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First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021

864-235-3494 - saintpaulumc1107@gmail.com Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/

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Saintpaulgreenville.org Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc Goldysermons.podomatic.com Pastor: Rev. Michael Goldston <u>Staff</u>

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 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

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 The Message (pg.80 NT) Luke 21:25-36

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

All: Thanks be to God.

"The Apostles' Creed" UM Hymnal #881 *Affirmation of Faith I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived 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 was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

NRSV (pg.694 OT) Second Scripture Jeremiah 33:14-16

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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

Anthem "What Child Is This" Hymn no.219

> "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Hymn no.216 Hvmn no.221

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

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

Worship Bags are available for children K3- 2^{nd} 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



WORDS: 9th cent. Latin; trans. st. 1, 3, 5ab, 6cd, 7ab The Hymnal, 1940; st. 2, Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916; st. 4, 5cd, 6ab, 7cd, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1986 MUSIC: 15th cent. French; arr. and harm. by Thomas Helmore, 1854

Sts. 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

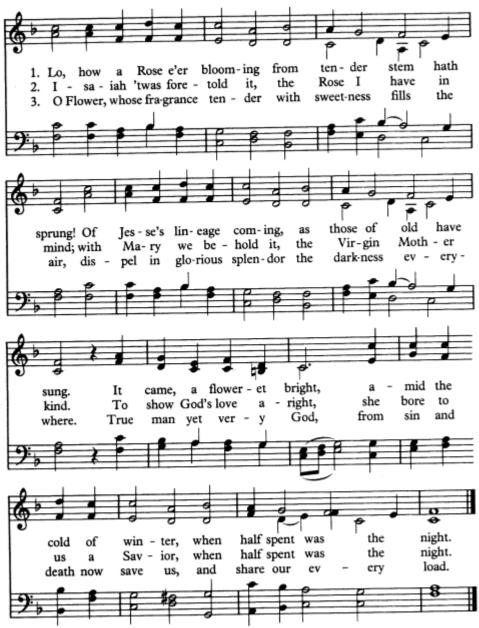
- O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home. The captives from their prison free, and conquer death's deep misery. Refrain
- O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain
- 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



WORDS: William C. Dix, 1865 (Lk. 2:6-20; Mt. 2:1-12) MUSIC: 16th cent. English melody

87.87 with Refrain

216 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



WORDS: Sts. 1-2, 15th cent. German; trans. by Theodore Baker, 1894; st. 3 from The Hymnal, 1940 (Is. 35:1-2)

MUSIC: Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesüng, 1599; harm. by Michael Praetorius, 1609

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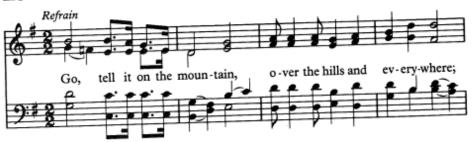
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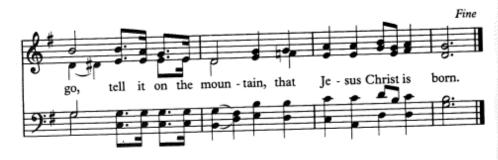
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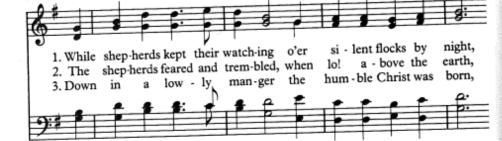


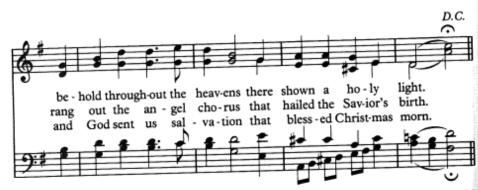
WORDS: Christina G. Rossetti, 1872 (Lk. 2:8-14) MUSIC: Gustav Holst, 1906

Go, Tell It on the Mountain 251









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

Upcomi	ng ev	ents:
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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

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 12/14.

Share our live-stream on your Facebook page.

Take five minutes and write us a **review**! Facebook or Google

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 5^{th} , 12^{th} , and 19^{th} 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.

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Blythe Knobeloch, 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:

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.



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/JL2PCUpgRzp3nEps7



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



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 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!



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 Knobeloch, 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 Knobeloch, 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. 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 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







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

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Chef Boyardee Lasagna	Oatmeal	Velveeta Mac & Cheese Cup	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
Cereal Individual size	Pudding Cups Spack codete	Chef Boyardee Ravioli	ditems in bags to bring to ristmas Eve. We gallon, bags.	Monday
Fruit cups- Peaches	14 Chef Boyardee Spaghetti	Kool-Aid Pouches		Tuesday
Campbell's Soup Cups	Nutri Grain Bars	Beanee Weenes	Vienna sausage	Wednesday
Grits	16 Fruit Cups- Pineapple	Goldfish Snack size	Cheez Its Snack size	Thursday
Applesauce cups	17 Teddy Grahams Snack Size	Fruit Cups-Mixed Fruit	Ramen Noodles	Friday
Food Collection	Apple juice boxes	Horizon Organic milk	Chef Boyardee Beefaroni	Saturday