



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



Third Sunday of Advent December 12, 2021

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Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/

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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 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" Whitworth

*Processional Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Hymnal no.196
Lighting of the Candles

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

Leader: A path to our God,

People: Winding through the ordinary,

Leader: Weaving through the busyness,

People: Overcoming roadblocks and detours.

Leader: A way to go home,

People: Leaving the past in the past,

Leader: Moving from darkness and exile,

People: Coming into the light.

Leader: Advent is a path to our God,

People: A way to come home,

Leader: A discovery of God's voice:

People: Rejoice, rejoice, God is with us!

Opening Prayer RCL Prayers

Leader: Let us pray

All: O God of the exiles and the lost, you promise restoration and wholeness through the power of Jesus Christ. Give us faith to live joyfully, sustained by your promises as we eagerly await the day when they will be fulfilled for all the world to see, through the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ. 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

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>

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.

Sending

*Closing Hymn

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Hymnal no.220

*Benediction

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

Postlude

“Postlude in F Major”

Whitworth

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 12/05/2021	Amount	Attendance
General Fund:	\$740.00	12/05/2021
Legacy:	\$30.00	In-person: 44
Capital:	\$30.00	Streaming households: 5
Furman Wesley Foundation:	\$150.00	*Viewers reached: 88
Processing fees:	\$25.18	
Total Giving:	\$975.18	

*“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 are still counting the donations for PANCAN. Thank you for supporting this mission and helping to find a cure!

The Bake Sale raised \$555.30 for the children and youth to go to summer camps and missions. Thank you!

Financial Standing

Monthly Goal for November:	\$7,895.14
Total giving for November:	\$10,424.00
Money transfers for November:	\$12875.00
Expected budget for November:	\$19,738.33
Actual budget expenses for November:	\$18,351.75
Expected Giving Year-to-date:	\$106,852.38
Received Year-to-date:	\$119,838.86
Thank you for your generous giving!	

We are reporting monthly giving compared to a giving goal based on expected annual giving and a 3-year monthly average. We are also reporting year-to-date totals, monthly budgeted totals, and monthly actual expenses. This should give you a more accurate picture of our financial situation.

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

Counters: Debbie Goodwin & Edna Patterson

Media: Mary Anne Terminato

Audio: Davis Lupo

Projector: Collins Cheshire

Children's Worship: Rebecca Roper & Tennille Crnobrnja

Advent: The Franks family

Reader: Steele Gamble

Acolyte: Steele Gamble

Crucifer: Stephanie Gamble

Ushers: Edna Patterson

Jeannine Cox

Rebecca Roper

Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

Sun, 12/12	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:30am
	Sunday School	10:15am
	Confirmation Class: Saint Paul	5:30pm
	Joint Youth Group: Saint Paul	6:30pm
Mon, 12/13	S/PPRC Meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 12/14	Office Closed	
	Fellowship Luncheon: Olive Garden	11:30am
Thurs, 12/16	Golden Girls: Mary Pool's (Please RSVP)	11:30am
Fri, 12/17	Youth Christmas Party: Northside UMC	7:00pm
Upcoming events:		
Tues, 12/21	Bible Study: Zoom	7:30pm
Fri, 12/24	Office Closed	
	Candlelight and Communion worship	6:00pm
12/28 – 12/31	Office Closed for the holidays	

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 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 12/14.

[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 Youth Room.

Classes will meet December 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.

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Tennille Crnobrnja, Terry Thompson, 12/15; Bowman Franks, 12/18

Happy Anniversary: David and Taunja Pool are celebrating 16 years on 12/17; Steve and Jimmie-Lou Vaughn are celebrating 50 years on 12/18! Congratulations!

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, **family of Farrell 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 Whitney Feaster.



The **Joint Youth Group** will be meeting at Saint Paul on 12/12 and 12/19 and 6:30pm.



The **Confirmation class** will be meeting at 5:30pm on 12/12 and 12/19. The Joint Youth Group meeting will follow.



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>



The Joint Youth Group will be having a **Youth Group Christmas Party** on 12/17 at 7pm at Northside UMC. Wear your favorite Christmas pj's, ugly sweater, or Christmas outfit and join us for a night of fun!



The **Women's Community** will not be meeting in December. We will resume our evenings of fun, laughter, and fellowship in January. Enjoy the holidays!

Upcoming Meetings



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!



Church Council: will be meeting next in January. All are welcome!



Trustees: Will be not meeting in December. They are working on a January meeting date. 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. 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.



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.

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

Network: St. Paul Guest

Password: Guest



A big thank you to the 24 families that sponsored children for our **Legacy Christmas Gift Giving** this year. We were able to provide gifts for 30 students!

Thank you for supporting this mission and for making these children’s Christmas extra special.



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 