



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 After Christmas December 26, 2021

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

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Saintpaulgreenville.org

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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 "Born is the Light of the World" Deform

*Processional Hymn "Joy to the World" Hymnal no.246

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship and Lighting the Advent Candles Christine Sine

Leader: Come and see!

People: The light of God has come into our world to proclaim God's justice and love;

Leader: Come and follow!

People: Christ our companion has redeemed our world. He draws us into a loving family from every tribe and family and culture.

Leader: Go and tell!

People: The Spirit has equipped us for service to love our neighbors as we do ourselves, to bring God's salvation to the ends of the earth.

Opening Prayer Fresh Worship

Holy God, we are hungry for more of you. We ask you to reveal more of yourself to us, to take us beyond the confines of familiar habits, to free us from the restrictions and distortions of our language, to expand our understanding of you, so that we can love you whole heartedly, we can communicate you faithfully and we can reflect your full image to a world that needs you. 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

Lord, your word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. Open your servant's mouth to speak your word, open our hearts and minds to your light, and move our feet to your way. Amen.

First Reading 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 NRSV (pg.235 OT)

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 Luke 2:41-52 NRSV (pg.55 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series "Come Home for Christmas"
Part 5 "Lost at Home"

Anthem "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Spiritual
Steve Vaughn, bass

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

"Hark, the Herald Angel Sings"

Hymnal no.240

*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Faithful Christian One and All"

Moravian Hymn

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 12/19/2021	Amount	Attendance
General Fund:	\$980.00	12/19/2021
Staff Christmas Bonus:	\$540.00	In-person: 60
Processing fees:	\$16.86	Streaming households: 11
Total Giving:	\$1,536.86	*Viewers reached: 60

*"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.

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:

Reader: John Tate

Acolyte: Anna Cheshire

Crucifer: John Tate

Children's Worship: TBD

Joy to the World



1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 2. Joy to the world, the Sav - ior reigns!
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow,
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace,



Let earth re - ceive her King; let
 Let all their songs em - ploy; while
 nor thorns in - fest the ground; he
 and makes the na - tions prove the



ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 comes to make his bless - ings flow
 glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness,

BIRTH AND BAPTISM

and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 far as the curse is found, far -
 and won - ders of his love, and

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 re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his

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 won - ders of his love, and

sing,
 joy,
 found,
 love,

and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his

heaven, and heaven, and na - ture sing.
 peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 as, far as the curse is found.
 won - ders, won - ders of his love.

sing,
 joy,
 found,
 love,

240 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with 'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

BIRTH AND BAPTISM

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

Sun, 12/26	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:30am
12/18 – 12/31	Office Closed for the Holidays	

Upcoming events:

Thurs, 1/6	Trustees meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Mon, 1/10	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 1/11	Fellowship Luncheon: Yard House	11:30am
Sat, 1/29	Revolution! Youth Event: Columbia, SC	all day

From Pastor Michael

(You can always reach me at 864-979-2435 or megoldston@umcsc.org)

I will be on vacation from 12/25 through 1/1/2022. If you need anything, please contact Melissa in the office at 864-235-3494 or, for pastoral care, contact Rev. Tony Harder at aaharder@umcsc.org or 864-982-0948.



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.

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

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

Sunday Worship Safety Protocols

- 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 wear your mask when entering, exiting, and moving around the building.**
- Please maintain social distancing throughout the time you are in the building and in the pews.
- 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: Ray Byington, 12/30

Happy Anniversary: Tommy and Delores Gilstrap will be celebrating 21 years on 12/31. 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, 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: Benjamin Pool

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 9th, 16th, and 23rd.



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>

Upcoming Meetings



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



SPARC
Staff Pastor Parish
Relations Committee

S/PPRC: Will be meeting on 1/10 at 8pm via Zoom. Members will be 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 will be 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 will be 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!

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