



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



Baptism of the Lord

January 09, 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 "Sheep May Safely Graze" Bach

*Processional Hymn "To God Be the Glory" Hymnal no.98

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship Isaiah 43:1-4a

Leader: But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

People: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

Leader: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

People: When you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

Leader: For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

All: Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you.

Opening Prayer RCL Prayers

God of grace and glory, you call us with your voice of flame to be your people, faithful and courageous. As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. 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 Acts 8:14-17 NRSV (pg.118 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 Luke 3:7-17, 21-22 NRSV (pg.56 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Harvest Life"

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.**

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

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

Hymnal no.160

*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Abide With Me"

Monk

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 01/02/2022	Amount	Attendance
General Fund:	\$870.00	01/02/2021
Legacy:	\$120.00	In-person: 21
Processing fees:	\$22.28	Streaming households: 21
Total Giving:	\$1,012.28	*Viewers reached: 75

*"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: Eugenia Vicars

Crucifer:

Acolyte:

Children's Worship: Donna Connelly

Toddlers: Lauren Searcy

Rebecca Roper

To God Be the Glory



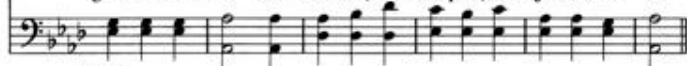
1. To God be the glo-ry, great things he hath done! So loved he the
2. O per - fect re - demp-tion, the pur - chase of blood, to ev - ery be -
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re -



world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the promise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing thru Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high - er, and



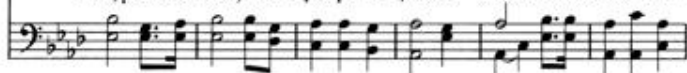
tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*

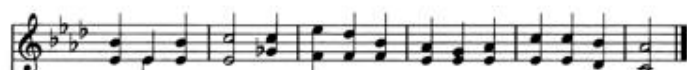
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the



Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thru



PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING



Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he hath done!



Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart; re - joice, give
 2. Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le -
 3. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing
 4. At last the march shall end; the wea - ried
 5. Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom

thanks, and sing; your glo - rious ban - ner
 lu - ias loud; whilst an - swering ech - oes
 as ye go; from youth to age, by
 ones shall rest; the pil - grims find their
 we a - dore, the Fa - ther, Son, and

wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.
 night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
 heaven - ly home, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Ho - ly Ghost, one God for - ev - er - more.

Refrain

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.
 Re-joyce, re-joyce,

Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

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

Upcoming events:

Sun, 1/16	Confirmation Class: Northside UMC	5:30pm
	Joint Youth Group: Northside UMC	6:30pm
Mon, 1/17	Office Closed: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	all day
	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 1/18	Legacy Bag Packing: Saint Paul	9:00am
	Mission Team meeting: Saint Paul	10:30am
	Bible Study: Zoom	7:30pm
Wed, 1/19	SALT Class Supper Club: TBD	6:00pm
Thurs, 1/20	Golden Girl Bible Study and Luncheon	11:30am
Mon, 1/24	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 1/25	Women's Community: TBD	TBD
Sat, 1/29	Revolution! Youth Event: Columbia, SC	all day
Sun, 1/30	Saint Paul Service Sunday: Project Host	9:30am

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 1/14 and 1/17.

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

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

Sunday Worship Safety Protocols

1. **Cloth or surgical face masks** covering the nose and mouth are **required** for everyone aged 3 and older in the balcony, when moving, and when unable to maintain 6-ft. social distancing inside the building. While seated in the lower sanctuary, you may take off your mask.
 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 follow the latest CDC guidance on quarantine requirements.
 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: Edna Patterson, David Pool, Lauren Roberts, 1/11; Debbie Goodwin, 1/12; Amber Brown, Jere Byington, 1/13

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:

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 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>



Attention Parents: Parents' Night Out will NOT be happening on 1/14. Due to the recent increase in COVID cases, we are being very cautious. We will be looking at picking this event back up in February.

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!



SPPRC
Staff Pastor Parish
Relations Committee

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, Troy Gamble and Pastor Michael. 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!



Mission Team: Will be meeting on 1/18 at 10:30am in the Social Hall at Saint Paul. Please wear your mask and observe social distancing. Team members are Edna Patterson, Rebecca Roper, Debbie Goodwin, Lori Cheshire, Pat Tompkins, Peggy Whitmire, and Donna Connelly. 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!

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 will be packing bags on 1/18 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 is accepting food and monetary donations now through February 14th to feed those who may not have any soup to fill their bowls this year. A \$1 donation = 1 can of food = ½ pound of food. Donate online at <https://www.united-ministries.org/souperbowlcaring>

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

Network: St. Paul Guest

Password: Guest