to age, you are our God.

Leader: Teach us to number our days, that we may grow in wisdom.

People: Teach us to live each day in love.

Leader: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind.

People: Love your neighbor as yourself.

Leader: Let the work of our hands reflect your love.

People: Establish the work of our hands, O God.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Gracious God, gather us in your presence and make us attentive to your Word. Where our hearts have grown distracted, renew us. Where our love has grown narrow, enlarge it. Where we have lost our way, guide us in the way of Christ. May our worship draw us closer to you and one another. 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

"There's Something About That Name"

Gaither

Chancel 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, quiet our hearts and open our minds. Help us hear your Word anew, even in the truths we think we know. Teach us what it means to love you with all that we are, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. May your Word take root in us and shape the lives we lead. Amen.

* Psalter Reading

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

UM Hymnal #809

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 22:34-46

NRSV (pg.24 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"What Matters Most"

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

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Hymnal no.382

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

Postlude

"Postlude in C"

Cagle

Today's Servers:

Reader: The Hall family

Crucifer: The Hall family

Acolyte: The Hall family

Children's Worship: Lauren Searcy

Stay connected:

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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 10/18/2025	Amount
General Fund	\$3,088.58
Other funds	\$262.41
Total Giving	\$3,350.99
General Fund Giving Goal per month	\$23,363.78
General Fund Received this month to date	\$8,128.15
Current month percentage of goal met	34.79%
Received for the Month of September	\$8,667.56
Percentage of budget met for September	37.10%

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart; re - joice, give
 2. Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le -
 3. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing
 4. At last the march shall end; the wea - ried
 5. Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom

thanks, and sing; your glo - rious ban - ner
 lu - ias loud; whilst an - swering ech - oes
 as ye go; from youth to age, by
 ones shall rest; the pil - grims find their
 we a - dore, the Fa - ther, Son, and

wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.
 night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
 heaven - ly home, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Ho - ly Ghost, one God for - ev - er - more.

Refrain

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.
 Re-joyce, re-joyce, re-joyce,

Psalm 90

- ¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
- ² Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- ³ You turn us back to the dust,
and say, "Turn back, O mortal ones!"
- ⁴ For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.
- ⁵ You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass which is renewed in the morning;
- ⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers. **R**
- ¹³ Return, O Lord! How long?
Have pity on your servants!
- ¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- ¹⁵ Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.
- ¹⁶ Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
- ¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands;
yes, establish the work of our hands. **R**

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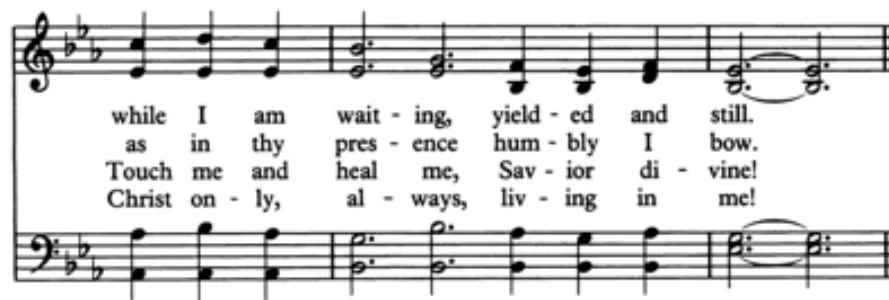
1. - 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!



Thou art the pot - ter, I am the clay.
Search me and try me, Sav - ior to - day!
Wound - ed and wea - ry, help me I pray!
Hold o'er my be - ing ab - so - lute sway.



Mold me and make me af - ter thy will,
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
Pow - er, all pow - er, sure - ly is thine!
Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall see



while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.
as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!
Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me!

CALENDAR

Sun, 10/25	Chancel Choir rehearsal	9:00am
	Children's Choir rehearsal	10:00am
	Sunday School	10:00am
	Worship	11:00am
	Youth Group Joint Dinner	5:00 – 7:30pm
Mon, 10/26	Charge Conference: St Matthew UMC	6:00pm
Tues, 10/27	Women's Community: 23 Tussock Rd	7:00pm
Thurs, 10/29	Bible Study with Pastor Brian: Saint Paul	2:00pm
	Sterling Fall Festival	6 – 8:00pm
Sat, 10/31	Trick or Treat on Main	12 – 3:00pm

Upcoming events:

Sun, 11/01	All Saints Sunday	
	Chancel Choir rehearsal	9:00am
	Children's Choir rehearsal	10:00am
	Sunday School	10:00am
	Worship	11:00am
	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30 pm
Tues, 11/3	Bag Packing: MT Anderson	10:00am
Thurs, 11/5	Bible Study with Pastor Brian	2:00pm

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: Gary Putnam, 10/29; Lori Cheshire, Christine Hall, 10/30; Benjamin Pool, 10/31

Happy Anniversary: Becky & John Smith celebrate 58 years married on 10/28. Congratulations! Meghan & Steve Watson, 10/29.

In your prayers, please remember:

Roger Barrett, Annette Bostic, Linda Bruce, Jere Byington, Ray Byington, Van Clinkscales, Geno Cope, Darrie Crabtree, Patsy Crabtree, Kayla Davis, Natalie Davis, Teresa Ferrell, Vickie Turner Galvin, Carol Head, Tommy Head, Becky Hollifield, Sue Howard, Dot Huff, Missy Huff, Stacy & Jeff Israel, Lee Jenkinson, Carol Johnson, Brent Kanipe, Bob Littlejohn, Davis Lupo, Chuck McLesky, Betty McWhite, Alan Myers, Kelly Turner Murphy, 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 11/9 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 11/10 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Marcus Stephens, Elliott Hall, Stephanie Gamble, Chris Cox, Tracey Biggers, John Smith, and David Pool. All are welcome!



Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 11/16 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Stephen Newman, David Knobloch, Eugenia Vicars, Heather Storey, John Smith, and Pastor Brian. All are welcome!



Charge Conference: Our Charge Conference will be on October 26th at Saint Paul. All are welcome. Committee members are asked to attend.



Church Council: Will be meeting on 11/23 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 11/12 at 6pm.



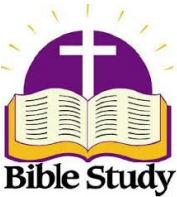
Chancel Choir: The Chancel Choir rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 9am in the choir room. Please come join us and raise your voice in song!



Children's Choir: Rehearsals are on Sundays at 10am. Please support your children and children's choir through rehearsals.



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. Our current study is "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.



Bible Study with Pastor Brian: Join us every Thursday afternoon at 2pm in the parlor at Saint Paul for Bible Study. We are currently discussing Judges 3.



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 are currently studying "Words of Life" by Adam Hamilton. Books are available in the parlor.



Youth Group: Our Youth Group meets every Sunday night at 5:30 or dinner and then their program. See Steve Watson or Pastor Brian for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



YOUTH GROUP: The youth will be participating in a joint dinner this Sunday with other youth groups from the area from 5pm to 7:30pm. We will meet at the church and go together. Please see Steve

Watson for more details on this event.



WOMEN'S COMMUNITY: Ladies, mark your calendars. We will gather on 10/27 at the home of Beth Penick, 23 Tussock Rd in Greenville, at 7pm. All ladies are welcome! Come join us for an evening of laughter, fellowship, and spiritual growth.



BAG PACKING AT MT ANDERSON: We are starting our food bag packing mission at MT Anderson this month. Every month we will meet there on the FIRST and THIRD Tuesdays of the month at 10am to pack bags for Greenville County school children in need. Please see Edna Patterson for more details.



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.**



CANCER AWARENESS BREAKFAST: On Sunday, 11/8, we will be having breakfast for Cancer Awareness. Breakfast will be eggs, bacon, grits, fruit, and biscuits or toast. For planning purposes, an RSVP will be required: <https://forms.gle/iaZr1RW4RqM65DZV8>



Christmas Food Boxes for Seniors at Sterling Community Center

Select an ornament or ornaments from the Christmas tree in the narthex.

Purchase the food items listed on the ornament or ornaments you chose.

Bring the food items to Saint Paul before November 29.

Families will fill the food boxes during Christmas Messy Church on November 29.

Boxes will be delivered in December to the Sterling Community Center for distribution to the seniors.

Thank you for your support of this project and the seniors at Sterling Community Center.

THE BRIDGE

St. Paul UMC Youth happenings this week

SUNDAY 4:45

WE'RE TEAMING UP WITH BETHESDA UMC YOUTH FOR DINNER, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN! WE'LL BE CARPOOLING AT 5:00 AND RETURNING AT 7:30 FROM ST. PAUL. WE'LL BE PARTICIPATING IN A BONFIRE AND MAKING S'MORES, SO DRESS APPROPRIATE.

THURSDAY NIGHT

At 7:07, let's all take a moment and pray for our Fall Festival on October 31st. Pray for good weather, fun and for our local neighbors who might be joining us!

SATURDAY OCT. 31ST

Join us at our Fall Festival from 12 pm to 3 pm. Teens, come at 10:30 to set up and get ready for the fun!

*JOIN US THIS WEEK AS WE GROW
TOGETHER*

SIGN UP TODAY
November 20th-22nd



STERLING COMMUNITY CENTER

FALL FESTIVAL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

6 - 8 pm

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St. Paul is excited to participate in Greenville's **Trick or Treat on Main** route and hosting a Fall Festival on our church grounds!

Join us on **October 31st from 12:00–3:00 PM** for an afternoon of fall fun, community connection, and Halloween treats and activities for the kids!

We're looking for volunteers to help make this event a success! Whether you can lend a hand with festival activities or host a table or booth where children can stop by for treats and Halloween fun along the Trick or Treat on Main route, we would love your support.

There are plenty of ways to get involved, and every helping hand makes a difference! The sign-up for volunteer needs is listed below.

Thank you for helping St. Paul welcome our Greenville community and create a fun, memorable Halloween experience for our families. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Website Link: <https://trunk-or-treat-volunteers-66842.cheddarup.com>





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.