



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 25, 2021

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

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Staff

Director of Music: William H. Searcy, Jr.

Church Administrator: Melissa Campbell

Sexton: Gary Putnam

Youth Minister: Rachael Cline

Please silence and turn off Wi-Fi on your mobile device to ensure we have the bandwidth to livestream today's service. Thank you.

*Please stand as you are able.

Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "In Dulci Jubilo" Bach

*Processional Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Hymnal no.384

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship Psalm 145:10, 13, 14, 18

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and your faithful shall bless you.

People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Leader: The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

People: The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

All: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Opening Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Silence for personal prayer.)

Leader: Hear the Good News, Christ died for us when we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: As a forgiven and reconciled people, 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.")

Welcome and Announcements

Word and Response

Children's Sermon Children will come forward and sit on the dots.
Following the children's sermon, we invite our K3 to 2nd grade children to follow the designated adult to the Fellowship Hall. Please follow the instructions on the name tag found in the back of your pew. The children will watch a video while socially distant and wearing masks. 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.

Prayer for Illumination John Wesley
God, illumine our minister with true knowledge of Christ and understanding of your word, that it may be set forth to your glory. May we meekly hear your word, receive it with pure affection, and through your gracious assistance bring forth the fruits of the Spirit. Amen.

First Reading Ephesians 3:14-21 NRSV (pg.182 NT)
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.

Second Scripture Isaiah 52:7-10 NRSV (pg.642 OT)
Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Beautiful Feet"

Anthem "Living God's Love" Patterson
Chancel Choir

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.**

Offertory

The children are collecting a special offering for Legacy Classroom supplies.

Giving Links:

PayPal - <https://www.paypal.com/biz/fund?id=Y9NV28ABLG5LW>

Realm - <https://onrealm.org/StPaulUMC1107/give/now>

To give to the special offering, make a note in PayPal, in the memo line of your check, or choose it from the drop-down menu in Realm.

The Doxology

Hymnal No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

This is the Lord's Table. Everyone seeking the grace of God in Jesus Christ is invited to participate.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Pastor praises the Father)...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn!

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(Pastor praises the Son)... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again

(Pastor praises the Holy Spirit)

Amen.

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.

***Giving the Bread and Cup**

The ushers will direct your row when to come forward. Come and kneel, as you are able, at the altar rail, and you will be served. Please hold the elements until directed by the pastor, and each group will eat and drink all together. If you prefer, wafers are in each cup, and gluten-free wafers are available in the middle of each tray. After drinking, please return to your seat where you may pray. If you need to be served in your seat, please notify the usher when they come to your row.

Closing Prayer

Sending

*Closing Hymn "Take My Life, and Let It Be" Hymnal no.399

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

Postlude "Arioso" Bach

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

| Giving for 07/18/2021 | Amount | Attendance |
|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| General Fund: | \$2,586.07 | 07/18/2021 |
| Legacy: | \$486.00 | In-person: 45 |
| Memorial: Race for the Cure: | \$25.00 | Live-streaming households: 6 |
| Processing fees: | \$15.64 | *Viewers reached: 98 |
| Total for 07/18/2021: | \$3,112.71 | Sunday School: 25 |

*"Live-streaming households" is the number of screens tuned in during the live broadcast on Sunday. "Viewers" are the number of screens that watched the service for at least 3 seconds throughout the week.

Worship Bags are available for children K3-2nd grade on the bench in the narthex. Look for your name or grab an unlabeled bag. They contain fun items and reusable stickers so the Bible story can be retold over and over. You may return them to the narthex as you leave or leave in your seat. Hope everyone enjoys their bag.

A memorial was given to the glory of God to Race for the Cure in memory of Ruth Gentry by Edna Patterson.

Today's Servers:

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|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Lay Leader: Eugenia Vicars | Reader: John Tate |
| Counters: Debbie Goodwin & Edna Patterson | Acolyte: Edna Patterson |
| Media: Mary Anne Terminato | Crucifer: TBD |
| Audio: Davis Lupo | Ushers: Rebecca Roper, Edna Patterson |
| Projector: Collins Cheshire | Jeannine Cox |

384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion

all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art
 let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. There we would be
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry

all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of
 al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and
 in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we

REBIRTH AND THE NEW CREATURE

us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

BEECHER
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Alt. tune: HYFRYDOL

399

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.

Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

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| Sun, 7/25 | Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 9:30am |
| Tues, 7/27 | Family Group Discipleship: Zoom | 8:30pm |
| Sat, 7/31 | Saint Paul's 1 st Children's Day | 9:00am |

Upcoming events:

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| Sun, 8/1 | Project Host worship in service | 9:00am |
| Fri, 8/20 | Saint Paul Movie Night | TBD |
| Sun, 8/29 | End of Summer Bash: Discovery Island | 2:15pm |

From Pastor Michael

(You can always reach me at 864-979-2435 or megoldston@umcsc.org)



Family Group Discipleship: We will join together on 7/27 via Zoom at 8:30pm. In this small group ministry, we seek to walk together following Jesus.



Bible study will continue our study of the book of Acts of the Apostles. Our next Bible Study will be on August 12th; we will meet every Thursday after that at 7pm.

Office Hours: We are open from 8:30am until 1:30pm Monday through Friday. I am always available at the above contact info and Melissa is available through the church email and phone.



Join us for **in-person worship** this Sunday at 11am. Please sign up using this link:

<https://forms.gle/KKHMWBTa1Ptk2HZs7>. You can also sign up by clicking on the picture in the Weekly Update or by going to our website. Please remember we will be following our safety protocols below.

[Share our live-stream on your Facebook page.](#)

Take five minutes and write us a **review!** [Facebook](#) or [Google](#)

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Anne Brown, 7/25; Andy Ackerman, Van Clinkscales, 7/26; Becky Hollifield, 7/29; Jo Feaster, 7/30

Happy Anniversary: Randy & Beth Rogers, 7/25; John & Suzanne Sprinkle are celebrating 52 years on 7/30; Bob Kubicki & Debbie Goodwin are celebrating 1 year on 7/31.

In your prayers, please remember:

Abbie Barnette, Roger Barrett, Vicki Bolen, Annette Bostic, Tom Boykin, Zonelle Boykin, Linda Bruce, Cheyanne Cantwell, Connie Cox, Harriet Cox, Eleanor Cunningham, Natalie Davis, Jim Fayssoux, Sherre Forrester, Stephen Foster, family of Ruth Gentry, Marie Good, Debbie Goodwin, Doris Goodwin, Lisa Harbin, Carol Head, Dawn Hollingsworth, Sue Howard, Lee Jenkinson, Victor Jenkinson, Larry Jones, Jean Jones, Tinsley Lyles, Crystal McCoy, Karsyn Miller, Mackenzie Murphy, Marie Phillips, Pam Putnam, Ronnie Quinn, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Joyce Searcy, Mary Lee Shirley, Nancy Smith, Carolyn Warlick, Allyssa Whech, Joe Whitmire, Sharon Williams, 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)

Missions: Salkehatchie, Empowering Haitians, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Legacy Elementary, Hinton Center

Praise be given: Connie Loftis

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Trustee of the Month is John Sprinkle.



Come lift your voices in song! The **Choir** has resumed rehearsing on Sundays at 9:30am. If you are vaccinated, feel comfortable singing with a group, and are ready to sing in the choir, join us. We will not be wearing masks.



We will have Summer Sunday School on August 22. Classes for Elementary age, youth and adults will meet 10:15-10:45 am. The Elementary age class will meet in the Fellowship Hall. The Youth Class will meet in the Youth Room. Adults will gather at Crafty Cats on South Main Street for a time of fellowship, reconnecting and a devotion. Hope you will plan to join a class if you are in town.



Mark your calendars for Saint Paul's first **Children's Day** on Saturday, July 31st. Join us for a fun-filled day of crafts and fellowship for ages entering K5 and up. The fun will start at 9am and a pizza lunch will be served at 12pm. If you are in entering 3rd grade or higher, stay after lunch to help the youth pack hygiene bags for the homeless. All events will be over by 3pm. **Please be sure to**

dress your child or youth in something they can get dirty and stained. Please register at: <https://forms.gle/niEZRQCZV6d3kxZ6A>

Upcoming Meetings



Trustees: Will not be meeting in July. Members are John Sprinkle, Whitney Feaster, Ed Pool, Jason Cheshire, John Smith, and Jimmie-Lou Vaughn.



S/PPRC: Will not be meeting in July. Members are John Tate, Davis Lupo, Jim Storey, Katie Knobloch, Rebecca Roper, Tennille Crnobrnja, Eugenia Vicars, and Pastor Michael. This is a closed meeting.



Finance Committee: Will not be meeting this month. Members are Becky Hollifield, David Knobloch, Melissa Campbell, Donna Connelly, Tommy Head, Suzanne Sprinkle, Eugenia Vicars, Lori Cheshire, John Tate, and Pastor Michael. All are welcome!



Church Council: Will not be meeting in July. Members are Lori Cheshire, Tracey Biggers, Chelsea Biggers, Heather Storey, Chris Cox, Janet Cook, Peggy Whitmire, Eugenia Vicars, David Knobloch, Becky Hollifield, John Tate, John Sprinkle, Carol Head, Edna Patterson, Davis Lupo, Taunja Pool, MaryAnn Stephens, Bill Searcy, Elaine Byers, Mary Anne Terminato, and Pastor Michael. All are welcome!

Opportunities to Serve



Project Host Service Sunday will be occurring on August 1st from 9am to 1pm. Please mark your calendar and join us that day to help those in need in our community. Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/hZTnKsPgWPTjmKkr9>



Staying at a hotel during your summer vacation? Grab those bathroom amenities and bring them home for the **hygiene bags!** Turn them into the office or to Edna Patterson. We will be collecting all through June and July! We also need the following items: Socks (no show, tube, or athletic), combs, travel soap, shampoo, deodorant, band-aids, Neosporin, Lance crackers, granola bars, washcloths, lip balm, individually boxed or wrapped toothbrushes, and individually boxed toothpaste. Thank you!



This is the last Sunday to bring your loose change and dollars to church to drop in the buckets being brought around by the children. The money collected will go to buy pencil sharpeners and Expo dry-erase markers for every classroom at **Legacy**. Check the sofa cushions! We need 25 pencil sharpeners and have received 26. We need 700 Expo dry-erase markers and have received 364.



We are still collecting food items for **Legacy Food Backpacks**. Please drop off any donations in the shopping cart located in the narthex. If you need more information, please contact the office or Edna Patterson at ednapatterson04@gmail.com. **Thank you!**

Empowering Haitians: Anna and Michael will be going again to Cap Haitian, Haiti to serve alongside the Haitian people. Anna will be providing dental care. There are opportunities to assist with the clinic, work on a construction project, create vacation Bible school for Haitian children, and learn about Haitian people and culture. If you are vaccinated and interested in the trip, or interested in learning more for 2022, please let us know. Please support us through prayer and through gifts to the church marked for Empowering Haitians. All gifts will go 100% to feeding hungry children.

Let someone know about our **free wi-fi hotspot** for e-learning!

Network: St. Paul Guest

Password: Guest

Sunday Worship Safety Protocols

We are in person and live-streaming our Sunday Worship Service on Facebook on our page: Saint Paul UMC (Greenville, SC). Join us at 11am as we give praise to our Lord.

We have updated the Safety Protocols as follows:

1. Please continue to wear masks when entering and leaving the sanctuary. While you are seated, masks are not required for those who have been vaccinated. Kids do not have to wear a mask while in the pews, but they will be required to have them when they go down front and in Children's Worship. If you have not been vaccinated, please continue to wear your mask.
2. During this transition, we will be keeping the pew seating as is, for the time being.
3. We are going to have regular bulletins available.

4. The Chancel Choir is restarting for vaccinated singers. We will only be practicing on Sundays, for the time being. Choir members will not be wearing masks when singing.
5. We are going to discontinue temperature checks.
6. Pre-registration continues to be necessary for contact tracing. As always, we will not turn away someone who has not registered. There are blank spaces on the check-off form to enter their name, number attending, and contact details.
7. We will resume congregational singing of hymns with the hymn books; however, we have decided to keep the projector, for now.
8. Please continue to respect other people's personal space, as comfort levels differ.
9. Please self-screen for symptoms or close contact with a known positive case and worship from home if you have them.
10. If you test positive and determine that you were contagious when you attended worship, please let the office know.



Encouraging notes for our students

As our students begin to prepare for the 2021-2022 school year let's show them our support and encouragement. Select one or more addressed and stamped post cards. Write a note of encouragement or scripture to the student the card is addressed to. Then mail the post card so it will arrive the week of August 15. This is the week the students will begin the new school year. Continue to pray for the student or students you sent cards to during the school year. Thank you for supporting this project and supporting our students. Cards will be available starting Sunday, July 25th.