



# SAINT PAUL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



### **First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021**

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Pastor: Rev. Michael Goldston

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 "Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head" Appalachian Carol

\*Processional Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Hymnal no.211

Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship and Lighting the Advent Candle Dr. Derek C. Weber

Pastor: Something stirs deep within us – a longing, a hope,

**People: A thirst for joy, a hunger for peace, a yearning for blessing.**

Pastor: We know deep within that our hopes and fears

**People: Will be met by angel songs and baby sighs.**

Pastor: It is Advent –

**People: Season of waiting, hoping, yearning,**

Pastor: Advent –

**All: Time to go home.**

Opening Prayer Anne Osdieck

Leader: Let us pray

**All: Jesus, we shudder at signs we see. Anxieties bombard us. Our hearts are afraid. Lord, let us be vigilant, hold our heads high. Make us an Advent people with hope as our stronghold. Jesus, You once came into our world with all its sorrows. Keep us awake and alert to your presence in the midst of our struggles now. Tell us again that your love will triumph. 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 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

**Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting and watching, the hoping and longing, the sorrow and rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.**

\*First Reading Luke 21:25-36 The Message (pg.80 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 Jeremiah 33:14-16 NRSV (pg.694 OT)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Series "Come Home for Christmas"  
Part 1 "Time to Go Home"

Anthem "What Child Is This" Hymn no.219

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming " Hymn no.216

"In the Bleak Midwinter" Hymn no.221

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>

\*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

"Go Tell it On the Mountain"

Hymnal no.251

\*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Praise Ye the Lord of Host"

Whitworth

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**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

Counters: Debbie Goodwin & Edna Patterson

Media: Mary Anne Terminato

Audio: Davis Lupo

Projector: Collins Cheshire

Children's Worship: Lori Cheshire

Advent: The Miller family

Reader: Charlie Stephens

Acolyte: Henry Stephens

Crucifer: Charlie Stephens

Ushers: Edna Patterson

Jeannine Cox

Rebecca Roper

## 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2. O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things  
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on  
 4. O come, thou Root of Jes - se's tree, an en - sign of thy

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show  
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times once gave the law  
 peo - ple be; be - fore thee ru - lers si - lent fall;

*Refrain*

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 and cause us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 all peo - ples on thy mer - cy call.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

WORDS: 9th cent. Latin; trans. st. 1, 3, 5ab, 6cd, 7ab *The Hymnal*, 1940; st. 2, Henry Veni EMMANUEL  
 Sloane Coffin, 1916; st. 4, 5cd, 6ab, 7cd, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1986 LM with Refrain

MUSIC: 15th cent. French; arr. and harm. by Thomas Helmore, 1854

Sis. 1, 3, 5ab, 6cd, 7ab © 1940, 1943, renewed 1981 The Church Pension Fund; trans. sts. 4, 5cd, 6ab, 7cd; © 1989 The United  
 Methodist Publishing House; antiphons © 1962 Sisters of St. Benedict

5. O come, thou Key of David, come,  
 and open wide our heavenly home.  
 The captives from their prison free,  
 and conquer death's deep misery.  
*Refrain*

6. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
 our spirits by thy justice here;  
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
*Refrain*

7. O come, Desire of nations bind  
 all peoples in one heart and mind.  
 From dust thou brought us forth to life;  
 deliver us from earthly strife.  
*Refrain*

## What Child Is This

219

1. What child is this who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's  
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and  
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant,

lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
 ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tians, fear, for  
 king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

## 216 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath  
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in  
 3. O Flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, as those of old have  
 mind; with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Moth - er  
 air, dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark-ness ev - ery -

sung. It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the  
 kind. To show God's love a - right, she bore to  
 where. True man yet ver - y God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
 us a Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.  
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

WORDS: Sts. 1-2, 15th cent. German; trans. by Theodore Baker, 1894; st. 3 from  
*The Hymnal*, 1940 (ls. 35:1-2)  
 MUSIC: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599; harm. by Michael Praetorius, 1609

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## In the Bleak Midwinter

221

1. In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
 2. Our God, heaven can-not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;  
 3. An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath-ered there,  
 4. What can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign.  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim throng - ed the air;  
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
 In the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed the  
 but his moth - er on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,  
 if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
 Lord God Al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.  
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.  
 what I can I give him: give my heart.



## 251 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*Refrain*

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev-ery-where;

*Fine*

go, tell it on the moun-tain, that Je-sus Christ is born.

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si-lent flocks by night,  
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled, when lo! a-bove the earth,  
3. Down in a low-ly man-ger the hum-ble Christ was born,

*D.C.*

be-hold through-out the heav-ens there shown a ho-ly light.  
rang out the an-gel cho-rus that hailed the Sav-ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal-va-tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

WORDS: John W. Work, Jr., 1907 (Lk. 2:8-20)  
MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by  
William Farley Smith, 1986

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN  
Irr. with Refrain

## Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

11/28	Confirmation class: Saint Paul	5:30pm
	Joint Youth Group: Saint Paul	6:30pm
11/30	Legacy Bag Packing	9:00am
12/1	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
12/4	Youth Service Day: Piedmont	12:00-6:00pm

Upcoming events:

12/5	Sunday School	10:15am
	Legacy Christmas Gifts due	By worship
	Blessing of the Legacy Gifts	Worship
12/10	Parents' Night Out	6-9:00pm
12/24	Candlelight and Communion worship	6:00pm

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### From Pastor Michael

(You can always reach me at 864-979-2435 or [megoldston@umcsc.org](mailto: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 12/14.

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

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

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## **Sunday School for December**

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.

Classes will meet December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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:** Blythe Knobloch, 12/2; Collins Cheshire, Jane Davis, 12/3; Charlie Stephens, 12/4

**Happy Anniversary:** Steve & Nicole Ackerman are celebrating 21 years on 12/3.

### 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:

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## 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](mailto:rachael.cline@hotmail.com).



**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.

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## Upcoming Meetings



**Church Council:** will be meeting on 12/1 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!



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



**S/PPRC:** Will be meeting on 12/13 at 7pm 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.



**Finance Committee:** Will be meeting on 12/20 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 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](mailto:ednapatterson04@gmail.com). Thank you! **Our next bag packing day will be 11/30 at 9am in the social hall.**



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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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## 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

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Velveeta Mac & Cheese Cup 	6 Chef Boyardee Ravioli 	7 Kool-Aid Pouches 	8 Beanee Weenes 	9 Goldfish Snack size 	10 Fruit Cups- Mixed Fruit 	11 Horizon Organic milk 
12 Oatmeal 	13 Pudding Cups 	14 Chef Boyardee Spaghetti 	15 Nutri Grain Bars 	16 Fruit Cups- Pineapple 	17 Teddy Grahams Snack Size 	18 Apple juice boxes 
19 Chef Boyardee Lasagna 	20 Cereal Individual size 	21 Fruit cups- Peaches 	22 Campbell's Soup Cups 	23 Grits 	24 Applesauce cups 