

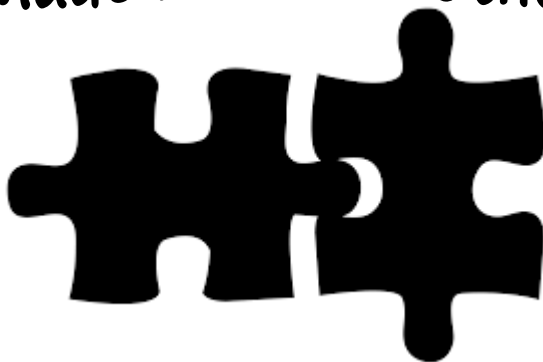


SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Made For Each Other



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 2021

Rev. Michael Goldston

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

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Saintpaulgreenville.org
Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc
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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 "God of the Sparrow" Kerr

*Processional Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" Hymnal no.92

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship Psalm 146:7-10 (mod.)

Leader: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them?

People: The Lord our God!

Leader: Who keeps faith forever?

People: The Lord our God!

Leader: Who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry?

People: The Lord our God!

Leader: Who sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind?

People: The Lord our God!

Leader: Who lifts up those who are bowed down and watches over the strangers?

People: The Lord our God!

Leader: Who will reign forever?

All: The Lord our God! Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: God of all creation, you made each of us in your image, and you made each of us unique. You tell us we are fearfully and wonderfully made. By your Son Jesus Christ we are all given a new birth and new possibilities to live as you created us to live. Fill each of our hearts with compassion to love ourselves as you created us to be. Let us be ourselves with one another, and create a church community where people can be authentic, for there we may reveal the goodness of your creation and your salvation. 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

Presentation of 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.

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

Three-in-one God, open our ears to hear your word and draw us closer to you, that the whole world may be one with you as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 9:23-24

NRSV (pg.668 OT)

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

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

NRSV (pg.175 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series

"Made For Each Other"

Part 2

"The Audacity of Authenticity"

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.

Mission Moment Susan G. Komen

Offertory

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.

Closing Prayer

Sending

*Closing Hymn

"I Surrender All"

Hymnal no.354

*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Is God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

Kerr

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 09/05/2021	Amount	Attendance
General Fund	\$1650.00	09/05/2021
Legacy fund	\$50.00	In-person:19
Capital fund	\$30.00	Streaming households:13
Processing fees	\$23.33	*Viewers reached:147
Total for 09/05/2021	\$1,753.33	

*"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.

Today's Servers:

Lay Leader: Eugenia Vicars

Counters: Debbie Goodwin & Edna Patterson

Media: Mary Anne Terminato

Audio: Davis Lupo

Projector: Collins Cheshire

Reader: Stephanie Gamble

Acolyte: Steele Gamble

Crucifer: Stephanie Gamble

Ushers: The Gamble family

The Storey family

The Pool family

For the Beauty of the Earth

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1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5. For thy church, that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,
 6. For thy - self, best Gift Di - vine, to the world so free - ly given,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies;
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight;
 friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild;
 of - fering up on ev - ery shore her pure sac - ri - fice of love;
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.
 * Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

*For Holy Communion

I Surrender All

Unison

1. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der; all to him I
 2. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der; hum - bly at his
 3. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der; make me, Sav - ior,
 4. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der; Lord, I give my -
 5. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der; now I feel the

free - ly give; I will ev - er love and trust him,
 feet I bow, world - ly plea - sures all for - sak - en;
 whol - ly thine; let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 self to thee; fill me with thy love and pow - er;
 sa - cred flame. O the joy of full sal - va - tion!

Refrain (Harmony)

in his pres - ence dai - ly live.
 take me, Je - sus, take me now.
 tru - ly know that thou art mine. I sur - ren - der
 let thy bless - ing fall on me.
 Glo - ry, glo - ry to his name!

all, I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all,
 I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all,

REPENTANCE

all to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

Sun, 9/12	Chancel Choir rehearsal	9:30am
	Grandparent's Day	In worship
	Joint Youth Group: St. Paul	7:00pm
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
	Family Group Discipleship: Zoom	8:30pm
Thurs, 9/16	Fellowship Luncheon: Copper River Grill	
	11:30am	
	Bible Study: Zoom	7:00pm
Fri, 9/17	Joint Youth Group Pool Party: Edna's	6:00pm

Upcoming events:

Sun, 9/19	Sunday School	
	Joint Youth Group: Saint Paul	7:00pm
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
Tues, 9/28	Women's Community: Zoom	8:00pm
Sun, 10/3	Rev. Cathy Joens:	12:00pm
	Healthy Conversations: Saint Paul	
	Wear pink for Breast Cancer Awareness	
	Blessing of the Animals: Saint Paul	4:00pm
Sun, 10/10	Youth Hinton Mission Trip Celebration	In worship
Sun, 10/24	Youth Contemporary Worship: Northside	7:00pm

From Pastor Michael

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



Family Group Discipleship: We will join together on 9/14 and 9/21 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: Charmaine Pool, 9/12; Daniel Roper, 9/13; Jacob Cox, Tommy Gilstrap, 9/15; Nic Matiz, 9/19

Happy Anniversary: Ray & Jere Byington will be celebrating 33 years on 9/17; Bob & Kathy Weathers will be celebrating 51 years on 9/19. Congratulations!

In your prayers, please remember:

Abbie Barnette, Roger Barrett, Vicki Bolen, Annette Bostic, Tom Boykin, Zonelle Boykin, Linda Bruce, Jere Byington, Chastity Campbell, Cheyanne Cantwell, Connie Cox, family of Harriet Cox, Eleanor Cunningham, Natalie Davis, Jim Fayssoux, Sherre Forrester, Stephen Foster, **Catherine Gilstrap**, 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:

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Trustee of the Month is Jimmie-Lou Vaughn.



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. Please RSVP at:



The Joint Youth Group will be gathering on 9/17 for a **Joint Youth Group Pool Party** at the home of Edna Patterson at 6pm. Please RSVP and order your pizza:

<https://forms.gle/62ukwCdgiGzgZMv99>



Youth Group will be gathering on 9/12 at 7pm at Saint Paul in the Social Hall. Please contact Rachael Cline for more information.



The **Women's Community** will be gathering together via Zoom on 9/28 at 8pm. Please watch your email for the announcement with the Zoom link. Join the ladies of Saint Paul for a night of fellowship, spiritual growth, and laughter.



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

Rev. Cathy Joens will be joining us after worship on Sunday, 10/3, for a class on "Healthy Conversations." Please watch the bulletin for more on this event.



Wear your pink for the service on 10/3 in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.



The youth that attending Hinton this year will be sharing their experience with us on 10/10 in the worship service. Please join us for **Youth Mission Trip Celebration.**



The Joint Youth Group will be hosting a **Youth Contemporary Worship Service** at Northside UMC on Sunday, 10/24, at 7pm. Let's all go support our youth as they grow spiritually.

Upcoming Meetings



S/P/PRC: 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. We will be discussing the budget for 2022. 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 Knobeloch, 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!**

[Stayed tuned for our next packing date.](#)



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! All proceeds from the Pumpkin Patch will support youth summer mission trips.



We will be collecting money in the pink buckets this month for **Susan G. Komen/Breast Cancer Awareness**. Please give generously for this mission.

We will be supporting "Betty's Bunch" in the walk. For more information go to <https://www.komen.org/>.



Legacy Clothes Closet is in desperate need of clothing for children in need. If you would be willing to donate or purchase clothing, please contact the office at 864-235-3494 or saintpaulumc1107@gmail.com. Thank you!

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

Network: St. Paul Guest

Password: Guest



Sunday School for the Fall Quarter

At this time, we are planning to start Sunday School back on September 19th. Classes will meet in their regular classroom. The Older Elementary Class will be moving back to the Children's Wing and will be in the small room off of the Kindergarten/First Grade

Classroom. The youth will meet in the Fellowship Hall on 9/19.

Classes will meet two Sundays in October and two Sundays in November at 10:15 – 10:45am. We will reevaluate things for the Winter Quarter and determine if we will continue with two Sundays a month or will be able to return to meeting every week.

We will continue to monitor the COVID numbers and make adjustments as needed. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Eugenia Vicars, Sunday School Superintendent.

Dates for Sunday School in the Fall Quarter will be:

September 19th

October 3rd and 17th

November 7th and 21st

Children's Worship News

Starting in September, Children's Worship will not be held on the first Sunday of the month. Children's Worship will continue to be held on the second through the fourth Sundays and the fifth Sunday, if the month has five Sundays. We will resume Children's Worship being held upstairs in the Kindergarten/First Grade room.



The changes were made because we are having trouble with volunteers being able to commit right now. Also, with Communion being the first Sunday, the time for Children's Worship was shorter and the volunteers were having trouble completing a lesson and activity and having the children ready to come back into the sanctuary.

We will continue to monitor the COVID numbers and make adjustments as needed.

Thank you for being understanding of these changes as we continue to navigate our way through these concerning times. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Eugenia Vicars, Children's Coordinator.

Those receiving Bibles today:

Annabelle Becker

Anna Cheshire

Leo Forrester

Mary Grace Goldston

Owen Roberts

*Thank you to the following people for
volunteering their time to the Children's
Department and Children's Worship!*

Lori Cheshire

Chris Cox

Jeannine Cox

Tennille Crnobrnja

Teresa Ferrell

Stephanie Gamble

Anna Goldston

Katie Knobloch

Raina Newman

Edna Patterson

Rebecca Roper

MaryAnn Stephens

Heather Storey

Jim Storey

Eugenia Vicars

Peggy Whitmire