



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 29, 2021

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

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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 "At Worship" Clark

*Processional Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Hymnal no.140

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship Rev. Mindi Walton-Mitchell

Leader: God is active in our world and in our lives,

People: We gather in awe of our God.

Leader: Christ calls us into the way of love and justice,

People: We gather to follow Jesus our Savior.

Leader: The Spirit moves us in compassion and kindness,

People: We gather as one people of God.

Leader: Come, join your hearts in worship,

People: And ponder the awesomeness of God.

Opening Prayer *Book of Common Prayer*

Leader: Let us pray

All: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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.")

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

Lord, your word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. Open your servant's mouth to speak your word, open our hearts and minds to your light, and move our feet to your path. Amen.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 8

UM Hymnal #743

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

James 1:17-27

NRSV (pg.1863 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"You Are Who God Made You"

Anthem

"A Servant's Heart"

Blake

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.

Offertory

The gold buckets are for a special offering for our Legacy fund.

Giving Links:

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

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

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.

Sending

*Closing Hymn

"Freely, Freely"

Hymnal no.389

*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Sursum Corda"

Erhard

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

| Giving for 08/22/2021 | Amount | Attendance |
|------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| General Fund (e-giving): | \$60.00 | 08/22/2021 |
| Processing fees: | \$1.60 | In-person: 20 |
| | | Streaming households: 19 |
| Total for 08/22/2021: | \$61.60 | *Viewers reached: 49 |

*"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.

Cause for Celebration: Our year-to-date goal as of July 31 was \$68,793.75. As of July 31, your generous giving has brought us to \$77,586.77!

We raised \$331.00 for **Empowering Haitians** this month. Thank you for your generous giving!

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.

Today's Servers:

Lay Leader: Eugenia Vicars

Reader: Henry Stephens

Counters: Debbie Goodwin & Edna Patterson

Acolyte: Mary Grace Goldston

Media: Mary Anne Terminato

Crucifer: Charlie Stephens

Audio: Davis Lupo

Ushers: Rebecca Roper, Edna Patterson

Projector: Collins Cheshire

Jeannine Cox

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 (Lam. 3:22-23)

MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1923

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morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy
 hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

Freely, Freely

1. God for - gave my sin in Je - sus' name, I've been
2. All power is given in Je - sus' name, in

born a - gain in Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I
earth and heaven in Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I

come to you, to share his love as he told me to.
come to you, to share his power as he told me to.

Refrain

He said, "Free - ly, free - ly you have re - ceived,

free - ly, free - ly give. Go in my name, and be -

WORDS: Carol Owens, 1972 (Mt. 10:8; 28:18-20)
MUSIC: Carol Owens, 1972

FREELY, FREELY
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cause you be - lieve, oth - ers will know that I live."

Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

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| Sun, 8/29 | Chancel Choir rehearsal | 9:30am |
| | End of Summer Bash: Discovery Island | 2:15pm |
| | Youth Worship Planning Meeting: Zoom | 8:15pm |
| Tues, 8/31 | Nominations & Leadership meeting: Zoom | 8:00pm |
| Wed, 9/1 | Joint Youth Council meeting: Zoom | 7:30pm |
| Thurs, 9/2 | Bible Study: Zoom | 7:00pm |

Upcoming events:

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| Mon, 9/6 | Office Closed: Labor Day | |
| Mon, 9/13 | Join Pastor Michael at Project Host | 9:00am |
| | S/PPRC meeting: Zoom | 8:00pm |
| Tues, 9/14 | Trustees meeting: Zoom | 8:00pm |
| Thurs, 9/16 | Fellowship Luncheon: Copper River Grill | 11:30am |
| Mon, 9/20 | Finance Committee meeting: Zoom | 8:00pm |
| Sun, 9/26 | Pumpkin Patch set-up: Northside UMC | 12:15pm |
| Mon, 9/27 | Church Council meeting: Zoom | 8:00pm |

From Pastor Michael

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



Family Group Discipleship: We will join together on 9/7 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 every Thursday at 7pm.



Project Host: I am restarting my service day at Project Host in September. If you would like to join me, go to <https://www.projecthost.org/> and sign up to volunteer. I will be there on 9/13, 10/4, 11/1, and 12/6 from 9am to 1pm.

Office Hours: We are open from 8:30am until 1:30pm Monday through Friday. I am available at the above contact info and Melissa is available through the church email and phone. **The office will be closed on 9/6.**

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

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

Due to the high level of community transition and changing guidance of the CDC, we have updated our safety protocol, below.



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

Sunday Worship Safety Protocols

1. **Cloth or surgical face masks** covering the nose and mouth will be **required** inside the building throughout the worship service for everyone age 3 and older, even if you've had the vaccine.
2. Please maintain social distancing throughout the time you are in the building and in the pews.
3. Pre-registration continues to be necessary for contact tracing. 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. If you do not pre-register, please register with the usher when you enter.
4. Please self-screen for symptoms or close contact with a known positive case and worship from home if you have them.
5. If you test positive and determine that you were contagious when you attended worship, please let the office know so we may notify close contacts.

Saint Paul Cares

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

Happy Anniversary: There are no anniversaries to celebrate this week.

In your prayers, please remember:

Abbie Barnette, Roger Barrett, Vicki Bolen, Annette Bostic, Tom Boykin, Zonelle Boykin, Linda Bruce, Jere Byington, Cheyanne Cantwell, Connie Cox, Harriet Cox, Eleanor Cunningham, Natalie Davis, Jim Fayssoux, Sherre Forrester, Stephen Foster, Marie Good, Debbie Goodwin, Doris Goodwin, Lisa Harbin, Carol Head, Pam Head, Dawn Hollingsworth, Sue Howard, Boone Hoyt and family, 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, Suzanne

Sprinkle, 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: Rachael Cline, Michael Goldston, William Pool all recovered from COVID-19

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Trustee of the Month is Jason Cheshire for August and Jimmie-Lou Vaughn for September.



Youth Group will be re-starting regular meetings at the end of August. Stay tuned for more information!



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 have resumed wearing masks.**



The next **Fellowship Luncheon** will be on 9/16 at 11:30am at Copper River Grill located at 775 Haywood Road in Greenville. Come out and share some laughter, fellowship, and good food during your lunch break.



Coming back this November...**Parent's Night Out.** Watch your bulletin for details closer to time.

Upcoming Meetings



Joint Youth Group: Will be meeting this evening at 8:15 via Zoom. This will be to plan for the upcoming Joint Youth Worship service. If you are interested, please plan to attend. Look for the invitation email in your inbox.



Nominations & Leadership Team: Will be meeting on 8/31 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Daniel Roper, Troy Gamble, Edna Patterson, Jason Feaster, and Pastor Michael.



Joint Youth Council: Will be meeting on 9/1 at 7:30pm via Zoom. Members from Saint Paul are Edna Patterson, Rebecca Roper, Jason Cheshire, William Pool, Charlie Forrester, Rachael Cline, and Pastor Michael.



S/PPRC: Will be meeting on 9/13 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are John Tate, Davis Lupo, Jim Storey, Katie Knobloch, Rebecca Roper, Tennille Crnobrnja, Eugenia Vicars, and Pastor Michael. This is a closed meeting.



Trustees: Will be meeting on 9/14 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are John Sprinkle, Whitney Feaster, Ed Pool, Jason Cheshire, John Smith, and Jimmie-Lou Vaughn. All are welcome!



Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 9/20 at 8pm via Zoom. 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 be meeting on 9/27 at 8pm via Zoom. 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



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!**



Come out on 9/26 to Northside UMC to help set-up the **Pumpkin Patch** directly after worship services. There will be a sign-up sheet coming out soon for those youth wishing to volunteer to sell pumpkins. See you there!

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

Network: St. Paul Guest

Password: Guest