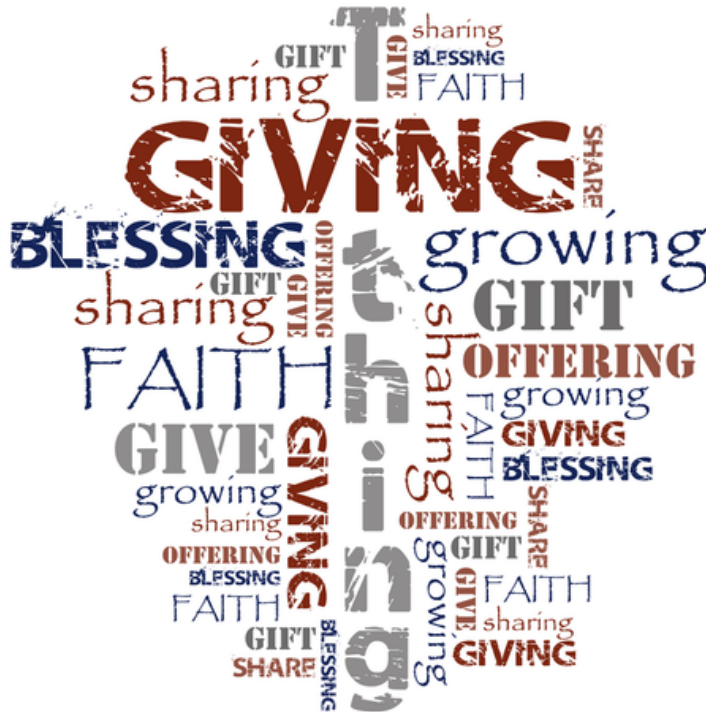




SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



November 03, 2024

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

Pastor: Rev. Matthew Greer

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Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc

Podcast: podomatic.com/podcasts/saintpaulumc1107

Staff

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 "Sortita in B-flat" Handel

*Processional Hymn "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know" Hymnal no.163

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord gives great gifts.

People: May we put them to use to be seen.

Leader: The Lord gives wonderful gifts.

People: May we use them for the good of the world.

Leader: The Lord gives amazing gifts.

People: May we never let them go to waste.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Oh Lord, may all we do lead us to a day where we hear: "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness". 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 "Peace Be Unto This Congregation" Althouse
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.



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

You enrich us every way. May we produce thanksgiving to You by being generous in every way. 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

Matthew 25:14-30

NRSV (pg.27 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Stewardship: Increasing God's Investment"

Eugenia Vicars

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

"Precious Name"

Hymnal no.536

*Benediction

Postlude

"Allegrezza"

Bach

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 11/10/2024	Amount
General Fund	\$2,522.40
Other funds	\$995.51
Total Giving	\$3,517.91
General Fund Giving Goal per month	\$22,110.38
General Fund Giving Goal per week	\$5,527.60
General Fund Received this month to date	\$3,517.91

Today's Servers:

Reader: Steele Gamble

Acolyte: Steele Gamble

Crucifer: Stephanie Gamble

Children's Worship: TBD

A memorial was given to the glory of God in memory of Bill Huff by Ray & Jere Byington.

A memorial was given to the glory of God in memory of Bill Huff's birthday and designated for the youth summer camp in honor of the youth and adults that built the ramp for Bill and Dot by Dot Huff.

163 Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

1. Ask ye what great thing I know, that de - lights and
 2. Who de - feats my fier - cest foes? Who con - soles my
 3. Who is life in life to me? Who the death of
 4. This is that great thing I know; this de - lights and

stirs me so? What the high re - ward I win? Whose the name I
 sad - dest woes? Who re - vives my faint - ing heart, heal - ing all its
 death will be? Who will place me on his right, with the count - less
 stirs me so: faith in him who died to save, him who tri - umphed

glo - ry in? Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.
 hid - den smart? Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.
 hosts of light? Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.
 o'er the grave: Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.

WORDS: Johann C. Schwedler, 1741; trans. by Benjamin H. Kennedy, 1863

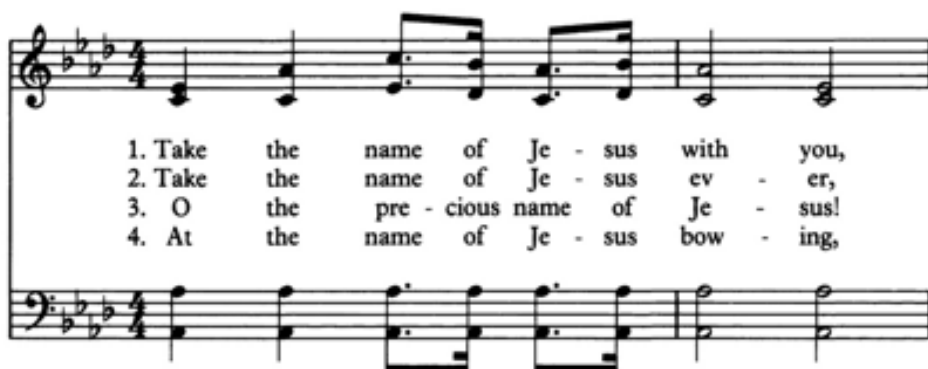
(1 Cor. 2:2; Gal. 6:14)

MUSIC: H. A. César Malan, 1827; harm. by Lowell Mason, 1841


HENDON

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Precious Name



1. Take the name of Je - sus with you,
 2. Take the name of Je - sus ev - er,
 3. O the pre - cious name of Je - sus!
 4. At the name of Je - sus bow - ing,



child of sor - row and of woe;
 as a shield from ev - ery snare;
 How it thrills our souls with joy,
 fall - ing pros - trate at his feet,



it will joy and com - fort give you;
 if temp - ta - tions round you gath - er,
 when his lov - ing arms re - ceive us,
 King of kings in heaven we'll crown him,

take it then, wher - e'er you go.
 breathe that ho - ly name in prayer.
 and his songs our tongues em - ploy!
 when our jour - ney is com - plete.

Refrain

Pre - cious name, O how sweet!
 Pre - cious name, O how sweet!

Hope of earth and joy of heaven. Pre - cious name,
 Pre - cious name,

O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.
 O how sweet, how sweet!

WORDS: Lydia Baxter, 1870 (Phil. 2:9-11)
 MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1871

PRECIOUS NAME
 87.87 with Refrain

Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 11/17	Bringing down the Advent decorations	After worship
	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 11/18	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 11/19	Men's Community: TBD	7:00pm
Wed, 11/20	Charge Conference: Saint Paul	6:30pm
Thurs, 11/21	Golden Girls Bible Study: Saint Paul	11:30am

Upcoming events:

Sun, 11/24	Advent Decorating of the church	After worship
	Youth Fundraiser Bake Sale	After worship
	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Tues, 11/26	Sterling Senior's Thanksgiving: Sterling Center	10:00am
	Women's Community: TBD	7:00pm
Wed, 11/27	Office Closed	
Thursday, 11/28	Thanksgiving: Office closed	
	Sterling Thanksgiving Feast: Sterling Center	10:00am
Friday, 22/29	Office Closed	

Weekly Events

Every Wednesday	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Every Sunday	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm

From Pastor Matt

(You can always reach me at 864-421-3800 or matthewegreer@gmail.com)

I am starting out the new year with a new phone! Please take a couple of minutes to send a text to the number above with your name. Thank you!

Office Hours: We are open from 8:30am until 1:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and 8:30 to 12:30 on Wednesday. I am available at the above contact info and/or contact the office via the church email and phone during these hours. **The office will be closed on 11/27-11/29.**

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Vicki Bolen, Cole Pate, 11/20; Larry Jones, 11/25

Happy Anniversary: Jason and Whitney Feaster, 11/27

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, Connie Cox, Darrie Crabtree, *Patsy Crabtree*, Natalie Davis, *Catherine Gilstrap*, Marie Good, Doris Goodwin, Carol Head, 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, Kelly Turner Murphy, 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



Trustees: Will be meeting on 12/2 at Saint Paul at 7pm. Members are John Sprinkle, Chris Cox, Neal Franks, Marcus Stephens, Elliott Hall, and Stephanie Gamble. All are welcome!



S/PPRC: Will be meeting on 12/9 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Troy Gamble, Steve Vaughn, Edna Patterson, Christine Hall, Debra Hampton, Janet Cook, and Eugenia Vicars. This is a closed meeting.



Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 11/18 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Stephen Newman, David Knobloch, Eugenia Vicars, Tracey Biggers, Stephanie Gamble, Edna Patterson, Tommy Head, and Pastor Matt. All are welcome!



Church Council: Will NOT be meeting in November due to Charge Conference. All members are asked to attend. Members are Tracey Biggers, Heather Storey, Camille Pool, Eugenia Vicars, David Knobloch, Stephen Newman, John Sprinkle, Carol Head, MaryAnn Stephens, Bill Searcy, Edna Patterson, Debra Hampton, Elaine Byers, Mary Anne Terminato, John Tate, Becky Hollifield, and Pastor Matt. All are welcome!



Charge Conference: Our Charge Conference will be on 11/20 at 6:30pm. Mark your calendars! All are invited to attend. Church Council will need to be present. Please come and support Saint Paul and those who volunteer their time as we prepare for 2025.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

YOUTH GROUP: Join us on 11/10 at 5:30.

MEN'S COMMUNITY: We will be gathering on 11/19 at 7pm. Please watch your email for a location.

GOLDEN GIRLS BIBLY STUDY LUNCHEON: Ladies, join us for lunch on 11/21 at 11:30am at Saint Paul. Bring your lunch and enjoy fellowship and bible study. Drinks and dessert are provided. Watch your email for this month's lesson.

SUMMER CAMP BAKE SALE: We will be having a Summer Camp Bake Sale 11/24 after the service. If you pre-ordered, your item will be available for pick-up after the service. There will also be extra treats to purchase on the day.

THE CHOSEN: Starting on 9/22 we will be watching *The Chosen* during the Sunday School hour. We will be watching on the 3rd floor in the youth rooms. This is open for all ages to join us. The first season is rated TVPG.

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN: We will be distributing children's profiles to volunteers in the coming days. Please watch your email for your child's profile. Gifts will be due for blessing by 12/8. Thank you!

STERLING FOOD BOXES FOR SHUT-INS: Please watch your upcoming announcements as will be will packing boxes for Sterling for shut-ins over the holidays. Grab a post-it note off the sanctuary wall to help provide food for these boxes.





**SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES AT
SAINT PAUL UMC**
**SEPT 7TH 10:30-2:30. "A DAY OF
HEALING A DAY OF HOPE"
@ STERLING CENTER**
**1 SERVICE HOUR FOR LEADING
SERVICE ON SEPT 8TH**



**OCTOBER 27TH TIME IS TBD.
"FALL BLOCK PARTY" @
SAINT PAUL UMC**



**DECEMBER 1ST TIME IS
TBD. "MESSY CHURCH"
@ SAINT PAUL UMC**
**THREE REGULAR YOUTH
NIGHTS (SUNDAY 5:30-7:00)**



**THIS SEMESTER WILL GAIN
THEM 1 HOUR EACH.
(SPECIFIC DATES WILL BE
GIVEN OUT LATER)**

**JUST IN CASE YOU NEED MORE:
STUDENTS CAN COME SERVE WITH ME
(LET ME KNOW AT LEAST ONE DAY
BEFORE) AT PIEDMONT EMERGENCY
RELIEF CENTER ON THURSDAYS FROM**

4-6

PIC•COLLAGE

Saint Paul UMC presents another:



December 1st

4:00 - 6:00 pm

GAMES | CRAFTS | GOOD NEWS | SUPPER

1107 South Main Street
Of Downtown Greenville's West End

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Our Advent Wreath Workshop will be included as part of Messy Church on 12/1. If you would like to make your Advent Wreath, you are welcome to drop by during Messy Church and do so without having to register for Messy Church. If you would like to participate in the entire Messy Church and join in the dinner, please register at <https://forms.gle/Yccvie6UN18P37dd9>.

Messy Church RSVP: <https://forms.gle/Yccvie6UN18P37dd9>