



# SAINT PAUL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



**Epiphany Sunday**  
**January 02, 2022**

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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

\*Processional Hymn "He Is Born" Hymnal no.228  
Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship Dr. Derek C. Weber

Leader: Sing aloud with gladness:

**People: God is gathering the people!**

Leader: From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

**People: All who struggle; all who labor with new life!**

Leader: Those who are weeping, God will console;

**People: Those who get lost find a clear path home.**

Leader: Let us worship the God who gathers us!

Opening Prayer of Confession

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.** (silence for personal prayer)

Leader: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to us all. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All: Glory to God, Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Leader: As a forgiven and reconciled people, 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

Matthew 2:1-12

NRSV (pg.1 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

Micah 5:2-5a

NRSV (pg.815 OT)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon Series

"Come Home for Christmas"

Part 6

"The Blessing of Home"

### Anthem

"Grace"

Hamlin

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.**

## 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.**

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

#### Invitation

This is the Lord's Table. Everyone seeking the grace of God in Jesus Christ is invited.

#### The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(Pastor praises the Father)...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn!

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

(Pastor praises the Son)... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again**

(Pastor praises the Holy Spirit)

**Amen.**

#### 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.**

\*Giving the Bread and Cup

This is the Lord's Table. Everyone seeking the grace of God in Jesus Christ is invited to participate. The ushers will direct you to come forward in small groups and kneel at the altar rail. You will receive a piece of bread and a cup of juice to eat and drink with your group. Individually wrapped cups and wafers and gluten-free wafers are available. You may remain in prayer, then return to your seat via the outside aisles.

Sending

\*Closing Hymn

"We Three Kings"

Hymnal no.254

\*Benediction

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

Postlude

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**Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts**

<b>Giving for 12/24 &amp;26/2021</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
General Fund:	\$13,267.22	12/24/2021
Legacy:	\$1,202.00	In-person: 78
PanCan:	\$47.00	Streaming households: 44
Summer Camp:	\$510.10	*Viewers reached: 54
Furman Wesley	\$225.00	
Processing fees:	\$31.82	12/26/2021
Staff Bonus:	\$710.00	In-person: 60
New Staff:	\$2,018.46	Streaming households: 34
Memorials & Honorariums:	\$75.00	*Viewers reached: 65
<b>Total Giving:</b>	<b>\$18,086.60</b>	

\*"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.

We collected \$512.00 for **PanCAN**. Thank you for your generous giving!

We collected \$500.00 for **Furman Wesley**. Thank you for your generous giving!

We collected \$1,390.00 for **Staff Christmas Bonus**. Thank you for showing your gratitude to our staff through your generous giving.

We collected \$1,202.00 for the **Legacy Clothes Closet** on Christmas Eve. Thank you for your generous giving!

**Memorials were given to the glory of God in memory of Rev. Ferrell Cox** by John & Suzanne Sprinkle and Ed & Mary Pool.

**A memorial was given to the glory of God in memory of Rev. Murray Snow's sister** by Ed & Mary Pool.

**An honorarium was given to the glory of God in honor of Mrs. Peggy** by Mason Stein.

**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:**

Reader: Anna Goldston

Acolyte: Mary Grace Goldston

Crucifer: John Tate

Children's Worship: TBD

## He Is Born

(Il Est Né)

*Refrain (Unison)*

He is born, the ho - ly Child, play the o - boe and  
*Il est né, le di - vin En - fant, jou - ez haut - bois rè - son -*

bag - pipes mer - ri - ly! He is born, the ho - ly Child,  
*nez mu - set - tes! Il est né, le di - vin En - fant,*

*Fine Optional S.A.*

sing we all of the Sav - ior mild. 1. Thru long a - ges  
*chan - tons tous son a - vé - ne - ment!* 2. O how love - ly,  
 3. Je - sus, Lord of

of the past, proph - ets have fore - told his com - ing;  
 O how pure is this per - fect child of heav - en;  
 all the world, com - ing as a child a - mong us,

WORDS: Trad. 19th cent. French carol; trans. anon.  
 MUSIC: 18th cent. French carol; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

IL EST NÉ  
 78.77 with Refrain

Harm. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

thru long a - ges of the past, now the time has come at last!  
 O how love - ly, O how pure, gra - cious gift to hu - man - kind!  
 Je - sus, Lord of all the world, grant to us thy heaven - ly peace.

*D.C.*

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## We Three Kings

1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing  
 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense  
 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise; King and

gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
 bring to crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er,  
 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
 God and sac - ri - fice: Al - le - lu - ia,

moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.  
 voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.  
 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, sounds through the earth and skies.

*Refrain*

O star of won - der, star of light, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

## Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

Tues, 1/4

9:00am

Legacy Bag Packing

Bible Study: Zoom

7:30pm

Thurs, 1/6

Trustees meeting: Zoom

8:00pm

Upcoming events:

Sun, 1/9

Confirmation Class: Northside UMC

5:30pm

Joint Youth Group: Northside UMC

6:30pm

Mon, 1/10

Pastor Michael at Project Host

9:00am – 1:00pm

S/PPRC meeting: Zoom

8:00pm

Tues, 1/11

Fellowship Luncheon: Yard House

11:30am

Fri, 1/14

Office Closed

all day

Parents Night Out: Saint Paul

6:00-9:00pm

Mon, 1/17

Office Closed: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

all day

Sat, 1/29

Revolution! Youth Event: Columbia, SC

all day

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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 the second Monday of each month from 9am to 1pm.

**Office Hours:** We are open from 8:15am until 1:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and 8:00 to 12:30 on Wednesday. I am available at the above contact info and Melissa is available through the church email and phone. The Office will be closed 12/24 and 12/28-31.

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

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## 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. In the balcony, everyone aged 3 and older should remain masked for the entire service. If seated in the lower sanctuary, you may take off your mask when seated while maintaining 6-ft. social distancing. Please be sure to wear your mask when entering, moving about, and exiting the building.
  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:** Taylor-May Stephens, 1/1; Polly Goldston, 1/3; Brooks Kanipe, Ethan Roberts, 1/4; Chelsea Biggers, 1/8

**Happy Anniversary:** There are no wedding anniversaries this month

### **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, Sonny Goldston, Marie Good, Debbie Goodwin, Doris Goodwin, Lisa Harbin, Carol Head, Amos Horne, 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, 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 be given:

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## Announcements & Upcoming Events



The **Joint Youth Group** will be meeting 1/9, 1/16 and 1/23 at Northside at 6:30pm.



The **Confirmation class** will be meeting at 5:30pm on 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, at Northside UMC. The Joint Youth Group meeting will follow on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>.



The next **Fellowship Luncheon** will be on 1/11 at 11:30am at the Yard House on Woodruff Road. Come join us for our first meal together in 2022! RSVP: <https://forms.gle/Z2DGXSkkQjhpG3yA6>

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## Upcoming Meetings



**Trustees:** Will be meeting on 1/6 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Ed Pool, Jason Cheshire, John Smith, Jimmie-Lou Vaughn, Debbie Goodwin, and Chris Cox. All are welcome!



**S/PPRC:** Will be meeting on 1/10 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Rebecca Roper, Tennille Crnobrnja, Jim Storey, Katie Knobloch, Donna Connelly, Eugenia Vicars, and Troy Gamble. This is a closed meeting.



**Finance Committee:** Will be meeting on 1/17 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Becky Hollifield, David Knobloch, Melissa Campbell, Donna Connelly, Tommy Head, Eugenia Vicars, Tracey Biggers, and Pastor Michael. All are welcome!



**Church Council:** Will be meeting on 1/24 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Tracey Biggers, Lori Cheshire, Heather Storey, Janet Cook, Peggy Whitmire, Collins Cheshire, Eugenia Vicars, Jim Storey, David Knobloch, Becky Hollifield, Carol Head, Davis Lupo, MaryAnn Stephens, Bill Searcy, Edna Patterson, Elaine Byers, and Mary Anne Terminato. All are welcome!

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## 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. Our next bag packing will be 1/4 at 9am. If you need more information, please contact the office or Edna Patterson at [ednapatterson04@gmail.com](mailto:ednapatterson04@gmail.com). **We will be packing bags on 1/4 at 9am**

**in the social hall. Please wear your mask and social distancing will be observed.**



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!



**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.

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Network: St. Paul Guest

Password: Guest