



# SAINT PAUL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



### **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 22, 2021**

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Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at [www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/](https://www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/)

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[Saintpaulgreenville.org](http://Saintpaulgreenville.org)

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[Goldysermons.podomatic.com](https://Goldysermons.podomatic.com)

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 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" Smith

\*Processional Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Hymnal no.117  
Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship Psalm 130:5-7

Leader: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

**People: my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**

Leader: O Israel, hope in the LORD!

**People: For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.**

Opening Prayer RCL prayers

Leader: Let us pray

**All: Gracious God, although we once were strangers, you receive us as friends and draw us home to you. Set your living bread before us that, feasting around your table, we may be strengthened to continue the work to which your Son commissioned us. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

\*First Reading John 14:22-27 NRSV (pg.92 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 Ezekiel 36:24-28 NRSV (pg.1863 NT)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Restore the Heart"

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 God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Sending

\*Closing Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Hymnal no.127

\*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Smith

**Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts**

<b>Giving for 08/15/2021</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
General Fund (e-giving):	\$1,065.08	08/15/2021
Legacy:	\$25.00	In-person: 24
Processing fees:	\$22.04	Live-streaming households: 11
<b>Total for 08/15/2021:</b>	<b>\$1,112.12</b>	*Viewers reached: 120

\*"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 K3-2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Eugenia Vicars

Counters: Debbie Goodwin & Edna Patterson

Acolyte: TBD

Media: Mary Anne Terminato

Crucifer: Charlie Stephens

Audio: Davis Lupo

Ushers: Rebecca Roper, Edna Patterson

Projector: Collins Cheshire

Jeannine Cox

## 117 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne, still may we dwell se - cure;  
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4. A thou - sand a - ges, in thy sight, are like an eve - ning gone;  
 5. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, bears all who breathe a - way;  
 6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come;

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!  
 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 from ev - er - last - ing, thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 short as the watch that ends the night, be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 they fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the open - ing day.  
 be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 90)

MUSIC: Attr. to William Croft, 1708; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1861

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## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 127

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on

power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me  
 jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou  
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will

till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.  
 still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.  
 ev - er give to thee; (give to thee) I will ev - er give to thee.

## Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

Sun, 8/22	Chancel Choir	9:30am
Mon, 8/23	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 8/24	Family Group Discipleship: Zoom	8:30pm
Wed, 8/25	Children's Ministry Team/Sunday School	
	Teachers meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Thurs, 8/26	Bible Study: Zoom	7:00pm

Upcoming events:

Sun, 8/29	End of Summer Bash: Discovery Island	2:15pm
	Youth Worship Planning Meeting: TBD	TBD
Tues, 8/31	Nominations & Leadership meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Wed, 9/1	Joint Youth Council meeting: TBD	TBD

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### From Pastor Michael

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



**Family Group Discipleship:** We will join together on 8/24 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 always available at the above contact info and Melissa is available through the church email and phone. **The office will be closed on 8/16.**



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](#)

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## Saint Paul Cares

**Happy Birthday:** Jason Cheshire, 8/23; Elaine Byers, Jenni Thompson, 8/24; Elizabeth Crolley, 8/27, Leo Forrester, 8/28

**Happy Anniversary:** Chris & Jeannine Cox celebrate 6 years on 8/22; Matthew & Lauren Roberts celebrate 4 years on 8/26. Congratulations!

### In your prayers, please remember:

Abbie Barnette, Roger Barrett, Vicki Bolen, Annette Bostic, Tom Boykin, Zonelle Boykin, Linda Bruce, **Jere Byington**, Cheyanne Cantwell, Rachael Cline, Connie Cox, Harriet Cox, Eleanor Cunningham, Natalie Davis, Jim Fayssoux, Sherre Forrester, Stephen Foster, family of Ruth Gentry, **Michael Goldston and family**, 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, William Pool, 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:

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## Announcements & Upcoming Events

**Trustee of the Month** is Jason Cheshire.



**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 will not be 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



**Church Council:** Has been rescheduled to 8/23 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!



**Children's Ministry Team/Sunday School:** Will be meeting on 8/25 at 8pm via Zoom. We will discuss a new structure of Sunday School classes and volunteer schedules. Please let Tennille know if you will not be able to attend. Members and volunteers are Diane Roper, Becky Smith, Raina Newman, Heather Storey, MaryAnn Stephens, Teresa Ferrell, Peggy Whitmire, Donna Connelly, Rebecca Roper, Lori Cheshire, Anna Goldston, Jeannine Cox, Mary Pool, Chris Cox, Jim Storey, Edna Patterson, Pastor Michael, Eugenia Vicars, and Tennille Crnobrnja.



**Nominations & Leadership Team:** Will be meeting on 8/31 at 8pm via Zoom. Please watch your email for the meeting link. Members are Daniel Roper, Troy Gamble, Edna Patterson, Jason Feaster, Taunja Pool, and Pastor Michael.



**Joint Youth Council:** Will be meeting on 9/1. Location and time to be determined. 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!

### **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](mailto:ednapatterson04@gmail.com). [Thank you!](#)

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

Network: St. Paul Guest

Password: Guest

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## **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.



# End of Summer Bash!

The children, youth  
and their families are invited to  
celebrate at

Discovery Island Waterpark  
Sunday, August 29, 2021  
2:15 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.

**Please register by August 25, 2021**

<https://forms.gle/yvCFhhHM7NakTqiN9>

You are welcome to invite a friend.  
They will need to fill out an Activity Participation Form

Discovery Island is located at  
417 Baldwin Road  
Simpsonville, SC

Please go to  
<https://waterparks.greenvillerec.com/discovery-island/>  
and read their policies and guidelines.