



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



Second Sunday of Advent December 05, 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 "In the Bleak Midwinter" Young

*Processional Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" Hymnal no.203

Lighting of the Candles

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

Leader: O come, O come, Immanuel,

People: And be light for our darkness.

Leader: Be comfort in our grief, be a friend for our loneliness,

People: An oasis for our searching.

Leader: O come, O come, Immanuel,

People: Restore our joy, heal our wounds, and bring us peace.

Opening Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray

All: Loving God, be to us as a bulldozer of the spirit. Clear your road in us; clear a path through the wasteland of possessions and obsessions. Thrust aside our divided aims and devious games. Topple the ramparts of pride and the doubts that deride. Make a highway on which Christ may come and take possession of the whole territory of our being. (Silence for personal prayer)

Leader: Jesus says, "Look, I'm coming soon. Favored are those who wash their robes so that they may have the right of access to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates." In the name of the coming one, 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 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 Luke 3:2b-6 NRSV (pg.56 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 Malachi 3:1-4 NRSV (pg.838 OT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series "Come Home for Christmas"
Part 2 "The Fear of Home"

Anthem "Bring Us Hope" Schram
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>

To **give to Christmas Staff Bonus** – PayPal: write “Staff Bonus” in the Notes section. Realm: select “Christmas Staff Gift” in the Realm fund menu

*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.

Blessing the Legacy Christmas Gifts

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 as a family or individual 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 “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” Hymnal no.204

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

Postlude “While By My Sheep” Young

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 11/21 & 28/2021	Amount	Attendance
General Fund:	\$5,325.00	11/21/2021
Legacy:	\$100.00	In-person: 46
PANCan	\$289.00	Streaming households: 5
Summer Camp:	\$555.30	*Viewers reached: 59
Furman Wesley	\$125.00	11/28/2021
Processing fees:	\$50.79	In-person: 33
Total Giving:	\$6445.09	Streaming households: 12
		*Viewers reached: 126

*“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 raised \$ for PANCAN. Thank you for supporting this mission and helping to find a cure!

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	Reader: Stephanie Gamble
Counters: Debbie Goodwin & Edna Patterson	Acolyte: Steele Gamble
Media: Mary Anne Terminato	Crucifer: Stephanie Gamble
Audio: Davis Lupo	Ushers: Edna Patterson
Projector: Collins Cheshire	Jeannine Cox
Children’s Worship: MaryAnn Stephens & Edna Patterson	Rebecca Roper
Advent: The Knobloch family	

Hail to the Lord's Anointed 203

1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da-vid's great-er Son!
 2. He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong;
 3. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4. To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend;

Hail in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth.
 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
 Be - fore him, on the moun - tains, shall peace, the her - ald, go,
 The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in his sight.
 and righ - teous - ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val - ley flow.
 his name shall stand for - ev - er; that name to us is love.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Unison
C E+ F Dm7 E^b° Em

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,

A7 A/C# Dm G7 C Cmaj7 C9 E+

his name is called Emmanuel. God with

F Dm7 E^b° Em A7 A/C#

us, re - vealed in us, his name is

Dm G7 C F/C D.C. (final) C

called Emmanuel.

WORDS: Bob McGee, 1976 (Mt. 1:23)

MUSIC: Bob McGee, 1976

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Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

Sun, 12/5	Sunday School	10:15am
	Legacy Christmas Gifts due	By worship
	Blessing of the Legacy Gifts	Worship
Tues, 12/7	Bible Study: Zoom	7:30pm
Fri, 12/10	Parents' Night Out	6-9:00pm

Upcoming events:

Tues, 12/14	Fellowship Luncheon: Olive Garden	11:30am
Thurs, 12/16	Golden Girls: Mary Pool's	11:30am
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 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.

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.
 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, **Benjamin Pool**, Pam Putnam, Ronnie Quinn, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Joyce Searcy, Mary Lee Shirley, Nancy Smith, **Rev. Murray Snow and family**, 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 12/12 and 12/19 and 6:30pm. Confirmation class will be meeting at 5:30pm on those days.



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! RSVP: <https://forms.gle/Z2DGXSkKqjhpG3yA6>



The **Golden Girls Luncheon & Bible Study** will be on 12/16 at 11:30 at the home of Mary Pool. Lunch and drinks will be provided for this gathering. We are currently discussing the women of the Bible. RSVP: <https://forms.gle/9SU54SYEaPw8gx1K9>

Upcoming Meetings



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!



Church Council: will be meeting next in January. 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!

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.



[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:** Thank you to everyone who sponsored a child this year! The gifts are being blessed today and distributed this week. We are grateful for your support of this mission and for making Christmas very special for these children.](#)



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

December

2021

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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 