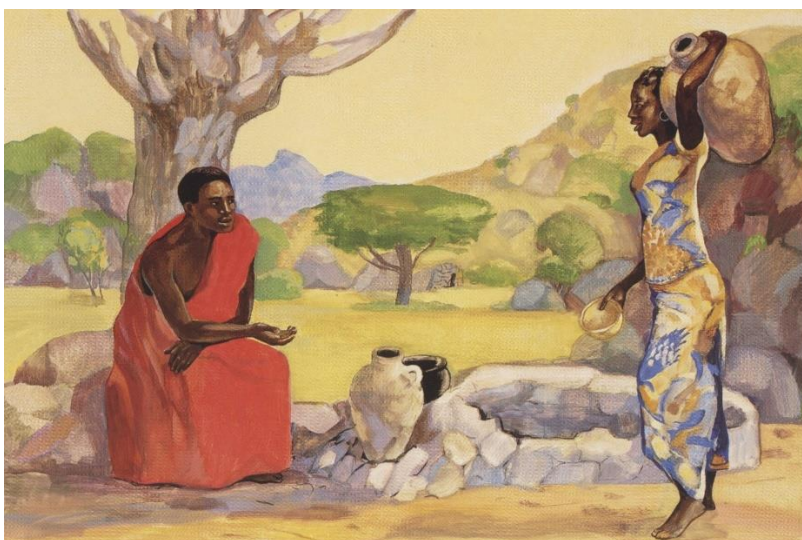




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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 23, 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 "Purer in Heart" Ritter

*Processional Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" Hymnal no.64
Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship John 4:35, 36, 42

Leader: Look around you, and see how the field are ripe for harvesting.

People: The Harvester isn't waiting. He's taking his pay, gathering in this grain that's ripe for eternal life, so that the Sower and Harvester may rejoice together.

Leader: Jesus is Lord of the Harvest.

All: Jesus is Savior of the world.

Opening Prayer Hildegard of Bingham (12th c)

Jesus Christ, the Love that gives love, you are higher than the highest star; you are deeper than the deepest sea; you cherish us as your own family; you embrace us as your own spouse; you rule over us as your own subjects; you welcome us as your dearest friend. Let all the world worship 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 Isaiah 43:18-21 NRSV (pg.632 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 John 4:4-26 NRSV (pg.89 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon series "Crossing Boundaries: Jesus and Women"

Part 2 "Crossing Boundaries of the Past"

Anthem "How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely" Hopson

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.

Offering

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 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Hymnal no.133

*Benediction

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

Postlude "Something for Thee" Whitworth

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 01/16/2022	Amount	Attendance
General Fund	\$280.00	01/16/2021
Legacy:	\$25.00	In-person: 0
Missions:	\$200.00	Streaming households: 24
Total Giving:	\$514.76	*Viewers reached: 72

*"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: Anna Goldston

Crucifer:

Acolyte: Mary Grace Goldston

Children's Worship: Lauren Searcy

Toddlers: Lauren Searcy & Becky Smith

Donna Connelly

Sunday School: Peggy Whitmire, Teresa Ferrell, Donna Connelly, Anna Goldston,

Chris Cox

64 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 133

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev - er -
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev - er -
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,
 Lean-ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing
 lean-ing on Je - sus, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on

ing, lean - ing, lean - ing
 Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

Sun, 1/23	Confirmation Class: Northside UMC	5:30pm
	Joint Youth Group: Northside UMC	6:30pm
Mon, 1/24	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 1/25	Missions Team meeting: Saint Paul	9:00am
Wed, 1/26	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Sat, 1/29	Revolution! Youth Event: Columbia, SC	all day

Upcoming events:

Sun, 1/30	Saint Paul Service Sunday: Project Host	9:00am
Mon, 1/31	Youth Joint Council meeting: St. Paul & Zoom	6:30pm
Tues, 2/1	Legacy Bag Packing: Saint Paul	9:00am
	Bible Study: Zoom	7:30pm

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.

[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: Catherine Gilstrap, 1/25; Sonny Goldston, 1/28; Hadley Edwards, 1/29; Ibbey Jenkinson and Jim Storey, 1/30

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 1/23 at Northside at 6:30pm.



The **Confirmation class** will be meeting at 5:30pm on 1/23 at Northside UMC.



Revolution! The Joint Youth Group will be traveling to Columbia on 1/29 for the Revolution! event. Please contact Rachael Cline at rachael.cline@hotmail.com for more information.



Mission Team: Will be meeting on 1/25 at 9:00am 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!



Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 1/26 at 8pm via Zoom. Please note this is a change of date! Members are Becky Hollifield, David Knobloch, Melissa Campbell, Donna Connelly, Tommy Head, Eugenia Vicars, Tracey Biggers, and Pastor Michael. All are welcome!



Joint Youth Council: Will be meeting on 1/31 at 6:30pm at Saint Paul and via Zoom. Members are Edna Pastor, Lillie Becker, Jason Cheshire, Troy Gamble, Jeannine Cox, Rachael Cline, and Pastor Michael. All are welcome!



Trustees: Will be meeting on 2/7 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Ed Pool, Jason Cheshire, John Smith, Jimmie-Lou Vaughn, Debbie Goodwin, and Chris Cox. 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 2/1 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/souperbowlofcaring>. We will be collecting for our **Souper Bowl Sunday** for United Ministries on 2/13 during the service. Don't forget to bring your dollars.



We will be having our **Project Host Service Sunday** on 1/30 at 9am. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us in serving the less fortunate in our community. Project Host is also in need of some supplies. Our Missions team has purchased some gloves and hats to be distributed to those in need. If you would like to donate money for the purchase of more of these items, please do so and mark it for Project Host/Missions. If you would like to donate hats and gloves, please bring them by the church office before the 30th or order through the link below and bring them with you on the 30th! Thank you for support Project Host. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2293025SV5Q37?ref=wl_share

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