



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



Promotion Sunday **September 15, 2023**

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

Pastor: Rev. Matthew Greer

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Saintpaulgreenville.org

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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Smith

*Processional Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" Hymnal no.545

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew.

People: They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

Leader: "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

People: At once they left their nets and followed him.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Oh Lord, when life gets rough, when we enter the wilderness, may we stay your course. May we never abandon the call to follow You. 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.

(Please remain in your seat. Make signs of peace to those with you in person and connect with your phone with other live viewers through Facebook "comments.")

Anthem "I Will Follow Thee" Roosevelt Miller
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.

Presentation of the Bibles

Leader: The Bible's stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God. Receive these the Word of God with your hands, hearts, and minds. Learn its stories and study its words.

Students: We will.

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

May the words read and proclaimed help us to be the church the community needs at this time. 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

John 21:1-6

NRSV (pg.109 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Shift”

Rev. Matthew Greer

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

“Are Ye Able”

Hymnal no.530

*Benediction

(As you leave, please respect the social distancing needs of others.)

Postlude

“Rock of Ages”

Smith

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 09/08/2024	Amount
General Fund	\$1,285.35
Other funds	\$0.00
Total Giving	\$1,285.35
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	\$3,184.35

Today’s Servers:

Reader: Payton Franks

Acolyte: Avery Franks

Crucifer: Neal Franks

Children’s Worship: Lauren Searcy &

545 The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one foun - da - 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.

Are Ye Able

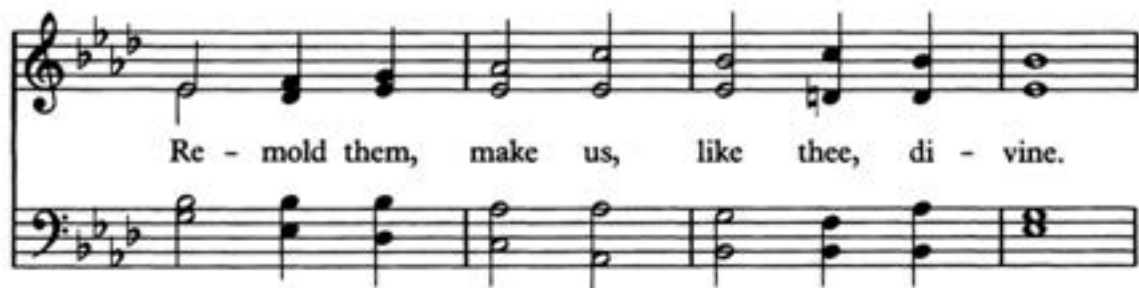
1. "Are ye a - ble," said the Mas - ter, "to be
 2. Are ye a - ble to re - mem - ber, when a
 3. Are ye a - ble when the shad - ows close a -
 4. Are ye a - ble? Still the Mas - ter whis - pers

cru - ci - fied with me?" "Yea," the sturd - y dream - ers
 thief lifts up his eyes, that his par - doned soul is
 round you with the sod, to be - lieve that spir - it
 down e - ter - ni - ty, and he - ro - ic spir - its

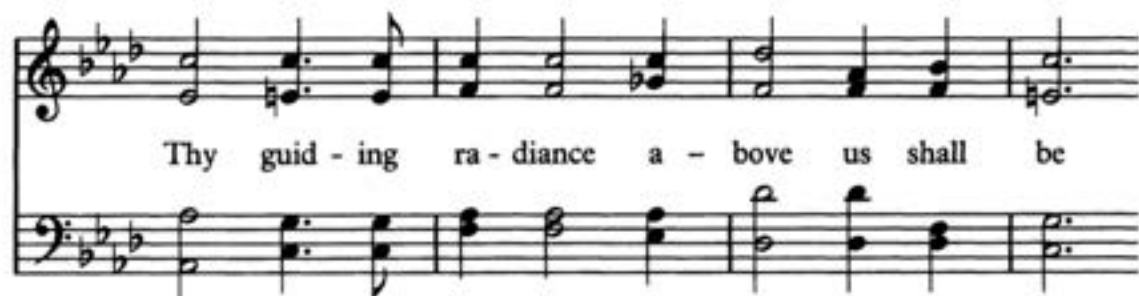
an - swered, "to the death we fol - low thee."
 wor - thy of a place in par - a - dise?
 tri - umphs, to com - mend your soul to God?
 an - swer, now as then in Gal - i - lee.

Refrain

Lord, we are a - ble. Our spir - its are thine.



Re - mold them, make us, like thee, di - vine.



Thy guid - ing ra - diance a - bove us shall be



a bea - con to God, to love, and loy - al - ty.

WORDS: Earl Marlatt, 1926 (Mark 10:35-40)
 MUSIC: Harry S. Mason, 1924

BEACON HILL
 Irr.

Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 9/15	Grandparent's Sunday Breakfast	10:00am
	Promotion Sunday	In worship
	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 9/16	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 9/17	Office Closed	all day
	Men's Community: Willy Taco	7:00pm
Wed, 9/18	Trustees meeting: Saint Paul	7:00pm
	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Thurs, 9/19	Golden Girls Bible Study Luncheon: Saint Paul	11:30am

Upcoming events:

Tues, 9/24	Women's Community: TBD	7:00pm
Sun, 9/29	Charge Conference: Saint Paul	7:00pm
October	Breast Cancer Awareness Month	

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 9/17.**

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Richard Bostic, 9/10; Fowler Roper, 9/11; Charmaine Pool, 9/12; Daniel Roper, 9/13; Jacob Cox, 9/15

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), Ray Byington, Van Clinkscales, Connie Cox, Darrie Crabtree, *Patsy Crabtree*, Natalie Davis, Tony DeYoung, *Catherine Gilstrap*, Marie Good, Doris Goodwin, Carol Head, Sue Howard, Dot Huff, Missy Huff, Lee Jenkinson, Carol Johnson, Jean Jones, Larry Jones, Brent Kanipe, Tinsley Lyles, Chuck McLesky, Betty McWhite, Karsyn Miller, Alan Myers, Kelly Turner Murphy, Faye Mulligan, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Beth Rogers, Allison Royster, Joyce Searcy, Deirdra Simmons, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, Alicia Terminato, Barry & Karen Thomas, *Lily Thompson*, Kathy Head Weathers, 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



Church Council: Will be meeting on 9/16 at 8pm via Zoom to prepare for Charge Conference. 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!



Trustees: Will be meeting on 9/18 at Saint Paul at 7pm. Members are John Sprinkle, Chris Cox, Neal Franks, Marcus Stephens, Elliott Hall, and Stephanie Gamble. All are welcome!



Charge Conference: Our Charge Conference will be Sunday, 9/29, at 7:30pm at Saint Paul in the sanctuary. 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.



S/PPRC: Will be meeting on 10/14 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 10/21 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!

Announcements & Upcoming Events

CHANCEL CHOIR: Is back in session with rehearsals every Wednesday night at Saint Paul at 7pm. Come join the choir and raise your voice!

YOUTH GROUP: We will gather every Sunday evening at 5:30pm for dinner and an activity. Please join us at Saint Paul.

MEN'S COMMUNITY: Men of Saint Paul, we will gather on 9/17 at 7pm at Willy Taco at 117 Laurens Road in Greenville. Come join us for a night of fellowship and laughter.

GOLDEN GIRLS BIBLE STUDY LUNCHEON: Our Golden Girls will be gathering on 9/19 at 11:30am in the parlor at Saint Paul to continue their study on the love stories of the Bible. Please bring your lunch and join them for a morning of laughter, fellowship, and spiritual growth. Drinks and dessert are provided.

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.

NORTHSIDE PUMPKIN PATCH: Please watch your bulletin for more information regarding the Pumpkin Patch. We will need youth volunteers to help with this. The sign up will be coming soon.



*A memorial service will be held for Bill Huff on
Saturday, September 28th at 11am at
Saint Paul United Methodist Church.*



**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

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