

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 "The Lord's My Shepherd" Irvine

*Processional Hymn "We Gather Together" Hymnal no.131

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship Psalm 107:1, 2, 9 (NRSV)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble,

People: For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

All: Give thanks!

Opening Prayer Thomas á Kempis, 15th c

Leader: Let us pray

All: Write thy blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved, that no prosperity, no adversity shall ever move me from thy love. Be thou to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress, a very present help in trouble, and a guide to heaven through the many temptations and dangers of this life. 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 upstairs. Please follow the instructions on the name tag found in the back of your pew. The children will have a lesson and craft 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

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

First Reading Ecclesiastes 3:9-14 NRSV (pg.581 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 Colossians 3:16-17 NRSV (pg.190 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series "Practice Gratitude"
Part 2 "Living My Life Like a Song"

Anthem "A Time for All Things" Wagner
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.**

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

Giving Links:

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

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

*Consecration of pledges

*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

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Hymnal no.694

*Benediction

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

Postlude

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Hegarty

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 11/14/2021	Amount	Attendance
General Fund	\$4,384.00	11/14/2021
Legacy	\$105.00	In-person: 32
Summer Camp	\$353.45	Streaming households: 7
PanCan	\$151.00	*Viewers reached: 86
Processing fees	\$5.93	
Total for 11/14/2021	\$4,999.38	

*"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.

A memorial was given to the glory of God in memory of Ron & Betty Howard by Daniel & Rebecca Roper.

A special thank you to James Sheppard and Wayne Lynch for bringing down all the decorations for the sanctuary for the Advent season. We appreciate their help and willingness to help us!

Worship Bags are available for children K3-2nd grade on the bench in the narthex. Look for your name or grab an unlabeled bag. 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

Children's Worship: Lori Cheshire & Edna Patterson

Reader: Eugenia Vicars

Acolyte: Anna Cheshire

Crucifer: John Tate

Ushers: Edna Patterson

Jeannine Cox

Rebecca Roper

We Gather Together

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1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - umphant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known.
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

694 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come, bring thy fi - nal

har - vest home; all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the
 God we yield; wheat and tares to - geth - er sown are to
 har - vest home; from the field shall in that day all of -
 har - vest home; gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from

win - ter storms be - gin. God our Mak - er doth pro - vide
 joy or sor - row grown; first the blade and then the ear,
 fens - es purge a - way, giv - ing an - gels charge at last
 sor - row, free from sin, there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied,

for our wants to be sup - plied; come to God's own
 then the full corn shall ap - pear, Lord of har - vest,
 in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruit - ful
 in thy pres - ence to a - bide; come, with all thine

SPECIAL DAYS

tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 ears to store in the gar - ner ev - er - more.
 an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

Sun, 11/21

Wear purple for PANCAN

Sunday School

10:15am

Bake Sale

After worship

Advent Wreath Workshop: St Paul

3 – 4:30pm

Decorating of the Sanctuary

4:30pm

Supper Club: Todaro's pizza

6:00pm

Confirmation Class: Saint Paul

5:30pm

Youth Group: Saint Paul

6:30pm

Mon, 11/22 – 11/26

Office Closed

Mon, 11/22

CANCELLED: Church Council meeting: Zoom

8:00pm

Tues, 11/23

S/PPRC meeting: In-Person & Zoom

7:00pm

Upcoming events:

11/30

Legacy Bag Packing: Saint Paul

9:00am

12/1

Church Council meeting: Zoom

8:00pm

12/4

Youth Service Day: Piedmont

12:00-6:00pm

12/5

Legacy Gifts Due

Blessing of the Legacy Gifts

In Worship

12/10

Parents' Night Out

6-9:00pm

12/24

Candlelight and Communion Service

6:00pm

From Pastor Michael

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



Bible Study: Meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:30pm. We are continuing to study Acts and meet via Zoom.



Project Host: If you would like to join me in service to the hungry in our community, go to <https://www.projecthost.org/> and sign up to volunteer on 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 11/22 through 11/26. Happy Thanksgiving!

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

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

Sunday Worship Safety Protocols

1. **Cloth or surgical face masks** covering the nose and mouth are **required** when unable to maintain 6-ft. social distancing inside the building. If seated in the piano-side pews, everyone aged 3 and older should remain masked for the entire service. If seated in the other two sections, you may take off your mask when seated while maintaining 6-ft. social distancing.
 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.
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Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Donna Connelly, Larry Jones, 11/25

Happy Anniversary: Jason & Whitney Feaster are celebrating 17 years on 11/27.

In your prayers, please remember:

Abbie Barnette, Roger Barrett, Vicki Bolen, Annette Bostic, Tom Boykin, Zonelle Boykin, Linda Bruce, Chastity Campbell, Cheyanne Cantwell, Connie Cox, Eleanor Cunningham, Natalie Davis, Jim Fayssoux, Sherre Forrester, Stephen Foster, Catherine Gilstrap, Marie Good, Debbie Goodwin, Doris Goodwin, Lisa Harbin, Carol Head, Dawn Hollingsworth, Sue Howard, Boone Hoyt and family, Lee Jenkinson, Victor Jenkinson, Larry & Jodi Johnson, Larry Jones, Jean Jones, Tinsley Lyles, Crystal McCoy, Karsyn Miller, Mackenzie Murphy, Kenneth & Jan Osborne, Marie Phillips, Pam Putnam, Ronnie Quinn, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Joyce Searcy, Mary Lee Shirley, Nancy Smith, John Sprinkle, 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:

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Trustee of the Month is John Smith.



The **Joint Youth Group** will be meeting at Saint Paul on 11/28, 12/12 and 12/19 and 6:30pm. Confirmation class will be meeting at 5:30pm on those days. The youth will be having a **Service Day** on 12/4 from 12:00pm to 6:00pm. They will be working at multiple locations around Piedmont including the fire station, nursing home, packing bags of food, passing blessing at the laundry mat, visiting Appalachian Ministries of the Carolina's or doing physical work on the house for Epworth. They will also be stopping to shop for their Legacy child for Christmas. Lunch will be provided. Please wear your light blue Saint Paul/Northside t-shirt. RSVP if you are coming by 11/30 to Rachael at 704-564-4392 or rachael.cline@hotmail.com.



We will be **decorating the sanctuary** on 11/21 at 4:30pm. Please join us as we get our sanctuary ready for the Advent season.



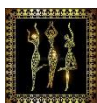
Join us on 11/21 at 3-4:30pm for our **Advent Wreath Workshop**. We will gather in our parking pad by the office entrance to make our Advent wreaths. Devotions that you and your family can use during the Advent season will be available. A new addition will be a table for the children to make a Chrismon. We hope you will plan to join us for an afternoon of hot chocolate, Christmas cookies, music, and wreath making as we prepare for the Advent season and the birth of our Lord. If you would like to come out and make an Advent wreath for your family, please RSVP clicking this link by November 17th: <https://forms.gle/bzEeAW71pKHVv2Ap7>



Attention Parents: Parents' Night Out will be happening on 12/10, drop of your little ones from 6:00 to 9:00pm and have a night out or get some shopping done. The menu for the evening will be chicken nuggets, French fries, and a fruit cup. RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/JL2PCUpqRzp3nEps7>



The next **Fellowship Luncheon** will be on 12/14 at 11:30am at the Olive Garden on Laurens Road. Come join us for our last meal together in 2021!



The **Golden Girls Luncheon & Bible Study** will be on 12/16 at 11:30 at the home of Mary Pool. Bring your back lunch. Drinks will be provided. We are currently discussing the women of the Bible.

Upcoming Meetings



Trustees: Will not be meeting the rest of this year. Members are John Sprinkle, Whitney Feaster, Ed Pool, Jason Cheshire, John Smith, and Jimmie-Lou Vaughn.



Church Council: Will NOT be meeting on 11/22 at 8pm via Zoom, but will meet on 12/1 instead. 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!



S/PPRC: Meeting has been rescheduled to 11/23 at 7pm in-person with a Zoom option. Members are John Tate, Davis Lupo, Jim Storey, Katie Knobloch, Rebecca Roper, Tennille Crnobrnja, Eugenia Vicars, and Pastor Michael. This is a closed meeting.

Opportunities to Serve



We are continuing to collect 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!



We are continuing to collect non-perishable items for the **Hygiene Bags**. Please leave donations in the shopping cart located in the narthex and they will be stored until needed. Please see the display in the narthex to see what we need. Thank you!



Legacy Christmas: Sponsors, please have all gifts to the church by December 5th for the Blessing of the Gifts. You do not need to have your gifts in gift bags! Just bring them in the shopping bags. You can include gifts bags if you would like. Gifts will be distributed to the family the week of 12/7. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Connelly, Edna Patterson, or the office. Thank you for supporting this mission!



United Ministries will not have its one-day coat giveaway this year. Instead, we will give out coats all winter as needed. The most often needed are L, XL, XXL, XXXL **all-weather coats** – not wool or coats that need to be dry cleaned. We do not need children's coats this year as they have already been provided. Many thanks for your help with this need. Coats may be delivered Monday – Friday from 8:30 – 12:00.

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

Network: St. Paul Guest

Password: Guest

Sunday School for December

Classes will meeting 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.

Classes will meet December 5th, 12th, and 19th 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.



Reverse Advent 2021

Dear friends of Saint Paul UMC,

The Children's Ministry is sponsoring a Reverse Advent Project to support Saint Paul's Backpack Ministry.

Our goal is for each family to fill reusable grocery bags with 24 food items during Advent to provide food for 50 children at Legacy on the weekend.

When students leave school for the weekend, the last thing they should have to worry about is how they are going to get their next meal. Our Backpack Ministry program provides children at risk of weekend hunger a bag of food that is child-friendly, nutritious, nonperishable and easy to eat. Partnering with Legacy Charter Elementary, Backpacks are distributed every Friday so that children have meals for the weekend. Each Backpack provides enough food that a child can easily assemble into six healthy meals. This helps ensure that children will have food over the weekend and return to school on Monday ready to learn.





















On the reverse side of this letter you will find a calendar with an item for each day of December to place in a reusable grocery bag. Each item is an individual portion size product. Please bring the bags to the Christmas Eve Communion Service at Saint Paul on Christmas Eve.

We are grateful for your support of this project.

Children's Ministry of Saint Paul UMC
Eugenia Vicars, Children's Coordinator

December

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Please place food items in reusable grocery bags to bring to the church on Christmas Eve. We can always use 2-gallon, resealable plastic bags.</p>						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>Velveeta Mac & Cheese Cup</p> 	<p>Chef Boyardee Ravioli</p> 	<p>Kool-Aid Pouches</p> 	<p>Vienna sausage</p> 	<p>Cheez Its Snack size</p> 	<p>Ramen Noodles</p> 	<p>Chef Boyardee Beefaroni</p> 
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p>Oatmeal</p> 	<p>Pudding Cups</p> 	<p>Chef Boyardee Spaghetti</p> 	<p>Nutri Grain Bars</p> 	<p>Fruit Cups- Pineapple</p> 	<p>Teddy Gramams Snack Size</p> 	<p>Apple Juice boxes</p> 
19	20	21	22	23	24	
<p>Chef Boyardee Lasagna</p> 	<p>Cereal Individual size</p> 	<p>Fruit cups- Peaches</p> 	<p>Campbell's Soup Cups</p> 	<p>Grits</p> 	<p>Applesauce cups</p> 	<p>Food Collection</p> 